



## City of Port Colborne

### Port Colborne Senior Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Location:** Committee Room 3-City Hall  
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne, Ontario, L3K 3C8

Members Present: S. Brown  
M. Cooper  
T. McDowell  
N. Salvage  
Other: U. Hudson,  
C. Soares

Member(s) Absent: D. Santarella  
R. Carter  
D. Rudyk

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

#### 1. Call to Order

Susan called the meeting to order at 10:08am.

#### 2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to agenda for June 18th, 2024.

Moved by T. McDowell

Seconded by N. Salvage

Carried

#### 3. Disclosures of Interest

No disclosures of interest.

#### 4. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from May 21st, 2024.

Moved by T. McDowell

Seconded by N. Salvage

Carried

## **5. Business Arising from Minutes**

S. Brown asked for an update on the Seniors Community Grant.

S. McDowell reported that we have heard nothing in response to our grant applications, we have contacted the liaison employee for the Ministry and will see her at the next Museums of Niagara Association Meeting and will ask her about it. It's understandable that it is taking longer, due to the grant being federal.

U. Hudson brought up an interesting idea in connection to the Inclusive Communities Grant that U. Hudson observed at the Halton's Seniors Centre. Each bathroom had a selection of both menstrual products, as well as incontinence products. U. Hudson thinks this would be an amazing idea to implement in our own bathrooms for both our public works buildings and our Parks and Recreational Centres. Email address for more information: [liveatandplay@burlington.ca](mailto:liveatandplay@burlington.ca)

## **6. Order of Business**

### **6.1 Friday Farmer's Market, June 7th**

T. McDowell and S. Brown went to market as representatives of the committee. Many people enjoyed the magnifying glasses, and a majority of the rack cards and brochures were taken.

T. McDowell reported that some people were confused that we do not work for the City. People want to want to make appointments or air out grievances, but we are unable to provide that service to them personally.

The tablecloth with our logo was found, but it doesn't have the updated committee name or logo. We can think about looking into the prospective cost of purchasing another one.

### **6.2 Brochures and Rack Cards**

Brochures turned out great, rack cards had a small error, but we've already ordered more correctly made and cut. Sloane asked for screenshots of how the cards will be cut to make sure everything was in order.

### **6.3 Discussion: Marilyn Barton's proposed partnership**

S. Brown is worried about partnering with private businesses, as we must watch how we present ourselves to the public.

It has potential to offend, as we are unaware of what exactly M. Barton is aiming to present and the message she wants to deliver.

We can recommend she reaches out to the Learning Café, Friends over 55 or the Library.

Yes, we are advocates but we are not holding meetings for seniors to discuss their personal issues to us, CARP might be interested in hosting M. Barton.

Sloane will email M. Barton with suggestions for others to reach out to, as we are not the right fit for the proposed program.

Motion to decline M. Barton's partnership but suggest alternative options.

Moved by T. McDowell

Seconded by N. Salvage

Carried

### **6.4 Southern Ontario's Age-Friendly Network**

## **7. New Business**

T. McDowell suggested setting up an outreach table representing the committee for the Music on the Lawn series at the Roselawn Centre. Many seniors attend and it's a great opportunity for our committee to network.

The next concerts are on July 21st from 12:00-2:00pm and August 5th from 12:00-2:00pm.

Motion to go to Music on the Lawn for outreach.

Moved by N. Salvage

Seconded by M. Cooper

Carried

U. Hudson brought more seniors guides, including MPP Wayne Gate's guides for seniors as part of his campaign. There is a private bill about the senior support

care benefit. Wayne Gates has a petition for his cause, and U. Hudson already has 4 pages signed.

The cause is essentially trying to support care givers and support workers, as there is no money to be had. It also takes the burdens off of the local hospitals, EMS, PSW's etc.

Long term care homes are are running out of room to accommodate and provide adequate care for clients.

CARP is non-partisan, however, if it is determined that this is what seniors need, they are more than happy to help as well.

We will add the petition to our outreach table for those interested in signing, but we will not market it as a Seniors Advisory initiative.

## **8. Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:00am.

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Chair

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Staff Liaison