

## **City of Port Colborne**

### **Port Colborne Senior Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Location:** Committee Room 3-City Hall  
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne, Ontario, L3K 3C8

**Members Present:** M. Cooper  
D. Santarella  
T. McDowell  
N. Salvage  
R. Carter  
D. Rudyk

**Member(s) Absent:** S. Brown

**Staff Present:** M. Aquilina, Councillor  
S. McDowell, Public Programmer, Museum and Culture

#### **1. Call to Order**

The Staff Liaison called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

#### **2. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by D. Rudyk

Seconded by N. Salvage

Carried

#### **3. Disclosures of Interest**

#### **4. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to Approve Minutes from February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Moved by D. Rudyk

## **5. Order of Business**

### **5.1 Seniors Community Grant Application**

Sloane gave an update on the Seniors Grant. The draft is complete, and it will be edited and ready to submit by March 22nd.

Rob suggested possibly adding hours to the requested part time staff member for the grant. From 8 hours a week to 14. Sloane will discuss this with Stephanie.

Rob mentioned another federal grant "My Main Street". Sloane will look into it to see if the Seniors Advisory would be eligible.

### **5.2 March 7th Leaning Café Event**

Councillor Aquilina and Sloane shared their experience at the Learning Café event.

Seniors at the meeting expressed their want for more programming; concert series, bus tours, chair yoga etc.. This can be something our committee works towards offering within the community.

### **5.3 Seniors Advisory Committee Brochure**

Councillor Aquilina brought in an infographic from the City of Thorold and the Age-Friendly Community with important information and services for seniors.

Sloane will make a draft version pertaining to Port Colborne and send it to the committee.

The group agreed that having both a brochure about the committee and other community groups as well as a rack card would be the best idea for the committee.

### **5.4 Purchase of items for June Farmer's Markets**

Sloane reviewed the website Mike sent with the personalized magnifier cards. The group agreed it was good to purchase them now rather than later in the year, to have them in time for market days.

Motion for Sloane to purchase 500 white magnifiers for \$378 with the Seniors Advisory Committees logo on the front.

Moved by R. Carter

Seconded by D. Santarella

## **5.5 NOAA**

Councillor Aquilina spoke about the Niagara Older Adults Association meeting that the Councillor and Sloane attended on February 29th.

## **6. New Business**

### **6.1 CARP Representative Ursula Hudson**

CARP Representative was not present at the meeting.

### **6.2 Certified Life & Wellness Coach Marilyn Barton**

Marilyn Barton was not present at the meeting.

### **6.3 Farmers Market**

Rob suggested the committee create a plan for the Farmer's Market this summer. A schedule should be made to get volunteers for each market day.

Sloane will come prepared with a rough start and end date for Market and when the committee wants to be there.

The committee should try and create a list of other community groups to come and share the table with us. i.e. CARP, Friends over 55.

The library would like to partner with us and have offered us a table monthly at the library to hand out brochures.

### **6.4 Library Resources**

Dorothy asked Mike about resources for shut-in seniors.

Mike offered to send the group information for the Library's 'Visiting Library' program that delivers books to anyone who is shut-in due to illness, injury, or age.

This is the kind of information we want to share with the community.

### **6.5 Regions Accessibility Plan Survey**

Tammy handed out pamphlets with information about how to fill out the regions accessibility survey.

### **6.6 Stop Gap Update**

Rob asked for an update on the Stopgap program.

Councillor Aquilina shared that the Public Works department is still working on applying for the StopGap program.

This brought up a discussion about accessibility on West St. and what needs to be improved in the future.

**7. Adjournment**

The Staff Liaison adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:07am

Moved by T. McDowell

Seconded by D. Santarella

Carried

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Chair

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Staff Liaison