

Minutes of a Meeting of the Senior's Advisory Committee held remotely using the Zoom platform on the above date at 2:32 p.m.

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**Present:**

Councillor Watkins  
J. Saunders  
V. Ganske  
P. MacGregor  
R. Olson  
B. Hahn  
S. Beach McCutcheon  
E. Hurley

**Absent:**

D. Vanderwel

**Staff:**

L. MacMillan, Staff Liaison, Community Development Coordinator  
C. Parenteau, Project/Administrative Assistant & Volunteer Coordinator

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

No additions to the agenda.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Chair declared the June 25, 2020 Senior's Advisory Committee agenda adopted as presented.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The Chair declared the Minutes of May 28, 2020 adopted as amended.

**COUNCIL UPDATE**

Councillor Watkins provided an update of Council to the committee. Discussion among the members included:

- the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing regarding the high-rise development,
- the curbside pick up letter was sent, shared with CAO, will be brought up with Economic Development and the Chamber of Commerce. SAC would like some sort of response regarding any developments or an answer of some kind,
- the there was no proclamation of Senior's Week which was disappointing.
- Councillor Watkins will contact the Youth Advisory Committee to coordinate a joint meeting

## **FLOURISH MDP FEEDBACK UPDATE & DISCUSSION**

V. Ganske reported that the Senior's Advisory Committee's feedback was brought to the Flourish Committee. One issue was affordable housing and accessibility, of interest to both seniors and youth. The committee promised feedback back to contributors on each comment submitted.

## **HOUSING DIVERSITY**

Members discussed housing diversity definition and how many options are needed and wanted. Perhaps City staff (Lory Scott) be invited to an upcoming SAC meeting to discuss the Affordable Housing report.

## **LONG TERM CARE ISSUE**

The Committee discussed whether SAC has a role to play in the long-term care issue. L. MacMillan explained that long-term care is under the purview of Alberta Health Services.

## **COVID-19 CURRENT & FUTURE IMPACTS / CONCERNS FOR SENIORS**

- Will the City be opening for specific seniors' hours?
- Can the City of St. Albert provide more information and possibly an awareness campaign about bicycles on sidewalks and trails? Something needs to be implemented with better rules of sharing trails and sidewalks for the safety of both pedestrian and cyclists.

## **ROUND TABLE**

S. Beach-McCutcheon provided information that the Recovery Task Force meets every 2 weeks right through to September and will keep the SAC members informed on any new developments.

B. Hahn provided a letter regarding Seniors' Awards nominations for those who have served seniors during COVID-19 (open until August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020).

B. Hahn advised the committee of a Home Sharing presentation that will be tonight at 7pm.

R. Olson encouraged wearing masks for safety of others.

Councillor Watkins reports that he had received responses from City staff regarding the joint committees' meeting and the messaging for cyclists.

- Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 6:30pm is the option that works best
- Kerry Hilts will work with Communications to get some messaging regarding cyclists out.

## **NEXT MEETING DATES**

- July 23, 2020 – Abbreviated meeting to discuss COVID-19 related impacts
- August 27, 2020 – Abbreviated meeting to discuss COVID-19 related impacts
- September 24, 2020
- October 21, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. – joint meeting with the Youth Advisory Committee

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

*Valerie Ganske*

[Valerie Ganske \(Dec 15, 2020 18:10 MST\)](#)

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VICE-CHAIR

*Renee McDonald*

[Renee McDonald \(Dec 16, 2020 07:47 MST\)](#)

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