



City of Port Colborne

Port Colborne Senior Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2026
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Committee Room 3-City Hall
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne, Ontario, L3K 3C8

Members Present: M. Cooper
D. Santarella
D. Rudyk
N. Salvage
T. McDowell
J. Mete
M. Parkes

Member(s) Absent:

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

Others Present:

1. Call to Order

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:01a.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved By D. Rudyk
Seconded By N. Salvage

That the Senior Advisory Committee agenda, dated February 17, 2026, be approved.

Carried

3. Disclosures of Interest

No disclosures of interest.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved By D. Santarella
Seconded By M. Cooper

That the Senior Advisory Committee meeting minutes, dated January 20, 2026,
be approved.

Carried

5. Correspondence

5.1 Port Colborne Community Member

S. McDowell reported that correspondence was received from a member of the community regarding lack of snow removal in highly trafficked areas for Seniors downtown (i.e. West St. sidewalks). Discussion was held about what the committee can do, and what future steps look like.

5.2 NRT contact

S. McDowell reported that correspondence was received by a representative from Niagara Regional Transit regarding providing a presentation to the committee.

Moved By D. Rudyk
Seconded By D. Santarella

That S. McDowell will respond, inviting the representative to attend a meeting and present.

Carried

5.3 Fraud Prevention Month

S. McDowell reported on correspondence received from the Niagara Regional Police regarding Fraud prevention Month.

Moved By N. Salvage
Seconded By D. Santarella

That the Committee will plan an event for the community of Port Colborne to provide a presentation from the NRPS about Fraud Prevention.

Carried

6. Order of Business

6.1 2026 Committee Workplan

the Committee completed the 2026 Workplan. The completed workplan will be sent to the City Council for review and approval.

6.2 Seniors Community Grant 2025-2026 Survey Requirement

S. McDowell reported that a final participant survey is required for the completion of the Seniors Community Grant 2025-2026.

7. New Business

7.1 Tai Chi at the Vale Centre

S. McDowell reported that Tai Chi is now available at the Vale Centre every Tuesday.

Discussion was had about what other programs could be provided on a regular basis if support by City departments.

7.2 Stop Gap Update

The Committee requested an update on the Stop Gap program.

S. McDowell will reach out to Olga Loeffen for an update for the next meeting.

7.3 NOAA Age -Friendly Community Award

Councilor Aquilina reported that the City of Port Colborne was recognized and awarded as an Age-Friendly Community.

This recognition comes in partnership with the Niagara Older Adult Alliance.

8. Adjournment

The chair adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Chair

Staff Liaison