

The Town of Oakville

Department of Recreation & Culture

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

Minutes – September 27, 2023 via ZOOM

In Attendance: Darlene Cox, Bev Cathro, Julie Pennal, Pierre Wong, Ruth Sheridan, Jennifer McPetrie, Andra Steele, Margaret Kirwin, Michelle Nichols, Ted Lambert

Regrets: Councillor Duddeck, Beth Robertson, Chris Clapham, Pat Moore

Guest: Andra Steele – Manager of Customer Experience for the Oakville Public Library.

Minutes: Kelly Meeussen

1.	Call to Order by Darlene Cox – 1:30 p.m.
2.	Attendance / Regrets – Regrets as noted.
3.	Acceptance of previous Minutes / Agenda Ted Lambert, seconded by Michelle. Carried.
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guest Andra Steele – Manager of Customer Experience for the Oakville Public Library.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Reviewed resources available to older adults/seniors who are 50+ with different needs and requirements. All are free with a current library card.○ Collections: kits available for book clubs, music, local history and genealogy resources, digital programs, eBooks, Hoopla, cloud library access.○ Ancestry library edition/familysearch.org○ Creative bug – crafts, and recipes○ Mango languages○ LinkedIn learning○ Kanapy○ Flipster○ Press readers○ Programs: in person/virtual<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Book club, historical, cookbooks▪ Tech support – bring your own device.▪ Partnership with Alzheimer’s Society, Acclaim to provide presentations/workshops.▪ Finances -November 9 is a virtual presentation about financial literacy.▪ In person 3D printing certification to use 3D printer.○ Services: community information<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Halton Senior Services Directory available online▪ Virtual community board with local events, resources▪ Express locations(kiosks) located in busy areas. No staff however there is an ability to reserve and pick up at these locations. (QEP and 16 Mile, St. Luke’s Church, River Oaks)▪ Grab and go pre-packaged items such as DVD’s, books.

5.

- Pick for you – complete a form on the website and indicate what you like to read, receive a bag of 5 books.
- Accessible Collections:
 - Large print books, daisy disks and players (talking books)
 - Connection kits for aged 55+ who do not have access to technology.
 - Pre-loaded tablets, Wi-Fi hot spot, CELA books
 - Books can be delivered by mail.
 - Extended borrowing times (6 weeks instead of 3)
 - Reading aids, Zoom text, Memory activities, virtual reality.
- Visit www.opl.ca

Update from Jen McPetrie

- A reminder Culture Days is being launched this week across town. Sat. Oct 14 – Art Show at the Colborne Centre, QEP – World of Threads.

Standing Agenda Items

- **Halton Age Friendly:** – no report
- **Councillor update: Cathy Duddeck –**

Regional level:

The Halton Waste Disposal site is increasing the normal disposal fee to \$10.00 (previously 5.00) as there has not been an increase for several years and the fee is now on a cost recovery basis.

The pilot project for the larger waste/recycling bins continues and will be brought back to Council for consideration of an implementation across Halton. These bins are the roller type bins you see in commercial areas (they are emptied by a truck lift versus an individual hoisting into the rear of the truck)

Halton Regional Police are requesting the community's assistance in developing their future policing strategies. To complete the survey, go to Survey@HaltonPoliceBoard.ca. the survey is approximate 5 minutes to complete.

Town of Oakville

A special Council meeting has been called for October 12th to consider the Town of Oakville's response to the Housing Affordability Task Force. The province and the federal government continue to pressure municipalities to meet the required housing targets for 2031 and 2051. Oakville is expected to accommodate 33,000 new homes by 2031.

Work on the Midtown Planning Plan continues as Council addresses providing a plan that will provide additional housing in this growth area (addressing the maximum heights, density, etc. and allocating public spaces and parkland in the area).

The Burloak underpass will necessitate closures in the area (north and southbound) to accommodate the construction of the underpass and will be finished in 2026.

Police are currently investigating several church properties in Oakville that have been targeted with vandalism due to their support of the LBTQA – everyone is welcome here.

November 18th Oakville will be hosting the 75th Annual Oakville Santa Claus Parade!

Submitted by

Councillor Cathy Duddeck

- **Oakville Meals on Wheels – Michelle Nichols**

- New PT staff members started Sept 1 thanks to a Trillium Grant.
- Meals on Wheels has grown adding another 118 clients.

- **Senior Connector Update – Pat Moore**

- Reminder of the Shred It event on September 30 located at the Halton Regional Police Building on the North Service Road.

- **enVISION Oakville Update – Ruth Sheridan**

- September 15- Picnic in Bronte – Speaker on Nutrition
- September 18 – Speaker from CNIB

OAAC – Darlene Cox

- Darlene indicated that no one has offered to be the chair of the committee. Will send a write up requesting for a volunteer to be chair of committee.
- Tom Carothers is not allowed to join committee as he does not live in Halton.

6. **New Business Arising**

- Housing Symposium – 29 vendors, 7 speakers (7-10 min each)
- Poster attached to send out to contact lists to help promote the event.
- Julie will email vendors and speakers to confirm attendance and details for set up/parking.
- Refreshments will be served in the café.
- If anyone is interested in helping the Friday before or the day of, please let Julie know. (1.5 hours day before, 1 hour before start time day of)
- Wills and Power of Attorney In-person presentation reminder.
- Tabled future cannabis presentation to November.
- Guest for next meeting – Darlene to confirm (Amy Roberts?)

7.	Information Sharing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ted thanked the library for offering program space at IROAC.
8.	Date of next meeting – Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. on Zoom
9.	Adjournment – Darlene thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned 2:40 p.m.