



**ROUNDTABLE ON SENIORS
MINUTES
MEETING 1**

Date of Meeting: Friday, April 22, 2005
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Location: Committee Room 3
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario

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Members

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| <p>Present: Councillor Gay Cowbourne, (Chair) Deputy Mayor Michael Feldman Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby Samuel Bond Lois Dent Neville Gordon Alex Gorlick Margaret Hawthorn Zul Kassamali Geoff Quirt</p> | <p>Judith Wahl Deborah Wallace Margaret Watson Gail Yardy</p> <p>Absent: Marcelle Campbell Jack Harmer Bea Levis Susan Thorning</p> |
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Councillor Cowbourne in the Chair.

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

Confirmation of Minutes – November 23, 2004 – Confirmed.

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks by the Chair of the Roundtable

[No written material]

Minute 1.1

The Chair welcomed everyone and gave a quick overview of the work of the Roundtable to date.

The Chair encouraged everyone to participate in a 20 minute clean up in recognition of Earth Day.

At the invitation of the Chair members of the Roundtable introduced themselves.

2. Clarification of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Roundtable on Seniors

(Presentation)

Director, Social Policy, Analysis and Research, Community and Neighbourhood Services Department, to give a presentation.

Re: 2 Flowchart submitted by the Director, Social Policy, Analysis and Research, Community and Neighbourhood Services, titled "Roundtable on Seniors, How it Fits with City Council".

Minute 1.2

The Director, Social Policy, Analysis and Research, Community and Neighbourhood Services, gave a verbal presentation providing clarification of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Roundtable on Seniors and further explanation of the relationship of the Roundtable to City Council.

Action:

The Roundtable received the verbal presentation.

3. Results of the "Priorities" Work Group

Chair, Roundtable on Seniors, reporting on the results of the "Priorities" Work Group meeting held on February 10, 2005 [no written material].

3(a). List of Issues arising from the November 23, 2004 meeting of the Roundtable on Seniors which was discussed by the "Priorities" Work Group on February 10, 2005.

Minute 1.3

The Chair gave a verbal report back from the meeting of the "priorities work group" that met February 10, 2005. She indicated that there was agreement that the top priority was the umbrella issue of "Seniors Housing". This covers a broad range of issues including affordable

housing, homeless seniors, seniors at risk, aging in place, retirement homes as well as income support issues.

Action:

The Roundtable decided to establish an ongoing Reference Group on Seniors Housing Issues to further examine the issues, provide analysis and report back regularly to the Roundtable on Seniors. Councillor Feldman was appointed as Chair of the Reference Group.

The Chair asked Members of the Roundtable to submit their names to either Cheryl MacDonald, Policy Development Officer, Social Development and Administration, Community and Neighbourhood Services or to Belinda Bains, Committee Secretary, City Clerk's Office, if they were interested in becoming a member of the Reference Group. Since some members were not present at the meeting, the Chair requested that a communication be sent out to all members.

4. Seniors Recreation Strategy

(Deferred from November 23, 2004)

(Presentation)

Acting General Manager, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Parks and Recreation, to give a presentation.

Re: 4 Copy of overhead slide presentation titled "Our Common Grounds, Seniors Recreation Strategy Plan, Parks and Recreation, Recommendation No. 36 – Seniors Recreational Strategy".

Minute 1.4

The General Manager, Parks and Recreation, and the Policy and Project Advisor, Parks and Recreation, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, gave an overhead slide presentation on the Seniors Recreation Strategy. The Roundtable thanked staff for the informative presentation.

The Roundtable discussed the issue and staff responded to questions. There was also discussion about possible opportunities for the City of Toronto to recognize Seniors month in June, given that the provincial theme is "Active Living".

Action:

The Roundtable decided to establish a Task Group (time limited) to review the Seniors Recreation Strategy and requested the Task Group to report back to the Roundtable for its June 23, 2005 meeting.

The Chair asked Members of the Roundtable to submit their names to either Cheryl MacDonald, Policy Development Officer, Social Development and Administration, Community and Neighbourhood Services or to Belinda Bains, Committee Secretary, City Clerk's Office, if they were interested in participating on this Task Group. Since some members were not present at the meeting, the Chair requested that a communication be sent out to all members.

The Roundtable noted that staff would proceed with the suggestion to develop a display in the Rotunda of City Hall during Seniors Month, and that staff would involve the Roundtable's Federal and Provincial Representatives in the activity.

5. Shelter Housing and Support - "Homeless Older Adults Research Project"

(Presentation)

Policy Development Officer, Shelter Housing and Support, Community and Neighbourhood Services, to give a presentation on the "Homeless Older Adults Research Project".

Re: 5 Copy of PowerPoint Presentation, titled "Research on Older Homeless Adults", submitted by the Manager, Streets to Homes Initiative, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division.

- 5(a).** Executive Summary (November 2004) from a report prepared by the Institute for Human Development, Life Course and Aging, University of Toronto, funded by Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI) City of Toronto
- 5(b).** PowerPoint presentation titled "City of Toronto Roundtable on Seniors – Selected Demographics and Housing Patterns", prepared by the City of Toronto Social Development and Administration Division, 2005", submitted by the Planning Analyst, Social Policy Analysis and Research Unit, Social Development and Administration Division, Community and Neighbourhood Services.

Minute 1.5

The Manager, Streets to Homes Initiative, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Homeless Older Adults Research Project. The Manager, Streets to Homes Initiative and the Director, Hostel Services, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division, Community and Neighbourhood Services, responded to questions from Roundtable members. The Roundtable thanked staff and congratulated the efforts of the Division on this research.

The Planning Analyst, Social Policy Analysis and Research Unit, Social Development and Administration Division gave a PowerPoint Presentation on Selected Demographics and Housing Patterns, and responded to questions from Roundtable members. The Roundtable found the presentation to be very useful and thanked the presenter.

Action:

The Roundtable:

- (1) *received the PowerPoint presentation from the Manager, Streets to Homes Initiative, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division, and the comments made by Members of the Roundtable and referred them to the Reference Group on Seniors Housing Issues to be Chaired by Councillor Feldman; and*
- (2) *received the PowerPoint Presentation from the Planning Analyst, Social Policy Analysis and Research Unit, Social Development and Administration Division, and referred it to the Reference Group on Seniors Housing Issues to inform them in their work.*

6. Federal Government – New Horizons Program

(Presentation)

Director General, Income Security Programs Ontario Region, Social Development Canada to give an Update on the New Horizons Program.

Re: 6 Communication from Social Development Canada, providing information on the New Horizons Program for Seniors, submitted by the Director General, Income Security Programs Ontario Region.

Minute 1.6

The Director General, Income Security Programs Ontario Region, Social Development Canada gave a verbal presentation and update on the status of the federal New Horizons Program.

Action:

The Roundtable received the verbal presentation and the communication (and accompanying material) from the Director General, Income Security Programs Ontario Region, Social Development Canada, for information.

7. Provincial Government - Local Health Integration Networks

(Presentation)

Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, Lead of System Integration, to give a presentation on Local Health Integration Networks.

[No written material]

- 7(a).** Communication (April 5, 2005) from Mayor Miller, addressed to The Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long Term Care, submitted by the Director, Social Policy, Analysis and Research, Community and Neighbourhood Services.

Minute 1.7

Barbara Hall, Stakeholder Relations, Health Results Team, Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, and Louise Lutgens, Project Lead, Local Health Integration Networks, Systems Integration, Health Results Team, Ministry of Health and Long Term Care gave a verbal presentation on Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) – a major initiative of the Province’s health transformation agenda.

Action:

The Roundtable received the verbal presentation and the communication (April 5, 2005) from Mayor Miller, addressed to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care.

8. Toronto Seniors’ Forum - Composition and Representation

Community and Neighbourhood Services Department, Community Resources, reporting on the composition and representation of the Toronto Seniors’ Forum, as requested by the Roundtable on November 23, 2004.

[No written material]

8(a) Priority Issues for Toronto Seniors

Communication (April 21, 2005) from the Toronto Seniors Forum advising that the Toronto Seniors Forum will be working with appropriate City staff on the summary of concerns, suggestions and recommendations attached to his memorandum, and submit a progress report prior to the next meeting of the Roundtable.

Minute 1.8

Due to time constraints a report on the composition and representation of the Toronto Seniors’ Forum was not provided at this meeting.

The Director, Community Resources, Community and Neighbourhood Services advised the Roundtable that the Membership list and the original Terms of Reference for the Toronto Seniors’ Forum would be submitted for circulation with the Minutes.

Action:

The Roundtable received the communication (April 21, 2005) from the Toronto Seniors Forum.

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

Memorandum (April 21, 2005) from the Toronto Seniors Forum, reporting back on ways to assist seniors with the implementation of natural lawn and garden care, as requested by the Roundtable on November 23, 2004. and recommending that lawn care be incorporated into the harmonized community based outdoor maintenance/support programs for seniors and people with disabilities supported by the City of Toronto.

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

(The Clause has previously been distributed to Members of the Roundtable on Seniors and a copy is on file in the City Clerk's Office. The Clause is also available on the City of Toronto's Website (www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2005/agendas/rse.htm)

Action:

The Roundtable adopted the following suggestion from the Toronto Seniors Forum and requested the Chair to forward it to the Community Services Committee for consideration at its meeting on April 27, 2005:

"That lawn care be incorporated into the harmonized community-based outdoor maintenance/support programs for seniors and people with disabilities supported by the City of Toronto."

10. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday, June 23, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.

The Roundtable noted the date of its next meeting.

11. Other Business

Zul Kassamali, provided information on an 'Elder Abuse Awareness Walk' Sponsored by Toronto Residents in Partnership to be held on June 1, 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Chair