

WASAGA BEACH AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday Jan. 16, 2019

12:00-2:00 pm

Town Hall Classroom

MINUTES



Members:

	Deputy Mayor Sylvia Bray
	Ruth McArthur, Simcoe Muscoda District Health Unit
Marina Campagna, Community Member	Tara Bone, Red Cross
Candy Milczynski, Community Member	Vacant, YMCA
Vacant, Community Member	Carol Runnings, Simcoe County Community/Social Services
Vacant, Community Member	Vacant, Healthy Community Network
Angela Kemp, Wasaga Beach Public Library, Age Friendly Community Coordinator	Fred Heyduk, Accessibility Committee
Vacant, South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre	Josh Pallas, Recreation Coordinator

Regrets:

C. Milczynski, C. Runnings, F. Heyduk,

- 1. Call to Order:** A. Kemp assumed the role of acting chair and a decision was made to defer the election of chair and co-chair until next meeting when we expect to have representatives of all community partners appointed. A. Kemp called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.
- 2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest:** None.
- 3. Confirm Agenda**
Motion to approve the minutes by T. Bone, seconded by R. McArthur. Carried.
- 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes from last meeting Oct 17, 2018 by T. Bone, seconded by: R. McArthur. Carried.
- 5. Deputations/Presentations:**
None
- 6. Standing Items:**
 - a. AFC Coordinator Report:** A. Kemp reviewed the status of the committee appointments with five vacancies. The ad has been run again to request two more senior reps.

A larger brochure rack has been requested at the SALC to display brochures for seniors.

Starting mid-March the library is partnering with the SALC offering seniors programming on Thursdays

There will be a drop-in “Community Connection” service to offer assistance to seniors using the 211 database, providing info about age-friendly initiatives, assistance with forms/brochures and assistance to link seniors to community resources.

Some satellite library services will be available Thursdays at SALC for book returns, sign out from a large-print travelling library shelf, registration for the Books on Wheels programs, library cards etc.

A. Kemp has been sitting on a committee at County of Simcoe to provide feedback on their document for profit and non-profit businesses to use as a tool to work towards age-friendly practice. The County plans to include a recognition of age-friendly businesses through a sticker decal and online mapping of age-friendly business hot spots. Businesses will be encouraged to showcase their AF practices/business improvements and apply for recognition for an award to be presented in conjunction with Seniors Day October 1st.

The Alzheimer Society has a blue umbrella campaign that encourages dementia-friendly communities that could be investigated as a partnership along with accessibility.

The AF PowerPoint was presented to Prime Time on Oct. 25th. Jackie Beaudin and A. Kemp represented the AFCAC at the Community Wellness Fair on Oct 27th.

Ontario Age-Friendly Network had requested to feature the WB Seniors Information and Active Living Expo in a publication and will feature us under the “Communication and Information” WHO domain. The document will guide other communities in undertaking various AF initiatives.

Our committee continues to submit monthly articles for the paper/Simcoe.com. N. Clark has submitted for January and A. Kemp will re-submit an article for Feb. Ruth M. is slated for March for nutrition month. C. Throop’s article on ELF under Neighbours Helping Neighbours generated an email inspiring someone to volunteer helping seniors.

b. Action Plan Review - There was discussion about whether the terms of reference requires updating to include a member of Parks & Facilities at this committee. Item will be discussed at next meeting when full committee is appointed.

Action item: A. Kemp to send AF community assessment plan and the committee action plan to all members for review prior to next meeting. Be prepared to discuss. S. Bray to discuss terms of reference with the deputy clerk.

c. AF Speaker Series update – J. Pallas reported that the speaker series happening the first Monday of each month are being well-received. Approx. 25 were in attendance at the transportation session in Jan. Upcoming topics include: Nutrition, Hearing, Senior Driver Licensing and Fraud Prevention.

d. Community Partner Roundtable & Committee Updates

SALC update- J. Pallas reported that response to SALC programming has been a success with 400-500 participants per month.

SGBCHC- H. Klein-Gebbinck reported that their website has been updated and winter program guide is available (copy distributed). Programs are free. They are looking for assistance to help identify any gaps.

WBPL_ There is one more bus trip in March to the ROM for wildlife photographer exhibit. Programs have started again for Spanish, Chair Yoga, a valentine's entertainer and a new LGBTQ+ support group called "Older and Bolder" starting in Jan. at library.

e. June Expo & Exhibitor List - This year's Expo is Wed. June 19th. Previous Vice-Chair/ Expo organizer Nancy Clark is willing to work on the sub-committee and will assist with building the database of previous exhibitors. A.Kemp will be working with N. Clark to send out save the date notices to last year's exhibitors. T. Bone and M. Campagna offered to assist this sub-committee. The Expo falls on the 3rd Wed of the month when AFCAC would normally meet. The June AFCAC meeting will be held the week prior on Wed. June 12th.

7. Unfinished Business:

a. Downtown Master Plan and Seniors Issues

S. Bray advised that council is still reviewing council priorities which could impact Downtown Hub, Tourism and High School Advisory Committees. There are several vacancies for various committees and members were encouraged to spread the word.

b. Age-Friendly Tagline – Item deferred until the town re-branding strategy is reviewed by council. S. Bray suggested the item be deferred to March and to reach out to Michael Gennings in Communications to keep informed.

c. Senior of the Year and E.L.F. recognition

J. Pallas presented a distribution timeline for communicating the Senior of the Year nomination form to be distributed to service clubs/groups and committees. A task force will be established at a future meeting to bring the top three submissions to AF Committee for review and approval and passed to council for submission to Ontario government. The goal would be to have the award presented at the June Expo. R. McArthur suggested a blind review so there is no bias.

Action Item: Motion by M. Campagna for J. Pallas to finalize the Senior of the Year nomination form and distribute to service clubs and make available to public. Seconded by R. Bone. Carried.

8. New Business:

a. Voting of Chair; Vice-Chair; Secretary- deferred to next meeting.

b. Discussion about meeting time. – deferred to next meeting when we expect to have all representatives appointed.

9. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday Feb.20, 2019. Wasaga Beach Public Library- Boardroom. Please note change in location for our February meeting.

10. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 1:00 p.m. by S. Bray. Seconded by: R. McArthur. Carried.