



To be confirmed.

**ROUNDTABLE ON SENIORS
MINUTES
MEETING 1**

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, November 23, 2004 **Enquiry:** Belinda Bains
Time: 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Committee Secretary**
Location: Council Chamber **416-392-7039**
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Toronto, Ontario

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Members

Present: Mayor David Miller, ex-officio member Councillor Gay Cowbourne, (Chair) Lois Dent Alex Gorlick Margaret Hawthorn Zul Kassamali Lynne Lawrie Bea Levis	Geoff Quirt Susan Thorning Judith Wahl Margaret Watson Absent: Councillor Michael Feldman Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby
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Councillor Cowbourne in the Chair.

There were no declarations of interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Message from the Mayor
- Councillor Cowbourne
- Roundtable Members

Orientation Binder from the Chief Administrator's Office, which includes: Membership, Staff Contacts, Terms of Reference for the Roundtable on Seniors, Rules of Procedure has previously been distributed to Members of the Roundtable.

- 1(a).** Communication (October 4, 2004) from the City Clerk forwarding Clause 34 of Report 7 of the Policy and Finance Committee, headed "Simplified Procedures for Advisory Bodies", adopted by City Council on September 28, 29, 30 and October 1, 2004.

Minute 1.1

Mayor Miller welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Roundtable and thanked participants for their valuable contribution to this initiative.

At the invitation of the Chair, Members of the Roundtable, as well as City Staff, introduced themselves and two members submitted pamphlets on their organizations.

The following six members who are being recommended to Council in December for appointment to the Roundtable on Seniors also introduced themselves.

Samuel Bond, Marcelle P. Campbell, Neville Gordon, Jack Harmer, Deborah Wallace, Gail Yardy.

Action:

The Roundtable on Seniors received the Orientation Binder and the Simplified Procedures for Advisory Bodies for information.

2. Setting the Context – Intergovernmental Initiatives on Seniors

Presentations

- Social Development Canada
- Ontario Seniors' Secretariat
- City of Toronto and the Seniors Forum.

(no written material)

Minute 1.2

The Roundtable heard presentations from the following:

- *Deborah Wallace, Director General, Income Security Programs Ontario Region, Social Development Canada, gave a verbal presentation on efforts of the Federal Government and submitted information on income support programs for seniors;*

- *Geoffrey Quirt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ontario Seniors' Secretariat, gave an overhead presentation on the efforts of the Provincial Government and filed a copy of his presentation;*
- *Councillor Cowbourne, Chair, Roundtable on Seniors, gave an overhead presentation on the City of Toronto and the role of the Roundtable on Seniors, and filed a copy of her presentation; and*
- *Chris Brillinger, Director, Social Development and Administration, Community and Neighbourhood Services Department, gave a verbal presentation on the Toronto Seniors Forum and submitted information on the forum.*

Action:

The Roundtable on Seniors received the presentations for information and requested Chris Brillinger, Director, Social Development and Administration, Community and Neighbourhood Services Department, to advise the Roundtable at its next meeting on the composition and representation of the Toronto Seniors Forum.

3. Work Plan: Towards a Strategy for Seniors

- Seniors Recreation Strategy
- Identification of Action Items (For Discussion)

(no written material)

Minute 1.3

Due to time constraints, a presentation on the Seniors Recreation Strategy was not provided at this meeting. This item will be on the next agenda of the Roundtable on Seniors.

The Roundtable discussed possible action items for inclusion in the Roundtable's Work Plan and listened to suggestions from members. Margaret Watson provided a written copy of her verbal suggestions.

Action:

The Roundtable on Seniors formed a Working Group, that will meet prior to the next meeting, to consider the suggestions and to identify areas of priority and action items for inclusion in the Roundtable on Seniors' Work Plan.

The following volunteered to be part of the Working Group:

- *Geoff Quirt*
- *Marcelle P. Campbell*
- *Bea Levis*
- *Neville Gordon*

- *Samuel Bond*
- *Jack Harmer*
- *Margaret Watson*
- *Margaret Hawthorne*
- *Judith Wahl; and*
- *Susan Thorning.*

Cheryl MacDonald, Policy Development Officer, Social Development and Administration, Community and Neighbourhood Services, was asked to coordinate the meeting of the Working Group and advise members of date, time and location.

4. Implementation of the City's Pesticide By-law

Communication (May 28, 2004) from the City Clerk advising that City Council at its meeting held on May 18, 19 and 20, 2004, adopted, as amended, Clause 1 of Report 1 of The Economic Development and Parks Committee and Works Committee, headed "Implementation of the City's Pesticide By-law".

In adopting the Clause, **Council requested that the Roundtable on Seniors examine ways to assist seniors with the implementation of natural lawn and garden care.**

(The Clause has been distributed to Members of the Roundtable on Seniors and a copy is on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Minute 1.4

Rich Whate, Health Promotion and Environmental Protection Office, Toronto Public Health, gave a verbal presentation on the City's Pesticide By-law.

Action:

The Roundtable referred this item to the Seniors Forum for discussion and report back to the Roundtable on Seniors.

5. Other Business

Minute 1.5

None

6. Date of Next Meeting

Minute 1.6

Action:

The Roundtable decided to meet on Tuesday, March 1, 2004 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Chair