



WASAGA BEACH AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE Advisory Committee Meeting

November 23, 2016
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

PRESENT: Jackie Beaudin – Chair, Chief Librarian
Nathan Wukasch – Planner
Colin Throop, Community Member
Charles Christie, Community Member
Nancy Clarke, Community Member
Councillor Bonnie Smith
Ruth McArthur, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
Carol Runnings, Simcoe County Community/Social Services
Susan Luciani, Healthy Community Network

REGRETS: Marlene Scorrano, Community Member
Tara Bone, Red Cross
Karen Storing, YMCA

1. Call to Order

J. Beaudin called the meeting to order

2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest: None

3. Confirm Agenda

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

RESOLUTION #01-16

Moved by: Nancy Clarke.

Seconded by: Ruth McArthur.

Be it resolved that the minutes of the **October 20, 2016** meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Deputations/Presentations: None

6. Unfinished Business:

1. Election of Vice Chairperson and Committee Secretary

J. Beaudin called for nominations for Vice Chairperson. N. Clarke was nominated and accepted. N. Clarke declared Vice Chairperson by acclamation.

J. Beaudin called for nominations for Committee Secretary R. McArthur was nominated accepted. R. McArthur declared Committee Secretary by acclamation.

2. Discussion of AFC Goals/Strategies to pursue

N. Wukasch discussed need to determine initial goals to pursue. R. McArthur suggested that committee should look at pursuing one small goal under each objective. It was suggested that committee should consider some goals that could be completed on an “immediate” basis.

A few areas for AFC consideration in 2017 included:

Housing – Identify and education on the work of affordable housing within Town and how it relates to the senior population. Provide a seminar on affordable housing for seniors. Collaborate with the County of Simcoe on the communication and education aspect with affordable housing in Wasaga Beach

Health Care Services- consider education on the “Navigator for Life Program” and a seminar by hospice or a similar program.

ACTION: Review 5 main objectives outlined in AFC Plan and bring back recommendations from each area that committee can begin working on in 2017.

3. New Horizons for Seniors Grant

N. Wukasch provided an update that the Town has not heard back regarding any approval of the grant.

4. Key Priorities

- a) Strategy 5.3.1—S. Luciani reported that she has been in contact with Shelly Brock at the Youth Centre regarding an intergenerational mentoring program to assist seniors with computer issues. S. Luciani and M. Scorrano will continue investigating possible locations with a vision to have something set up for spring.
- b) Strategy 2.1—J. Beaudin presented an information sheet from T. Bone outlining current organizations and groups offering home help/support programs. The list is small and the group agreed this is an area that will require work.
- c) Strategy 3.1.2 and 5.1.1—R. McArthur reviewed a number of AFC websites in Ontario. Overall, the results were disappointing. Many sites were outdated or the material was difficult to find. Committee discussed the need to provide information in a consistent manner so seniors are able to find what they need. The AFC will be either part of the town’s website platform or the committee will develop one of their own.

ACTION: N. Wukasch to contact Derek Bowers regarding the town’s website to determine the best way to get information to seniors.

5. Formal Launch of AFC Plan and Seniors Symposium/EXPO

- N. Clarke updated the committee on the status of the Launch, which is planned for June, 2017. The committee decided the event should focus on positive/celebration theme with motivational/inspirational speakers. The theme could be “Empower and Enrich” the lives of seniors.

ACTION: J Beaudin to contact Darlene at Parks and Rec. to book a room for a Thursday in June. Committee members will review the Event Plan and let N. Clarke know at next meeting area they would like to be involved with.

7. New Business:

1. **Communication Strategy – speak to Town communications officer - N. Wukasch - defer**

2. **Pamphlet/Rack Card - (email account and contact info) - J. Beaudin/N. Wukasch – defer**
3. **Staff Report to update Council on AFC Planning - J. Beaudin/N. Wukasch – defer**
4. **Ontario Trillium Fund Grant Proposal – SEED Grant**

N. Wukasch reviewed draft proposal for a SEED Grant that drafted by the Town's grant writer, which is due in February 2017. There are many areas we could choose from within our action plan that could apply into the SEED grant. Decision to focus on the outcomes of "Diverse groups working together" & "Reducing Social Isolation". Committee discussed what goals this grant should address. Identified there are some actions in the work plan that will be led by Town Staff and departments. Committee requires feedback from these departments to make decisions on how to ensure the activities are moved forward.

ACTION: N.Wukasch to invite Public works to an AFC meeting for discussion regarding goals 1.1 and 1.2 in January

Nathan to add goal 1.3.4 into the Grant application

8. **Items for Future Meetings:**
9. **Date of Next Meeting: To be determined by doodle poll**
10. **Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Ruth, seconded by Susan, carried.**