

Burlington Seniors' Advisory Committee (BSAC) 2016 Annual Report and 2017 Workplan

The Burlington Seniors' Advisory Committee (BSAC) had a highly motivated and engaged committee membership in 2016. A brief description of the progress the committee achieved in 2016 includes:

- Organized outreach into the community through information gained from survey.
- Updated database of private stakeholder for seniors, i.e. older adult centers.
- Updated PowerPoint presentation about BSAC to use for outreach purposes.
- Represented Burlington seniors' perspectives and gathered information on relevant initiatives and activities through active participation on other Burlington/Halton citizen committees:
 - Burlington Accessibility Advisory Committee
 - Burlington Inclusivity Advisory Committee
 - Burlington Integrated Transportation Advisory Committee
 - Halton Region's Older Adult Advisory Committee.
- Gathered information on seniors' needs by involvement with seniors in the community through:
 - active participation in seniors related ward activities with representatives in wards 3, 5 and 6,
 - partnership with seniors related organizations including CARP, Age Friendly Senior Council, Parks & Recreation adult programs and Halton Region.
- Increased community awareness and participation through attendance at community events including:
 - National Seniors' Day at Tansley Woods Community Centre
 - Community presentations at the Red Cross, Burlington Seniors' Centre, Sunrise of Burlington Senior Living, Martha Terrace, St. Matthew's Anglican Church, St. Luke's Anglican Church, LaSalle Towers and Central Library.
- Distributed over 350 emergency information vials to seniors in partnership with Halton Region EMS.
- Provided input at St. Joseph's Health Care CAST program.
- Participated on the team and provided input for the Burlington Active Aging Plan.
- Researched and developed an extensive Transit Paper with the objective that "Improving Transit for Seniors Improves Transit for Everybody".
- Delegated to Council regarding free transit for seniors during off peak hours and reverting to a 70/30 gas tax split.

2017 Workplan for the Burlington Seniors' Advisory Committee (BSAC)

With the renewed focus and the re-energized, dedicated committee members we will utilize three sub-committees to achieve our goals – Advocacy, Communications and Social & Civic Participation. Sub-committee chairs will be encouraged to invite non-BSAC members to participate in sub-committee activities. The supplementary benefit of utilizing non-BSAC members at the sub-committee level is that it allows us to build bench strength and continuity with respect to future formal committee recruitment activities as BSAC members fulfill their term limits.

BSAC Advocacy Sub-Committee

1. Seniors' Transit
2. Seniors' Housing
3. Emergency Management

BSAC Communications Sub-Committee

1. Create awareness of available services and resources for seniors by presenting in the community
2. Update and clarify Database of services/contacts for seniors
3. Update survey

Social & Civic Participation Sub-Committee

1. Review of Active Aging Plan
2. Identify barriers affecting seniors from social and civic participation.

