



## **MINUTES**

### **Senior Services Advisory Committee**

March 28, 2022

1:00 pm

Video Conference

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Member Present      Donna Kurchak  
Donna Simmons  
Joyce Vivian  
Marie Ballantyne  
Owen O'Brien  
Councillor Winter

Member Absent      Candice Harris  
Richard Lyons

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Joyce Vivian call the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

#### **2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None.

#### **3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Staff requested the follow items be added to the agenda. 7.2 Recreation Committee Updates and 7.3 Town of St. Marys Updates.

**Moved By** Owen O'Brien

**Seconded By** Donna Kurchak

That the March 28, 2022 Senior Services Advisory Committee meeting agenda be accepted with the addition of item 7.2 Recreation Committee Updates and item 7.3 Town of St. Marys updates.

**CARRIED**

**4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Moved By** Councillor Winter

**Seconded By** Marie Ballantyne

THAT the February 22, 2022 Senior Services Advisory Committee meeting minutes be approved by the Committee and signed by the Chair and staff liaison.

**CARRIED**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**5.1 Ontario Health Update**

The Multi Service Sector Agreement had been signed back to Ontario Health. The Ontario Health Community Action Planning Submission (CAPS) budget will be rolled over again for 2022. It is anticipated that because the Ontario Health budget has not been updated for a few years the targets for units of service may be out of corridor, however financial budget numbers should be on target.

**6. REPORTS**

**6.1 Senior Services Program Report**

Staff updated the committee on the status of Senior Services programs. Staff continue to meet with various committee groups.

Staff met with the District 29 Senior Games representative and have determined that the Friendship Centre will not play an active role in Senior Games in 2022. It is anticipated that Carpet Bowling will operate in the Friendship Centre.

Staff met with the Music Jamboree program committee. This program will be returning on Tuesdays. The department received many inquiries as to when this program will resume.

Virtual fitness continues to be offered. The department will continue to offer this as an option if the demand continues. On average 20 participants

continue to log on to fitness virtually with approximately 20-25 participants in person.

The Dine out at Home program continues to see huge numbers. Staff will continue to monitor this program over the summer to help shape the return to in-person dining.

The PRC Kitchen has been approved for use by Huron Perth Public Health and is open for private rentals.

The department hosted the Scrapbooking Garage Sale. This event will be hosted again in September based on the results of this event.

International Women's Day was held earlier in March. This event was a hybrid program. 80 participants joined in person and 20 joined virtually.

Scrap-a-thon will be held April 30th. This event has been advertised word of mouth and will sell out.

Staff continue to track traffic and phone volume to help with program planning.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Fundraising Dinner Discussion**

Staff requested feedback from the committee on the return to in-person fundraising dinners. Staff reviewed pro's and con's in offering an in-person dining program vs a drive thru/delivery program.

Feedback received is to continue the drive thru/delivery for a little while longer based on the ticket sales and the fact that this method is more efficient.

The outcome of the discussion is that the department will continue with the drive thru/delivery for the remainder of 2022 while monitoring the feedback from the community and adjust planning based on the needs of the community.

Staff gave an overview of the gifted fundraising meal program. This program is designed for a resident to pay it forward for someone in the community that may have barriers to participate. A meal is purchased and then gifted to a community member who would benefit from an extra special meal.

## **7.2 Recreation Committee Update**

The Recreation Department operated a March Break Camp for the community. Both Ice Pads are still in and will be removed later in the Spring. The Aquatics Centre is currently closed due to a mechanical issue, operations staff are working on a solution. The EarlyOn program continues to operate and see great numbers. The Pyramid Recreation Centre is open for private rentals.

## **7.3 Town of St. Marys Update**

Councillor Winter updated the committee on projects happening within the Town.

## **8. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Staff reviewed the communication from the Clerks department on the return to in-person meetings and encourage committee members to fill out the survey.

Monday April 25

1:00 p.m.

Meeting location to be determined.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By** Marie Ballantyne

**Seconded By** Donna Kurchak

THAT this Senior Services Advisory Committee meeting adjourn at 1:36 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Chair

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