

City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Seniors Advisory Committee

Monday, December 14, 2015

10:00 AM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

For consideration by the Community Services Committee in the City of Barrie on February 3, 2015.

The Senior Advisory Committee met at 10:05 a.m. in the Sir Robert Barrie Room on December 14, 2015 and the following were in attendance:

PRESENT:

Councillor, B. Ainsworth

- R. Cotton, Chair
- G. Seis
- H. Stone
- J. Comper
- J. Youell-Robson
- M. Malcolm
- M. Stevenson
- R. Cheeseman
- R. McEachern
- S. Maynard.

STAFF:

Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur

Policy Planner, C. Terry.

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The Senior Advisory Committee met and report as follows:

SECTION "A"

AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY PLANNING GRANT

Celeste Terry, Policy Planner updated the Committee on the status of the Age-Friendly Community Planning Grant project. Ms. Terry noted that the Request for Proposal (RFP) has been finalized and sent out to consultants and interested parties with a deadline of December 14, 2015.

The Committee discussed selecting an additional Committee member to assist in the RFP process to obtain a consultant. Ross Cotton and Lucia Ricard will represent the Committee and assist with the RFP process.

SENIOR HOUSING

The Committee met and discussed Senior Housing options within the City of Barrie.

- R. Cotton, Chair provided a summary of Senior Rentals and Life Lease Non-Governmental Non-Profit housing Providers as of December 14, 2015. He noted that the waiting list for senior housing is continues to increase as seniors are living longer.
- G. Seis discussed an alternate housing option for seniors in Halton Region called "Halton HomeShare ToolKit". She advised that the Toolkit empowers home providers and home seekers the ability to live in affordable, shared accommodation inclusive of respect, choice, dignity and it's a mutual benefit to everyone.

SENIOR CALENDAR EVENTS

The Committee discussed the Senior Calendar of events for December, 2015.

J. Youell-Robson advised that the Parkview Centre will be hosting a Christmas lunch on December 16, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. and a New Year's Eve Open House on December 31, 2015 from 7:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

CITY OF BARRIE WEBSITE - AGE-FRIENDLY

The Committee discussed the Age-Friendly Barrie webpage on City of Barrie Website. The Committee agreed to invite staff from Access Barrie to attend a future meeting to discuss concerns about the webpage.

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2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Committee discussed the meeting schedule for 2016 and agreed to continue to meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. with the exception of the October meeting being rescheduled to October 17, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Seniors Advisory Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation:

SECTION "B"

SENIOR HOUSING

WHEREAS a mandate of the Seniors Advisory Committee is to consider seniors housing as a component of an Age-Friendly Community;

AND WHEREAS it has been identified that there is a shortage of affordable seniors housing in the City of Barrie;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Barrie Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation be requested to consider construction of non-profit seniors housing in the City of Barrie.
- That lands for senior housing be considered during the approval and development process for Hewitt's Creek and the Salem Secondary Plans.

This matter was recommended to Community Services Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 2/3/2016.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

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