

Seniors Advisory Committee

Meeting held December 10, 2019

A meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee is held this day commencing at 4:00 o'clock p.m. in Room 201, 350 City Hall Square West, there being present the following members:

Councillor Jim Morrison, Chair
Mohammed Baki
Brian Cyncora
Marla Howard
Sungee John
Edward King

Guests in attendance:

Adam Budrewicz, President, Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP)
Larry Duffield, CARP
Greg Strong

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Mary Ellen Bernard, Manager, Social Policy & Planning
Sandra Bradt, Executive Initiatives Coordinator
Leo Gil, Project Manager, Community Development Health Services
Superintendent Frank Providenti, Windsor Police Services
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 4:00 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule A attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

2. Declaration of Conflict

None disclosed.

3. Minutes

Moved by E. King, seconded by B. Cyncora,
That the minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee of its meeting held August 13,
2019 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

4. Business Items

4.1 Community Safety & Well-Being Plan

Leo Gill, Project Manager, Community Development Health Services provides the highlights of the Community Safety & Well-Being Plan Presentation as follows:

- Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Planning is an integrated approach to service delivery planning that involves multi-sector partnerships to proactively enhance or develop strategies to address local priorities, i.e. risk factors related to crime and complex social issues.
- The CSWB Framework includes the following areas of focus – collaboration, information sharing and performance measurement.
- Long-term investment to improve the social determinants of health and well-being
- Address complex issues (i.e. poverty, mental health, homelessness) using an integrated, multi-sectoral approach.
- Ensure awareness of/access to services in the community.
- Challenge institutional boundaries and organizational culture at the system level.
- Outcomes include quality of life indicators (i.e. health status, educational attainment rates).
- In summary, CSWB planning involves developing long-term, collaborative and preventative strategies that improve the social determinants of health of individuals.
- The approach is holistic and involves all areas of intervention but emphasizes maximizing efforts in the outer layers to reduce harm before escalation to an emergency response.
- Ultimately plans must include:
 - Multi-Sector Collaboration
 - Local priority risk factors based on data and consultation
 - Evidence based strategies
 - Measureable outcomes
- New Provincial legislative amendments to the *Police Services Act* mandate every municipality to prepare and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.
- Plans must be prepared and adopted by Municipal Councils and submitted to the Province no later than January 1, 2021.
- Benefits of a CSWB Plan include:
 - Enhanced communication and collaboration among sectors.

- Increased understanding of and focus on priority risks, vulnerable groups and neighbourhoods.
- New opportunities to share multi-sectoral data and evidence to identify community trends, gaps, priorities and successes.

The document entitled “Seniors Advisory Committee – A Conversation on Community Safety and Well-being” is distributed and **attached** as Appendix “A”.

In response to a question asked by B. Cyncora regarding if funding is available for analysis of the data, L. Gil responds approval of the Plan is required initially by City and County Councils.

Moved by S. John, seconded by B. Cyncora,
That the Community Safety & Well-Being Planning in Windsor and Essex County – Presentation to the Seniors Advisory Committee Presented by: Leonardo Gil” **BE RECEIVED.**
Carried.

4.2 SAC Goals & Priorities

B. Cyncora distributes a document entitled “Proposed Committee Operational Goals”, **attached** as Appendix “B”.

In response to a question asked by B. Cyncora regarding Windsor’s Age Friendly status, S. Bradt responds that in order to maintain membership with the World Health Organization, one best practice from 2018 and 2018 is to be provided.

Larry Duffield, (former SAC member) distributes an e-mail dated December 5, 2019 with recommendations to SAC from the Canadian Association of Retired Persons, **attached** as Appendix “C”.

In terms of SAC’s goals and priorities, E. King suggests undertaking a survey to determine what seniors see as a priority.

The Chair requests members provide questions for the survey at the next meeting.

S. John indicates she will provide the survey including the questions and results that were sent by the Chinese Association to the community.

4.3 Windsor’s Age Friendly Status – Best Practices to the World Health Organization (WHO)

S. Bradt explains the best practices must address the age friendly principles. The Chair remarks the city has achieved nearly 100% curb cuts throughout the city. He also suggests consideration be given to the installation of new park benches, trees and trails.

The Chair suggests a representative from Transit Windsor be invited to attend a future meeting of SAC to discuss the terms of service delivery noted in the Transit Windsor Master Plan.

S. Bradt advises in the original Age Friendly Action Plan, there were two actions noted about providing paths into parks and to consult with seniors before redeveloping the parks. This was also reiterated at the follow-up session held by CARP a few years ago and both the outdoor recreation and the Recreation Master Plan refer to trails, trees, benches and paths and are desired by seniors. It all ties in nicely to present the trails, trees, and park benches as a best practice.

Moved by E. King, seconded by S. John,

That following 2018 and 2019 best practices to be submitted to the World Health Organization to maintain the City of Windsor's Age Friendly membership and status **BE ACCEPTED:**

- Near 100% completion of curb ramps including tactile mats
- Major improvements to the trail systems and installation of park benches to facilitate outdoor living.

Carried.

The Chair indicates perhaps one of SAC's future goals could include the building up of the Age Friendly Network and to determine if any grassroots organizations/agencies are interested in being part of the Network.

4.4 October 1, 2019 – United Nations International Day of Elder Persons & National Seniors Day

The Chair remarks that Larry Duffield did a splendid job as Master of Ceremonies for the October 1, 2019 United Nations International Day of Elder Persons and National Seniors Day.

5. New Business

The Chair notes the 2020 SAC goals along with the survey will be discussed at the next meeting.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chair.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 5:17 o'clock p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR