



MINUTES

Senior Services Advisory Committee

September 27, 2021

1:00 pm

Video Conference

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Member Present	Candice Harris Donna Simmons Joyce Vivian Marie Ballantyne Owen O'Brien Councillor Winter Richard Lyons
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Member Absent	Donna Kurchak
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ballantyne called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Joyce Vivian

Seconded By Rick Lyons

THAT the September 27, 2021, Senior Services Advisory Committee meeting agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Moved By Owen O'Brien

Seconded By Joyce Vivian

THAT the June 28, 2021, 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

Staff gave an update on the Huron Perth Ontario Health team. The OHT continues to meet. Staff was not present at the last meeting, however, will provide an update at the next Senior Services advisory committee meeting on the work being done by the various OHT working groups.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Program Updates

Staff update the committee on the return of programs inside the Friendship Centre. To date the following programs are running smoothly: vigorous fitness, moderate fitness, light fitness, men's strength, ballroom dancing, line dancing, Zumba, discussion groups. Staff are evaluating past programs and working on a plan to bring back modified versions of more programs that have yet to return which can following all public health guidance. Staff have revised the levels of fitness being offered in the Friendship Centre to support the various activity levels that people are returning with. This includes a seated class for those needing to return safely. Although not all programs require an active screening to attend select programs in the facility the Friendship Centre has adopted the policy that anyone entering the Friendship Centre facility actively screens to keep all programs consistent.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Town of St. Marys Vaccination Policy

Staff updated the committee on the Town of St. Marys COVID-19 vaccination policy noting that this policy will impact all current and future staff/volunteers and contractors and includes committees of Council.

Staff updated the group that the policy was implemented as per Provincial regulation beginning September 22 and has been without incident in the Friendship Centre to date.

7.2 Recreation Committee Update

Committee member Harris informed the group that the Recreation Committee has not met and therefore no update was given. Staff informed the group that the Aquatic Centre has reopened, both ice pad are operational and Recreation staff are working on the re-opening of the Youth Centre.

7.3 Town of St. Marys Council Update

Councillor Winter updated the committee on various Municipal projects including an update on Service Ontario.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Staff updated the committee that Council has recently resumed in person meetings; however committees will continue to meet virtually until given the green light from the Clerks Departments.

The next Senior Services Advisory Committee will be held Monday October 21, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Candice Harris

Seconded By Rick Lyons

THAT the Senior Services Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair

Committee Secretary