

The Town of Oakville

Department of Recreation & Culture

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

Minutes – May 24, 2023 via ZOOM

In Attendance: Darlene Cox, Julie Pennal, Councillor Cathy Duddeck, Pierre Wong, Bev Cathro, Jennifer McPetrie, Michelle Nichols, Pat Moore, Kelly Meeussen

Regrets: Beth Robertson, Ruth Sheridan, Ted Lambert, Margaret Kirwin, Dee Webber, Nabeel Rahman

Guest: Councillor Duddeck gave a detailed update on the special Council Meeting of May 23 re Midtown Development Proposal. For more information see Councillor update below.

1. **Call to Order by Julie Pennal – 1:30 p.m.**

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

3. **Acceptance of previous Minutes / Agenda**
Bev Cathro, seconded by Pierre Wong. Carried.

4. **Update from Jen McPetrie**

- *Thank you to SWAG for coming out to the meeting to discuss the master plan.*
- *Over 2000 surveys were received resulting in great feedback.*
- *Monteith Brown Consultants to review data, provide analysis.*
- *Monteith Brown is currently working with other municipalities. This provides a benchmark to compare our municipality to what others are doing.*
- *Report will be ready in the fall to be presented to Council Q1 2024.*
- *June is a month of many celebrations. Refer to Oakville.ca for more information on how you can participate in the various celebrations as a community.*

5. **Standing Agenda Items**

- **Halton Age Friendly: Nabeel Rahman**

- Nabeel is away until May 29th. There is nothing to report at this time.

- **Councillor update: Cathy Duddeck**

- The last Council meeting was addressing the issue of Midtown and was considered an “issues” report (meaning it provides an opportunity for everyone to voice their views and concerns and ask any questions that needed clarification).
- The Midtown development has changed the manner in which the properties are zoned in the Official Plan. Rather than stating a height restriction it specifies FSI (Floor Space Index) to assist in the development of the various properties. Currently there is an application for 58 storeys and is awaiting the outcome of the completion of Midtown development prior to

being approved. Any developments of this nature would require servicing of the sites and Halton Region is working with the Town of Oakville to coordinate the servicing needs and construction period timeline to facilitate any development around the GO station.

- Midtown goes from Lyons Lane in the west to Chartwell Road in the east. The main “spine” of the development is Cross Avenue, however there will also be development along Cornwall.
- The meeting was attended by many of the public (approximately 250) who voiced their concerns regarding the traffic, height, loss of community identity, parkland, and shadow impacts on the abutting residential properties (south of Cornwall).
- Staff had indicated that the report regarding a decision was scheduled for late June, however, a motion was passed at Council to create a committee to receive information and clarify details of what development in the area would entail. This committee is comprised of all members of council and would be open to the public to attend as well.
- Currently, all municipalities and regions are struggling to address the housing direction laid out by the province. The 13 year development plan for Mississauga was changed by the province who doubled the density planned.
- The development on Kerr Street (additional units for seniors) has broken ground and the former Senior’s Centre has been demolished.
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- **Oakville Meals on Wheels – Michelle Nichols**
 - Received a special grant from the Federal Government, housed through the United Way allowing Oakville Meals on Wheels to hire a new staff member who will work with underserved clients who receive subsidies, experience food insecurities and isolation. Two summer students (under 25) will also be hired to do outreach and work events in the community.
 - Julie Pennal discussed the WOW program and how clients can be reached to inform them of the program and how they can get involved. Discuss the possibility of a presentation, provide a live demo to better explain the program to their clients.
 - Julie P to connect Michelle with events department at the Town Hall regarding local events including Canada Day.
- **Senior Connector Update – Pat Moore**
 - Pat has an extra ticket available for the Community Spirit Awards Gala.
 - Attended the meeting on May 23 at Town Hall. Visit Oakville.ca to see the YouTube video of the full meeting.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New chair taking over Heather Thompson’s position with Halton Age Friendly. Name has not been shared. ○ Shred Event at the Region located on 2485 North Service Road West takes place on Saturday, May 27 from 9 a.m. -3 p.m. Bring personal files for shredding and donate what you can. Proceeds to support Crime Stoppers Program. <p>● enVISION Oakville Update – Ruth Sheridan</p> <p>#1 Because of technical difficulties there was no virtual meeting held on May 1</p> <p>#2 On May 2 enVISION Oakville held its 161st meeting In Person at TPCC under the leadership of Joe. There were 10 participants. They talked about the clinic at Toronto Western hospital. Three members are now using a Vision Mate, and one member is on the waiting list to have such a person as a visiting assistant.</p> <p>#3 On May 15 virtually under the leadership of Joe. There was 8 participants & a guest speaker Vera Orsini, Program Lead, Peer Social and Recreation Groups CNIB Foundation Programs.</p> <p>Topics: #1 The CNIB Mobile Hub is coming to Oakville in July with recreational and social activities, hands-on technology training, and CNIB SmartLife: Accessible products available to test and purchase by debit or credit. View the accessible product catalogue</p> <p>#2 Because Joe be vacationing in Germany, Vera will be leading the enVISION Oakville July 4 in person meeting at TPCC.</p> <p>● OAAC – Darlene Cox</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No Report as OAAC has not yet started for 2023
6.	<p>New Business Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Andrew Balahura will be coming to speak about housing for seniors and the new Wellness Hub. Darlene mentioned that it important that we work together and share information. ○ Julie P indicated that there are three potential speakers being considered for the OCAO conference in the fall with focus on housing options for seniors. (HelpAge Canada, Senior Women Living Together and Vipin Nikore from Homecare Hub.) ○ Julie P proposed a separate seminar focusing on housing options. ○ It was proposed to the committee that we move forward with another Cannabis presentation. Contact Ray Jasavala from Cannaway. Hybrid option being considered. ○ Wills and POA: Trafalgar Park has requested an in-person presentation on this subject. Hybrid option also being considered. Presenter for topic TBD.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Julie suggested that the presentations be scheduled in the fall (Sept, Oct, Nov). Information can be included in the fall/winter newsletter for better exposure. It was suggested that a trade show or seniors fair with speakers and information booths be considered on a weekend for senior, adults and families to attend. OACAO has funding available to support this type of initiative. Darlene suggested including the topic of reversed mortgages as this is a concern and interest to many seniors. It was decided that Julie and Darlene will discuss this further.
7.	<p>Information Sharing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new information shared
8.	<p>Date of next meeting – Wednesday, June 28 at 1:30 PM via Zoom.</p> <p>**Please note that there will be limited time to share information at the next meeting. Please send Kelly your reports ahead of time to ensure they are included in the minutes. Meeting will be recorded, and link shared for those who cannot attend.**</p> <p>It was proposed by Darlene that the July meeting be held in person in her backyard!</p>
9.	<p>Adjournment – Julie thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned 3:45 p.m.</p>