



Burlington Seniors' Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: June 24, 2024
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Hybrid Meeting - Virtual and Room 305

1. Members Present

John Kalbfleisch (Chair), Kerry McGregor (Vice Chair), Jill Randall, Margaret Doma, Bob Chepyha, Steve Shuta, Meg Uttangi Mastos, Marilyn Baker

2. Member Regrets:

Yaya de Andrade

3. Others Present:

Councillor Bentivegna, Nazia White (RCC), Adam Palmieri, Manager, By-Law Enforcement, Mallory Greenough (Clerks)

4. Land Acknowledgement

5. Declarations of Interest:

None.

6. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the meeting held on May 27, 2024, were approved.

7. Delegation(s):

8. Regular Items:

8.1 City of Burlington By-Law update

Adam Palmieri, Manager, By-Law Enforcement, provided the committee with an update on research regarding gas-powered leaf blowers and the way by-laws are created and enforced.

- There is a noise and nuisance by-law (19-2003) coming under review, scheduled for 2025, and there will be consultation prior to

coming forward to council. Adam will consult with the committee once there are further updates.

- The current investigations have been within Ontario and municipalities in the greater golden horseshoe.
- The legal authority to create a by-law due to environmental impacts needs to have further legal investigation.
- The noise by-law does not have a decibel restriction, only a timeline indicating hours the device can be used.
- If the device is working as intended without modifications (louder, faster), it is permitted as it is part of the operations of the device.
- Usage such as commercial vs residential will be taken into consideration and will form part of the questions to consider for the by-law up-date.

8.2 Chair Update

John provided an update to the committee:

- Breakfast at the Bistro volunteer event was a success and fantastic turn out. The next volunteer date is in December.
- On June 13th John and Steve attended the Designing a Dementia-Friendly Tech Club event that was held at the library, very informative. The event was presented in partnership with McMaster's Gilbrea Centre for Studies in Aging and was focused on design and a tech club that caters to the unique needs of adults (55+) living with dementia and their care partners. The event asked attendees to share ideas and explore needs and the ways technology can improve their lives and those living with dementia.
- Steve suggested that modification of technology already being used may be more beneficial than trying to teach new technology.
- There is one more focus group July 8th, 2024, at 2pm
<https://attend.bpl.on.ca/event/11032340>

8.3 Staff Liaison Update

Nazia provided an update to the committee:

- June Seniors month events - courses that were free through the month have had wonderful attendance.

8.4 Advisory Committee / Stakeholder Updates

a. Burlington Public Library (BPL)

Meg provided an update to the committee:

- [Summer Reading Club](#): Our focus over the summer is to keep kids engaged with reading through the summer months. If you have kids in your life, they can register to participate in a summer reading adventure and enter into our weekly and end-of-summer prize draws.
- Program Guides: [July – Adult Programs](#) and [July – Kids' Programs](#)
- BPL's eNewsletter: [Sign up](#) to receive Library News and Program News twice a month.

b. Burlington Integrated Transportation Advisory Committee (ITAC)

Steve provided an update to the committee:

- ITAC has been working on some planning boards for Food for Feedback, going to have a survey surrounding feedback on transit, what is good, what isn't good. Bike and car safety.
- Feedback on being on a bus, they can't get to their seats because the bus starts moving too quickly. It was believed that the rules are that buses should not travel forward until everyone is seated, however, that might not be the case. Steve will continue to look into this and provide an update. Jill said that this has been an issue brought up in BACC as well.

c. Burlington Accessibility Advisory Committee (BAAC)

Jill provided an update to the committee:

Staff is responding to a council direction to implement a "no parking minimum" pilot study in 2 specific locations:

- Fairview Street / Plains Road corridor from the Aldershot GO Major Transit Station Area (MTSA) to the Burlington GO MTSA and from the Burlington GO MTSA to the Appleby GO MTSA; and
- Appleby Line corridor from the Appleby GO MTSA to Highway 407.

The rationale is that the two areas served by high frequency transit; and if the pilot is successful it could expand to other areas that are well supported by transit in the future.

If a developer chooses not to provide parking, there will be no parking including no accessible parking.

Hearing Loops

Burlington Accessibility coordinator was contacted about unavailability of hearing loops during recent CARP education session at BSAC. Coordinator was advised that this equipment is not provided to renters of space for use by attendees who require this support. Is there an opportunity to revisit this policy?

- Councillor Bentivegna will help to support training or needs for the hearing loops. They are very important and useful devices.

d. **Older Adult Advisory Committee (OAAC) - Halton**

Jill provided an update to the committee:

Connected Care Halton Ontario Health Team reached out to invite input and feedback on two projects aimed at enhancing community wellness in our region: the Community Wellness Hub Expansion Table and our Kerr St New Building Planning Group.

Community Hubs aims to enable members to lead healthy and happy lives in the community by proactively addressing health and wellness needs and reducing health crises requiring acute care. Services provided are an intersection of three systems: healthcare, housing, and social services.

The scope of the advisory role for each project is outlined below:

1. Community Wellness Hub Expansion Table: We are inviting representatives to join our development team to discuss future opportunities and design considerations for a new hub project in Georgetown and future consideration for hub locations . Your insights will be instrumental in shaping the development to better serve our community's needs. *Currently meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00am*

2. CWH 265 Kerr St. New Build Planning Group: As construction is already underway, the OHT is looking for

input for programming opportunities, community engagement initiatives, and potential design discussions. Your experience and perspective are crucial to ensure that this hub meets the diverse needs of our older adult community.

Currently meetings are held bi-monthly on the second Tuesday of the month from 1-2pm.

Jill is awaiting confirmation from the clerk that BSAC members can express their interest in joining the tables.

e. Burlington Inclusivity Advisory Committee (BIAC)

Yaya was not in attendance.

9. Other Business:

9.1 Fall agenda review

There was discussion surrounding the fall schedules and agenda.

- The committee is encouraged to review [Get Involved Burlington](#) and let Mallory know about items of interest, she will organize staff attending BSAC to present in the fall.
- Through engagement with current projects that are listed on Get Involved, BSAC is encouraged to delegate and provide feedback on behalf of the committee. Delegation as written correspondence or as an in-person delegate at Council and Committee of the Whole, when the projects are on the agenda.

9.2 Food for Feedback

The committee voted to have a booth at Food for Feedback, the \$200 fee will be taken out of the annual budget.

Mallory will be ordering new generic BSAC business cards.

John will follow up with the committee to discuss the focus and a schedule to follow in August.

Set-up time:

- Staff and committees can arrive between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on September 14, 2024 and will be shown the area to set up and any further information.

Operating hours:

- Committees shall be present at the event during the operating hours from noon to 4p.m.

10. Adjournment:

Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:10 p.m.