



City of Port Colborne

Port Colborne Senior Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2024
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Committee Room 3-City Hall
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne, Ontario, L3K 3C8

Members Present: S. Brown
D. Santarella
T. McDowell
N. Salvage
D. Rudyk
Member(s) Absent: M. Cooper
R. Carter
Councillor Aquilina
Staff Present: S. McDowell, Public Programmer, Museum and Culture

Others Present: Ursula Hudson

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda for December 17th, 2024.

Moved by Deanna
Seconded by Nancy

3. Disclosures of Interest

N/A

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of November 19th, 2024.

Moved by N. Salvage

Seconded by T. McDowell

5. Order of Business

5.1 Baptist Church Craft Market Recap

T. McDowell reported that it was overall a good event. T. McDowell only stayed for the morning and left the table with committees info up until the event was over.

Quite a few people attended.

T. McDowell suggested that if the committee participates next year, the committee should try to be on the main floor of the event, as being on the second floor poses accessibility issues.

5.2 Seniors Expo plan update

S. Brown reported that the date for the Senior's expo will be June 12th, 2025.

Friends over 55 have agreed to partner with the committee on this event and allow it to take place in their building.

The committee has contacts from previous seniors events that the committee will reach out to in the new year.

A game plan will be made in the New Year.

Discussion about who to reach out to for tables. The committee decided both not-for-profit and for-profit groups will be asked to participate.

There will be no table fee, but the committee can ask participating organizations to donate a food tray or prize.

In January the committee will make a list of who to reach out to.

There was discussion on possibly having a shuttle bus available that goes to Portal Village and other locations around the city. The committee can look at on-demand bus services.

5.3 Port Colborne Hospital Urgent Care - Council Meeting Update

S. Brown and T. McDowell gave a report on the Special Council Meeting to discuss the Port Colborne Hospital's urgent care.

The committee went over the pros and cons of the changes being made and had a discussion on what this means for Port Colborne seniors.

5.4 Port Colborne Seniors - Top 5 Priorities

S. McDowell shared Port Colborne seniors top 5 priorities, from a survey created by the region. Discussion about the committee having own survey that asks different questions than the Age-Friendly Niagara survey.

6. New Business

6.1 Safety for Seniors in Port Colborne

a. Accessibility

D. Santarella reported that a local bakery is not accessible for those with mobility issues and devices.

D. Santarella reported that a store on King St. asked D. Santarella to leave walker at the door before entering the store.

6.2 Safety for Seniors in Port Colborne

D. Santarella reported that many houseless people are sleeping in the foyers of local banks.

D. Santarella reported that many seniors are scared to enter banks in town due to this.

Discussion about who to reach out to about this - ward councilors should be alerted by letter.

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6.4 Drive test center moved

D. Santarella reported that the drive test centre will be moved to St. Catharine's as of the New Year.

Discussion about who to contact about this and suggestions were made to reach out to the MTO, MPP and Jeff Burch.

6.5 New Seniors Community Grant

S. McDowell reported that there is a new Seniors Grant due on January 16th.

S. McDowell asked the committee if they would be interested in applying for the grant, and if so, what the committee would like the project to be.

The committee decided to apply for the grant, focusing on the seniors expo planned for June 12th.

7. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:13am.



Chair



Staff Liaison