

**The Town of Oakville**

**Department of Recreation & Culture**

**Seniors' Working Action Group (SWAG) - We're Age Friendly**

**Meeting – June 26, 2019**

**In Attendance:** Darlene Cox, Ruth Sheridan, Pierre Wong, Nicole Wedgerfield, Ted Lambert, Patricia Sante, Dee Webber, Bev Cathro, Nancy Beddoe, Michelle Nichols, Pat Moore, Lorna Banting, Councillor Beth Robertson

**Regrets:** Ralph Robinson

**Guests:** Tom Carrothers, Halton C.A.R.P.; Sunita Pereira, Hearing Care Counsellor, Canadian Hearing Society

1. **Call to Order by Darlene Cox – 1:30 p.m.**

2. **Presentation: Sunita Pereira, Hearing Care Counsellor, Canadian Hearing Society**

Sunita Pereira provided an informative presentation about Hearing Care Counselling Services offered by the Canadian Hearing Society. There is limited financial support available for people who require Hearing Aids which is offered by the Ministry of Health. For more information on this, contact the Assistive Devices Program [www.ontario.ca/page/assistive-devices-program](http://www.ontario.ca/page/assistive-devices-program) or phone 416 327-8804 and ask for information on Hearing. There are also devices, other than Hearing Aids that are available for home use. The Canadian Hearing Society can be contacted at [www.chs.ca](http://www.chs.ca) or 1-866-518-0000 if you would like further information.

3. **Attendance / Regrets – Regrets as noted.**

4. **Acceptance of Minutes and Agenda**

- a. Agenda amended to include addition of Item (7b) Community Conversations.
- b. Minutes. Both items moved as amended, by Bev Cathro, seconded by Dee Webber. Carried.

5. **Business Arising:**

- a) OHIP Travel coverage: Darlene Cox reported that Ralph Robinson will continue to pursue this matter and provide an update as information becomes available.
- b) Medical Marijuana Session  
Darlene Cox thanked the committee for their support with this event which was well attended and received. Results from the 53 completed Feedback Surveys were discussed and Committee Members were very pleased with the time and interest the attendees showed in their responses to the questions asked in the Survey. Most had their questions answered and had a much greater understanding of Medical Marijuana.  
Fall Information Session – September 10  
SWAG will be hosting a joint presentation with Halton Age Friendly Network (HAFN) on Affordable Housing Options at Q.E.P.C.C.C. on September 10 1-3 p.m. There will be a panel of speakers. The event is free but will require pre-registration and will be advertised in the Seniors Services Fall / Winter Newsletter.

6.	<p><b>Standing Agenda Items</b> Communication and Information</p> <p>The Older Adult Advisory Committee (OAAC) will be resuming sometime in the fall.</p> <p><u>Councillor Update – Beth Robertson</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on the status of the tow truck by-law</li> <li>• Town Council passed a motion declaring a climate emergency in Oakville and initiatives for environmental hubs</li> <li>• Implementation of parking meters in Bronte</li> <li>• Police Officer has been assigned to the Bronte community to assist with speeding/noise issues and quality of life for residents.</li> </ul> <p><u>Age Friendly Update</u></p> <p>No update</p> <p><u>Halton S.A.L.T. Update – Pat Moore</u> shared that Matt Rocca is the new Older Adult Support Officer.</p> <p><u>enVISION Oakville Update: - Ruth Sheridan .</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended a Presentation from a Tech expert about helpful technologies for the visually impaired.</li> <li>• Participating in the 25 Community Conversations event hosted by The Oakville Community Foundation.</li> <li>• Notified Police and local officials about traffic safety and unsafe Cross Walks.</li> <li>• Two members attended a Blind Sailing Program which is offered in Oakville.</li> </ul>
7.	<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <p>a) <u>Minister Cho’s Senior Round Table</u> Darlene Cox received an invitation to represent SWAG at this event which takes place on July 10. She is able to bring a guest and Ralph Robinson will be attending with her.</p> <p>b) <u>25 Community Conversations</u> Several members from the SWAG committee will be attending this presentation hosted by the Oakville Community Foundation on July 11 at 9:30 a.m. at Colborne Centre. Nancy Beddoe will send the information to Michelle Nichols who will forward to her contacts.</p>
8.	<p><b>Information Sharing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul>
9.	<p><b>Date of next meeting – Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.</b></p>
10.	<p><b>Adjournment –</b> The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m. by a motion from Bev Cathro.</p>