



# City of Barrie

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## Minutes - Final Seniors Advisory Committee

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Monday, June 11, 2018

10:00 AM

Georgian Room

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**For consideration by the Community Services Committee on September 10, 2018.**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, R. Cotton at 10:02 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

**Present:** 8 - R. Cotton  
G. Kavanagh  
G. Sels  
H. Stone  
J. Youell-Robson  
L. Ricardo  
M. Malcolm  
R. McEachern

**Absent:** 5 - Councillor B. Ainsworth  
M. Stevenson  
J. Comper  
L. Bourassa  
R. Cheeseman

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Barrie Manor, D. Boyes  
Barrie Public Library, S. Mueller  
CARP - Chapter 36, I. Nurse  
Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County, A. Fellows  
Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County, R. Lay  
Community Connection/211 Central East Ontario, P. Hillier.

**STAFF:**

Accessibility Co-ordinator, C. Dillon  
Committee Support Clerk, J. Werth.

The Seniors Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

**PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY CONNECTION REGARDING 211 SERVICES**

P. Hillier, Executive Director of Community Connection/211 Central East Ontario provided a presentation regarding 211 Ontario services. Ms. Hillier explained that community information centres have been in existence for over 50 years and that 211 Central East Ontario is one of six provincial contact centres serving 12 counties.

Ms. Hillier discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The mission of Ontario 211 is to provide “front door” access to community, health, social and government services;
- An overview of the community information database topics available from the Information Barrie Department at the Barrie Public Library;
- A listing of 211 Ontario professionally accredited providers;
- A statistical breakdown of the types of referrals in Simcoe County in 2017;
- A review of how the 211 Ontario system works including: the role of community navigators/community resource specialists and the technology systems utilized; and
- An overview of the 211 Ontario volunteer centre program that serves South Georgian Bay.

The Committee asked questions regarding the information provided and received responses from Ms. Hillier.

**PRESENTATION BY THE CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF SIMCOE COUNTY REGARDING THE PARISH OUTREACH TO SENIORS (POTS) SLOW COOKER CLUB**

A. Fellows, Program Manager, Community Development and R. Lay, Fund Development Coordinator at the Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County provided a presentation regarding the Parish Outreach to Seniors (POTS) Slow Cooker Club. Mr. Lay distributed the POTS Slow Cooker Club Evaluation Report dated April 2018.

Mr. Lay discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The POTS Slow Cooker Club is co-facilitated by the Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County and the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit;
- The promotion of the POTS Slow Cooker Club on a local television stations; and
- Photographs of seniors and volunteers participating in the POTS Slow Cooker Club activities in Barrie during February and March 2018.

In closing, Mr. Lay requested that the Seniors Advisory Committee promote the POTS Slow Cooker Club to increase community awareness of this seniors program. He noted that the POTS Slow Cooker Club will be launching in Orillia this week. The Seniors Advisory Committee offered to provide a letter of support for the POTS Slow Cooker Club initiative.

The Committee asked questions regarding the information provided and received responses from the presenters.

#### **SENIORS MONTH - BARBECUE**

J. Youell-Robson provided an update regarding a kick-off to Seniors Month with the Seniors Advisory Committee sponsoring a barbeque hosted by the Parkview 55+ Centre. Ms. Youell-Robson advised that Mayor Lehman and approximately 120 people attended this event held on June 6, 2018.

The Committee discussed the possibility of increasing the \$300 budget for next year's Seniors Month Barbecue.

#### **INDEX OF WELL BEING DISCUSSION**

The Committee agreed to defer this item to a future meeting for further discussion.

#### **55+ INFORMATION DIRECTORY UPDATE**

C. Dillon, Accessibility Co-ordinator provided an update regarding the printing for the publication entitled "55+ Information Directory". Ms. Dillon advised that the 55+ Information Directory could be printed in-house; however, there would be a limit on the number of pages that could be printed. Ms. Dillon will work with the City's in-house printing staff to prepare a draft of the 55+ Information Directory for the Committee's review.

**SENIORS NETWORKING COMMUNITY FAIR**

H. Stone provided an update regarding the Senior Resource and Information Fair to be held on June 19, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the City Hall Rotunda. Ms. Stone noted that the Senior Resource and Information Fair is a free event presented by the Barrie Senior Services Network (BSSN) and the Seniors Advisory Committee. Several members from the Seniors Advisory Committee volunteered to participate at this event.

**SENIORS EVENTS/UPDATES**

The Committee discussed the following events:

- A free picnic to celebrate World Elder Abuse Awareness Day to be held on June 15, 2018 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Parkview 55+ Centre;
- A tour of Solterra Capilano (a co-ownership seniors home) to be held on June 19, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 32 Capilano Court, Barrie; and
- An information session regarding CARP benefits to be held on June 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Steckley-Gooderham Funeral Home at 201 Minet's Point Road, Barrie.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

CHAIRMAN