



Burlington Seniors' Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: January 21, 2019
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Burlington Music Centre - Community Room
2311 New Street

1. Members Present:

Jim Thurston (Chair), Sheila Burton, Susan Caughran, Tom Carrothers (CARP), Jim Young, April Begg Goodis (Vice Chair), Carmen Menard, Robert Lovell

2. Others Present:

Mandy Newnham (Supervisor of Recreation), Maddy Berki (Recreation Coordinator), Bruno Viacava (Recreation Coordinator), Lisa Palermo (Clerk)

3. Member Regrets:

Councillor Shawna Stolte, Kim Routledge, Heather Wray (BPL), Bonnie Purkis

4. Declarations of Interest:

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1 Minutes for meeting held November 12, 2018 were approved.

6. Delegation(s):

None.

7. Regular Items:

7.1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

On motion, April Begg Goodis and Jim Young were elected as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively of the Burlington Seniors' Advisory Committee, effective February 11, 2019 for the term to expire December 31, 2019

7.2 Advocacy Subcommittee - age friendly site visit report

Sheila presented the subcommittee's draft document outlining the results of site visits to the following city facilities:

- Burlington Seniors' Centre
- Brant Hills Community Centre
- Haber Recreation Centre
- Tansley Woods Community Centre

The subcommittee reviewed the sites through an 'age-friendly' lens, taking into consideration physical features as well as aesthetic and environmental features (i.e friendly factor, look and feel). Members provided feedback on the document. The subcommittee will take the report back to finalize the recommendations and strengthen linkages to the Active Ageing Plan.

7.3 Beach accessible mats and chairs - Letter of support

Members reviewed the draft letter of support and approved providing the letter to parks and recreation staff to submit along with the city's grant application to the Canadian Tire JumpStart program for Mobi-Mats, Mobi-Chairs and all terrain wheelchairs.

7.4 Draft 2018 BSAC annual report

Members reviewed the draft 2018 annual report and provided minor edits. The revised annual report was approved for submission to council along with the 2019 work plan in Q1 of 2019.

7.5 Angela Coughlan Pool update

Mandy provided an update on the Angela Coughlan Pool Renovation. Members viewed a video of the proposed change room renovation. The renovation focuses on the need for personal privacy. The renovation provides an opportunity to create a new change room space to address community needs. Mandy asked members for their input. The committee relayed some suggestions to consider related to change room features - consider needs for individuals with support workers, persons with vision loss, individuals with ostomies, and a need for a large number of changerooms. Overall the committee supported the renovation concept.

8. Other Business:

Feedback from and collaboration with the Burlington Seniors' Centre:

- April shared input from the Communications subcommittee who received feedback from seniors expressing the desire to improve inclusivity of Seniors'

Centre participants in planning processes as related to severing ties with the former board over two years ago. The committee discussed methods for obtaining community feedback from Burlington Seniors' Centre members and seniors' at large in the community (i.e. roundtable sessions). This question will form part of the discussion of the 2019 work plan - what do seniors' in the community want? what communities should BSAC be liaising with to find out?

BSAC delegation to Committee of the Whole:

- Jim Young received committee approval to delegate to the Feb. 7 Committee of the Whole - Budget meeting in support of free transit for seniors during off peak hours and in support of sidewalks in front of Brant Hills Community Centre.

Mandy provided an update on a number of initiatives:

- Mandy is a member of a regional committee - Older Adult Social Isolation committee, and will provide a liasing role between committees and monthly updates on their progress.
- Active Aging Plan webpages have been updated.
- Jim Young thanked Jim Thurston, Susan Caughran and Bonnie Purkis for their contributions to the committee over the past several years.

9. Adjournment: 12:03 p.m.

Next meeting will be held Feb. 22, 2019 at Appleby Ice Centre, Community Room 1.