

# WASAGA BEACH AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

1:00-3:00 pm

Town Hall Classroom

MINUTES



### Members:

Chair – Fiona Ryner, Community Member	Deputy Mayor Sylvia Bray
Vice-Chair – Marina Campagna, Community Member	Ruth McArthur, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
Candy Milczynski, Community Member	Tara Bone, Red Cross
Heather Klein Gebbinck, South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre	Karen Storing, YMCA
Vic De Francesco, Accessibility Advisory Committee	Carol Runnings, Simcoe County Community/Social Services
Pamela Pal, CEO Wasaga Beach Public Library	Irene Bell, Vittoria Trainer (alternate) Healthy Community Network
Josh Pallas, Recreation Coordinator	Angela Kemp, Wasaga Beach Public Library, Age Friendly Community Coordinator & Secretary

**Regrets:** N. Wukasch; P. Pal; V. Trainer; R. McArthur; C. Runnings; I. Bell

**1. Call to Order:** F. Ryner called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

**2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest:** None.

**3. Confirm Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda by S. Bray. Seconded by C. Milczynski. Carried.

**4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Motion to approve the minutes from last meeting April 17, 2019 by K. Storing and seconded by C. Milczynski. Carried.

**5. Deputations/Presentations:** Director of Public Works, Kevin Lalonde.

As a result of several calls received during the winter about the extra, and sometimes heavy snow, that snowplows leave at the end of driveways (windrow), Public Works investigated options to provide extra servicing to clear the windrows. There are approximately 12,000 driveways in the Town of Wasaga Beach.

Options investigated included: outsourced vs. in-house town-wide windrow clearing for all; outsourced and in-house windrow clearing for seniors and persons with disabilities; and financial assistance program for seniors and persons with disabilities.

Both in-house and out-sourced clearing of windrows was deemed cost-prohibitive taking into consideration equipment purchase costs and extra staffing and standby costs for outsourcing. Winter operation costs would be expected to double.

Public Works is open to feedback and dialogue as to how windrow removal services could be offered to seniors and persons with disabilities.

Innisfil has a Snow Angels program and recognizes its volunteers. Kitchener has funds to purchase snowblowers for designated neighbourhoods. Other communities coordinate high school students for their 40-hour volunteer requirements.

Some seniors can afford 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractors who clear their snow within a reasonable time from a snowfall event. A doctor's note can determine eligibility, but eligibility screening for those who may have financial difficulty may need to be incorporated.

Discussion amongst the group acknowledged that a Snow Angel program in Wasaga Beach could be tied to the Neighbours Helping Neighbours concept that the committee promotes. J. Pallas commented that the youth volunteers can be unreliable and are not generally available to clear driveways until after school which may not be soon enough for mobile seniors. It was noted that there are a significant number of senior volunteers, many newly retired, who may be able to support a Snow Angel program.

It was suggested that the Expo be used to survey participants for their interest in the service as data will be needed to support the need.

**Action item:** S. Bray to work on survey questions to be used to poll seniors on an iPad through survey monkey at the June Expo. C. Chang to assist on Expo day with polling seniors. AFCAC to continue to work with Public Works to advocate for seniors requiring windrow removal assistance and action plan to be updated accordingly.

## 6. Standing Items:

### a. AFC Coordinator Report:

K. Storing prepared the May article: "Exercise is Key to Healthy Aging". Wasaga Sun confirms their continued interest in monthly article submissions and ask that submissions be a max. of 330 words with the re-design of their paper.

D. Bowers has no concerns regarding the Gmail platform for email (rather than a town-based platform) thus we are ok to continue using [wasagabeachseniors@gmail.com](mailto:wasagabeachseniors@gmail.com).

211 has responded they are willing to attend a future meeting. Primacare has not yet been contacted. Will wait for J. Pallas to confirm the SALC consultant as speaker prior to securing these additional speakers.

Supplies of Expo posters are available for members to assist with promotion.

### b. Action Plan Review – The committee reviewed section 1. Town Infrastructure with input from K. Lalonde.

K. Lalonde confirmed that sidewalks, bus stops and optimal snow removal practices remain Public Works priorities. The Town will be adding two bus shelters per year. There was discussion as to how the committee may not directly serve a role in the responsibilities and action items but decided a reduced role, to act as consultants to Public Works, would be more appropriate while serving to move forward comments and feedback to the Town.

Regarding item 1.3.2. Performance Measure #4: K. Lalonde advised that a goal in 2019 is to address special transit planning in providing door-to-door service for individuals with wheelchairs requiring transportation.

**Action items:** A. Kemp to move performance measure 4 under goal 1.3.4 to “expand driving arrangements” where it would be more appropriate. Goal 1.1.3 was deemed to be a duplication of the HCN committee and can be removed from the AFCAC Action Plan. The responsibility delegate of the items under Town Infrastructure will be changed to reflect “Public Works Department”.

These changes will streamline the infrastructure section of the action plan and reduce the committee’s role to one of monitoring Town progress and acting as consultants to Public Works with annual check-ins with K. Lalonde for progress updates.

**Action items:** At the next AFCAC meeting section 1.3.4 will be discussed further for action plan input from Red Cross. Due to time constraints, discussions on 3.2.6 Development of Seniors Active Living Centre to be deferred.

c. A-F Speaker Series update

The next speaker series is Elder Abuse Awareness in June.

d. Community Partner Roundtable & Committee Updates

C. Milczynski told the group about a free social event on June 7<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm at the RecPlex. There will be a guest speaker from Body and Balance as well as music by local band “Rising Spirits”. There will be light refreshments.

There were no additional partner updates.

e. June Expo – T. Bone updated that 55 exhibitors are now confirmed. Fifteen exhibitors are for-profit and will generate approximately \$600 from table fees. The County of Simcoe will be donating 200 bags. S. Bray advised The Town has 40 insulated bags to donate. 150 Canada Day pins will be available as well as door prizes donated by exhibitors. Tim Horton’s has donated 500 Timbits.

A motion was made by T.Bone that committee nametags be ordered in time for the Expo at a cost of up to \$250. Seconded by C. Milczynski. Carried.

**Action item:** A. Kemp to obtain Town bags from M. Gennings and order additional nametags for new committee members/those that do not already have one.

7. **Unfinished Business:**

a. Age-Friendly Tagline – S. Bray briefly updated that the Town re-branding has been for a logo only with no associated taglines. An age-friendly tagline discussion may proceed

since there is no precedent set with the Town rebranding. Item deferred due to time limitations of meeting.

- b. Senior of the Year Update- F. Ryner advised that the Town has agreed to grant one week of free bus service for seniors during the week of the Expo. The Mayor will proclaim June as Seniors Month to coincide with the Expo. The Provincial Senior of the Year program is on hold with the Ford government. MPP Jim Wilson will provide and present a provincial certificate in the interim at the Expo.
- c. SALC Strategic Plan – J. Pallas updated that he and a consultant are currently planning a community forum for the Seniors Active Living Centre and its Strategic Plan aiming for the end of June.
- d. Wasaga Sun articles – F. Ryner advised that M. Gennings will be doing a press release for the Expo and announcing June as Seniors month. F. Ryner will wait until July for the thank you article for the Expo. J. Pallas indicated interest in the June slot to write a SALC article and to advise of the date for the community forum for SALC strategic planning.
- e. Age-Friendly PowerPoint content – No feedback has been received from Beachcombers Probus about the presentation content they would be interested in for August. Discussion around the PowerPoint will be deferred until after the Expo is over since it is not pressing at this time. A sub-committee will be formed at a future date.

## **8. New Business**

- a. Age-friendly business sub-committee – A. Kemp will be meeting with E. Timms to investigate potential partners for rolling out the concept of A-F businesses to our community and begin to explore possibilities prior to setting a meeting for an organized sub-committee and will require some time to do so. V. De Francesco (Accessibility Advisory Committee rep.) expressed interest in future sub-committee involvement as well as C. Chang. S. Bray suggested Breaking Down Barriers in Collingwood may be a potential partner from an accessibility perspective.

**Action items:** A. Kemp to start research about what other AF communities are doing to promote AF business practice.

- b. Age-friendly flag – A. Kemp has suggested an A-F Wasaga Beach flag could be obtained and used at Town Hall for proclamation of June as Seniors Month each year.  
**Action items:** A. Kemp to investigate pricing further and obtain a quality logo image for enlargement purposes.

**9. Items for Future Meetings** – J. Pallas to confirm date for SALC consultant presentation.

**10. Date of Next Meeting:** Wed. June 12, 2019. 1:00-3:00 p.m. Town Hall – Classroom.  
Note: The Seniors Expo is Wed. June 19<sup>th</sup> at the RecPlex 10-2pm.

**11. Adjournment:** Motion to close the meeting at 3:02 p.m. by F. Ryner.