

**City of Burlington
Burlington Seniors' Advisory Committee (BSAC)
Meeting No. 1-17**

Date of Meeting: January 9, 2017
Time of Meeting: 10:00 a.m.
Place of Meeting: Room 247, Burlington City Hall

Members Present: Jim Thurston (Chair), Bob Lovell, Tom Carrothers, Jim Young, Kim Routledge, Joan Gallagher Bell, Nikki Rottenberg (alternate) and Sheila Burton (alternate)

Others Present: Councillor Marianne Meed Ward and Jo-Anne Rudy (Clerk)

Regrets: Bonnie Purkis, Mila Markovic, Susan Caughran, April Begg-Goodis and Mandy Newnham

Minutes

Agenda Item	Discussion	Results/ Action
1. Welcome to new member	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jim welcomed returning members and new alternate member, Sheila Burton. Introductions were made around the table.• Jim advised that Joan Gallagher-Bell has moved from alternate to full voting member due to vacancy.	
2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jo-Anne conducted the election of Chair and Vice-chair.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On motion, Jim Thurston and Tom Carrothers were elected as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively for the term ending December 2017.
3. Declarations of Interest and Approval of minutes		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No declarations of interest. On motion, the minutes of the meeting held November 14, 2016 were approved as presented.

4. Committee Orientation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jo-Anne provided the members with an orientation including an overview of committee structure, terms of reference, roles, policies and procedures. • Jo-Anne distributed the booklet “Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR) which is mandatory under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act for all volunteers and asked members to read, sign the back page and return to her at the next meeting. 	
5. BSAC representative on the Burlington Accessibility Advisory Committee (BAAC) and Burlington Inclusivity Advisory Committee (BIAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim advised that a BSAC representative is required on both the Burlington Accessibility Advisory Committee (BAAC) and the Burlington Inclusivity Advisory Committee (BIAC) and asked if there was any interest from members. • Joan Gallagher-Bell expressed interest in being the representative for BIAC. Jo-Anne to provide meeting details to Joan. • There was no interest for BAAC so Jo-Anne will continue to provide updates to committee. 	
6. Delegation for January 16 Committee of the Whole – Budget meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Meed Ward provided an overview of the budget process and advised that she will be bringing the following three motions forward: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider recommendations from BSAC Transit Paper in the overall Transit Review. 2. Free transit for seniors during off-peak hours Monday to Friday. 3. Costs, operational impacts and potential sponsorship opportunities to provide transit service on December 25 and January 1. • Advocacy sub-committee will discuss potential sponsorship possibilities. • Jim T. advised that Jim Y. will delegate on behalf of BSAC at the January 16 budget meeting. 	
7. Adult Program Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report. 	

<p>8. Discussion re: new sub-committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim T. advised that he met with Mandy before the holidays to discuss the possibility of a new subcommittee that will explore 55+ issues related to recreation. Mandy suggested that a broader focus of Social and Civic Participation would clearly align with forthcoming recommendations from the Burlington Active Aging Plan and could offer a more comprehensive perspective under which recreation, festivals and events, community based services and volunteerism would fit well. This subcommittee could align with city work plans providing input and advice on initiatives. • Jim T. advised that Mandy and two other recreation staff will attend February's meeting to provide social and civic participation-related work plans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On motion, the committee agreed to form a new subcommittee called "Social and Civic Participation".
<p>9. Sub-committee Reports</p>	<p>Advocacy Sub-committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Y. advised that he and Jim T. met with the Mayor before the holidays regarding the Transit Paper and noted that the Mayor commended BSAC for their work and indicated that there is money in the budget for Transit staff to complete a Transit Strategy in 2017. The Mayor suggested that "Affordable Housing for Seniors" be a topic for the subcommittee to work on. • Councillor Meed Ward advised that the City has inclusionary zoning for new developments to include affordable housing and explained the Region's and City's role. She would be pleased to take any ideas to Regional Council. <p>Communications Sub-committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim advised that they did ten presentations in the community in 2016 and have another planned for January 11 at St. Luke's Parish Hall. Vials continue to be popular. • Kim asked if the font on the posters could be increased as seniors were having difficulty reading the small print. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jo-Anne to speak with graphics staff re: posters.

10. Roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim T. advised that OAAC is putting together their workplan for 2017. • Jim Y. advised that he was pleased with ITAC's comments regarding the Transit Paper. • Tom advised that CARP will be holding two forums entitled "Aging Wisely" – March 11 and March 18 at Queen Elizabeth Park Community Centre in Oakville. CARP Halton is creating a new website: http://haltonseniorsadvocacygroup.ca/ 	
11. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Meed Ward advised that she continues to meet with the Burlington Seniors Community group (former BSCI Board) and will keep BSAC updated as information becomes available. 	

Adjournment: 11:57 a.m.

Next meeting date: **February 27, 2017 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 247**