

Burlington Seniors' Advisory Committee (BSAC) 2015 Annual Report and 2016 Workplan

The Burlington Seniors' Advisory Committee (BSAC) had a highly motivated and engaged committee membership in 2015. A brief description of the progress the committee achieved in 2015 includes:

- Organized outreach into the community through information gained from 2014 survey.
- Developed a database of private stakeholder for seniors, i.e. older adult centers.
- Developed a 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, Age Friendly Community Council, Burlington Seniors' Center and Halton Region.
- Increased community awareness and participation through attendance at community events including:
 - National Seniors' Day at Burlington Seniors' Centre
 - Health and Wellness Show at Burlington Seniors' Centre
 - Burlington Volunteer Open House at Burlington City Hall
 - PowerPoint presentation at Martha's Landing
- Provided input at Burlington Strategic Planning Workshops.
- Provided input on the formation of the Burlington Age Friendly Community Action Plan.
- Reduced the number of subcommittees to better align with goals for 2016.
- Advocated for the Burlington Active Aging project and will participate on the team moving forward.
- Researched senior transit fare proposal.

2016 Workplan for the Burlington Seniors' Advisory Committee (BSAC)

With the renewed focus and the re-energized, dedicated committee members we will utilize two sub-committees to achieve our goals – Advocacy and Communication & Awareness. 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) Establishment of seniors hubs throughout the City
- 2) Seniors Transit (more universal and inclusive approach)
- 3) Emergency Preparedness for Seniors
- 4) Review sub-committee budget needs and present to full committee

BSAC Communications & Awareness Sub-Committee

- 1) Update and clarify Database
- 2) Create awareness of seniors' activities in Burlington
- 3) Create awareness of BSAC by presenting in the community
- 4) Review sub-committee budget needs and present to full committee
- 5) Discuss the possibility of a seniors summit in Burlington in 2017