



**ROUNDTABLE ON SENIORS
MINUTES
MEETING 2**

Date of Meeting: Thursday, June 23, 2005
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Committee Room 3
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario

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Members

<p>Present: Mayor David Miller, ex-officio member Councillor Gay Cowbourne, (Chair) Deputy Mayor Michael Feldman Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby Samuel Bond Marcelle Campbell Neville Gordon Alex Gorlick Jack Harmer Margaret Hawthorn Bea Levis</p>	<p>Geoff Quirt Susan Thorning Judith Wahl Deborah Wallace Margaret Watson Gail Yardy</p> <p>Absent: Lois Dent Zul Kassamali</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 – April 22, 2005 – Confirmed.

1. Welcoming Remarks by Mayor Miller

Minute 2.1

Councillor Cowbourne welcomed Mayor Miller to the meeting and advised that the Roundtable on Seniors was moving in a positive direction with lively discussions. She stated that this was a particularly exciting time for the Roundtable because June is Seniors Month.

Mayor Miller offered greetings and stated that the City of Toronto was looking forward to the valuable contribution that the Roundtable on Seniors will make on broader issues that affect all seniors. Mayor Miller advised that he had proclaimed 'June' as Seniors Month and read out the Proclamation at City Council. Mayor Miller invited all Roundtable members to the Seniors event to be held in the Rotunda of City Hall on June 27, 2005. He stated it was the first time that the Federal and Provincial Governments have joined the City in such an event and stressed the importance of all orders of government working towards a common goal.

2. Toronto Seniors Forum

[Deferred from April 22, 2005]

Chris Brillinger, Director, Social Development and Administration, to give a verbal update.

Minute 2.2

Samuel Bond gave a verbal update on the composition, role and reporting relationship of the Toronto Seniors Forum. The Toronto Seniors Forum is composed of thirty people with broad representation – both geographically across the City of Toronto and from a diversity perspective. The Seniors Forum reports through the Chair of the Roundtable on Seniors. The Roundtable noted that the Terms of Reference of the Seniors Forum had been circulated with the minutes of the April 22, 2005 meeting.

Neville Gordon gave a verbal update on activities of the Toronto Seniors Forum, in particular the broad consultations that are occurring with seniors.

Action:

The Roundtable on Seniors received the verbal updates.

3. Retirement Homes

(Presentation)

Julie Mathien, Policy Development Officer, Social Development and Administration and Gerry Lawrence, Manager, Public Health, Healthy Environments, to give a presentation.

- 3(a).** Clause 8 of Policy and Finance Committee Report 2, titled “Standards of Care in Retirement and Lodging Homes”, which was amended and adopted by City Council on February 1, 2 and 3, 2000. [For information]

Minute 2.3

Julie Mathien, Policy Development Officer, Social Development and Administration and Gerry Lawrence, Manager, Public Health, Healthy Environments, gave a verbal presentation which provided a historical perspective of the issues surrounding Retirement Homes, the position of the City of Toronto regarding the need for provincial regulations, and the challenges faced by the City in dealing with these issues.

Action:

The Roundtable on Seniors requested the Chair to forward the following suggestion to the Community Services Committee for consideration at its meeting on June 29, 2005:

“That the City of Toronto arrange a meeting with the appropriate Provincial Ministers to discuss the implementation of Provincial regulations around retirement homes.”

The Roundtable on Seniors further requested that an update on the outcome of the meeting be provided to its September 27, 2005 meeting.

4. Reference Group on Seniors Housing

Deputy Mayor Feldman to give a verbal update

Minute 2.4

Deputy Mayor Feldman, Chair of the Reference Group on Seniors Housing, gave a verbal report and submitted a communication (June 23, 2005) attaching the approved Terms of Reference for the Reference Group on Seniors Housing and a draft Vision Statement and Goals.

Action:

The Roundtable on Seniors received the verbal update and communication (June 23, 2005) from Deputy Mayor Feldman.

5. Seniors Recreation Strategy Task Group

Councillor Lindsay Luby to give a verbal update

Minute 2.5

Councillor Lindsay Luby, Chair, Task Group on Seniors Recreation Strategy, gave a verbal update and submitted a communication (June 23, 2005) as well as a revised draft Strategy and

advised that a final draft would be circulated to all members of the Roundtable on Seniors for discussion and endorsement at the September 27, 2005 meeting of the Roundtable on Seniors.

Action:

The Roundtable on Seniors received the verbal update and communication (June 23, 2005) from Councillor Lindsay Luby.

6. Eighth Meeting of Federal-Provincial-Territorial Ministers Responsible for Seniors, - Québec – May 25-26, 2005

Geoff Quirt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ontario Seniors' Secretariat, to give a verbal update on the meeting.

6(a). Federal Government News Release. [For information]

Minute 2.6

Geoff Quirt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ontario Seniors' Secretariat, gave a verbal update on the meeting and submitted a report prepared by the Committee of Officials for Federal/Provincial/Territorial Ministers Responsible for Seniors, titled "Planning for Canada's Aging Population – A Framework."

The Roundtable noted that Deborah Wallace, Director General, Income Security Programs Ontario Region, Social Development Canada, would report to the September 27, 2005 meeting of the Roundtable on Seniors on the Federal Government's Service Canada initiative and Seniors' Secretariat.

Action:

The Roundtable on Seniors:

(1) *requested the Chair to forward the following suggestion to the Community Services Committee for consideration at its meeting on June 29, 2005:*

"That the Chair of the Roundtable on Seniors, be authorized to attend the Ninth meeting of Federal-Provincial-Territorial Ministers Responsible for Seniors; and

(2) *received the verbal update from Geoff Quirt, Deputy Minister, Ontario Seniors' Secretariat.*

7. Seniors Event to be held on June 27, 2005 in the Rotunda of Toronto City Hall

Cheryl MacDonald, Policy Development Officer, Social Development and Administration to give a verbal update.

7(a). Flyer from the Mayor's Roundtable on Seniors

Minute 2.7

The Chair asked Members to participate in the June 27, 2005 event and attend the Reception in the Members Lounge on June 27, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. to kick off the senior's event.

Cheryl MacDonald, Policy Development Officer, Social Development and Administration, gave a verbal update.

The Roundtable was advised that the Reception would be attended by Mayor Miller and The Honourable John Gerretsen, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Minister Responsible for Seniors.

Action:

The Roundtable on Seniors received the verbal update from Cheryl MacDonald, Policy Development Officer, Social Development and Administration, and the flyer, for information.

8. Other Business

Minute 2.8

The Chair invited Members to attend the Pride Parade to be held on Sunday, June 26, 2005.

9. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 27, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. in Committee Room 4, 2nd Floor, Toronto City Hall

Minute 2.9

The Roundtable noted the date of its next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Chair