

## **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.

