

The Town of Oakville

Department of Recreation & Culture

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

Minutes – June 28, 2023 via ZOOM

In Attendance: Darlene Cox, Bev Cathro, Julie Pennal, Julie Mitchell, Pierre Wong, Ruth Sheridan, Pat Moore, Jen McPetrie, Jayne Hartley, Andrew Balahura, Daryl Kaytor, Sara Philips.

Regrets: Councillor Duddeck, Beth Robertson, Ted Lambert, Margaret Kirwin, Nabeel Rahman

Guest: Andrew Balahura and the HCHC team presented Halton Region Housing Services.

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| 1. | Call to Order by Julie Pennal – 1:30 p.m. |
| 2. | Attendance / Regrets – Regrets as noted. |
| 3. | Acceptance of previous Minutes / Agenda
Pat Moore, seconded by Pierre Wong. Carried. |
| 4. | Guest: Andrew Balahura, Daryl Kaytor, Sarah Philips and Jayne Hartley from the HCHC team. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jayne<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Discussed key housing services available in Halton.○ How to apply for assisted housing.○ Supports available if in a challenging situation.○ Halton Accessibility Repair Program (urgent repairs to remain housed).• Andrew Balahura<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Approximately 4,300 applicants on the wait list.○ Not all reside in Halton.○ Partnership with landlords re: subsidized units.○ Definite increase in waitlist since Covid.○ Confirmed that waitlist is categorized chronologically and by priorities.○ Asset level/income is also considered: \$50,000 for a single and \$75,000 for family.• Daryl Kayton<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Supports Halton Housing Help.○ Focus on affordability/housing insecure.○ Work on a 1-1 housing plan.○ Work with 311 and email for correspondence.○ Provide information and support services for seniors who may be looking for LTC, Retirement or supports for daily living.○ Housing stability funding, financial support with first and last months rent requirements.• Sarah<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Supports Housing Action Team○ Discussed Halton's portfolio approach for development (Third party initiatives, Regional site development, Regional Acquisition). |
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- Reviewed current projects: 263 Kerr Street, 1258 Rebecca Street, 363 Margaret Drive. Allendale Drive in Milton.

Update from Jen McPetrie

- Well into our spring and summer programming
- Completed many events with Senior Services including five Volunteer Appreciations Events.
- Looking forward to the upcoming WOW and PAF event taking place on Tuesday, July 25 at the Colborne Centre.

Standing Agenda Items

- **Halton Age Friendly:** – no report
- **Councillor update: Cathy Duddeck –**
 - Planning: Council has created a committee to deliberate on the proposed Midtown development. It is anticipated to conclude within approximately 6 months. The areas of concern are:
 - Proposed heights/density for the area (2 applications that have been submitted are proposing 54 and 58 storeys – they have filed an appeal at the Ontario Lands Tribunal (formerly the OMB) as Council is not making a decision on those lands until the process for deliberations concludes, parkland concerns, traffic concerns, affordable housing and creating a complete community (shopping, schools, etc) within walking distance.

Housing: Halton Region is building an additional 2 storey complex on the vacant lands abutting the current Halton Housing complexes on Margaret Drive.

The proposed plan consists of 13 units in total consisting of: ● 5 x 3-bedroom ● 5 x 4-bedroom ● 3 x 5-bedroom.

Vacant House Tax: Halton Regional staff will be bringing back a draft of a bylaw to address vacant homes (we currently have quite a few owners from outside the country who are sitting on homes that remain empty).

- **Oakville Meals on Wheels – Michelle Nichols**
 - We have two summer students on our team from a successful grant with the Canada Summer Jobs program. Sarah and Jennifer will be working to help raise awareness of our program in the community and assisting with the daily operations of our program.
 - We are very excited to officially announce we have received a grant from Ontario Trillium Resilient Communities Fund!
 - We are working closely with the new Community Wellness Hub in Oakville. This is amazing group of social programs that have come together to help reach those who may not have support, resources or knowledge of our local programs.

- Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday September 20, 2023.
- This past fiscal year we were able to accomplish amazing results with our small and mighty volunteer team. Please see below for a few of our highlights.

- **Senior Connector Update – Pat Moore**

- No report

- **enVISION Oakville Update – Ruth Sheridan**

May 29 enVISION Oakville held Meeting #163 Virtually.

Our questions for our supervisor, Vera.

A) Has there been a date conformed in July when the Mobile Hub will be coming to Oakville?

B) We need a presenter or a guest speaker for the topic: "types of vision loss".

#2 June 6 enVISION Oakville held Meeting #164 (In Person)

Joe's report to Vera:

- Noteworthy is that the group decided that vaccination and masking is not mandatory anymore. Masking is now an individual choice but not a requirement.
- I spoke to Marissa at the front desk, and she confirmed that we have the current room in July and in August. She also indicated that an extension looks promising, but we move back into the neighbouring room, which is the room that we started out in.

#3 June 12 enVISION Oakville held Meeting #165 (Virtually)

#4 June 26 enVISION Oakville held Meeting #166 (Virtually)

We spent our meeting time 10 - 11:30 discussing the problems and successes of our members except for the last 15 minutes when we had fun with riddles and jokes "**On the Lighter Side**" 😊"

	<p>OAAC – Darlene Cox</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No Report
6.	<p>New Business Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ July 6 Zoom meeting to discuss mission, vision, and date for Housing Symposium/Vendors. ○ Fall date to be included in the Fall/Winter newsletter. ○ Postpone Cannabis presentation to the winter. ○ Wills and POA presentation schedule for September 28 from 1-3 p.m. at TPOAC (room accommodates 120 people). ○ Cassie sent flowers to Ted. Julie suggested gift cards to M&M meats, Meals on Wheels and asked if anyone would like to contribute to please let Julie know. Darlene agreed to a \$50 donation from SWAG.
7.	<p>Information Sharing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new information shared.
8.	<p>Date of next meeting – Wednesday, August 23 via Zoom</p> <p>Please note the July meeting has been cancelled.</p>
9.	<p>Adjournment – Darlene thanked everyone for attending.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned 3:00 p.m.</p>