



To be confirmed on November 24, 2005

**ROUNDTABLE ON SENIORS
MINUTES
MEETING 3**

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, September 27, 2005 **Enquiry:** Belinda Bains
Time: 1:00 p.m. **Committee Secretary**
Location: Committee Room 4 **416-392-7039**
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Toronto, Ontario

Attendant Care Services can be made available with some advance notice.

Members

Councillor Gay Cowbourne, (Chair) Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby Marcelle Campbell Lois Dent Neville Gordon Alex Gorlick Jack Harmer Margaret Hawthorn Bea Levis Geoff Quirt Susan Thorning	Judith Wahl Deborah Wallace Gail Yardy Absent: Deputy Mayor Michael Feldman Samuel Bond Zul Kassamali Margaret Watson
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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 – June 23, 2005 – Confirmed.

1. Updates from the June 23, 2005 Meeting of the Roundtable on Seniors

1(a). Verbal Update on the Seniors Month Event in the Rotunda

1(b). Communication from Mayor Miller on Retirement Homes (to follow)

Minute 3.1

The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the meeting. At the invitation of the Chair the people in the room introduced themselves.

The Chair gave a verbal update on the event held in the Rotunda on June 27, 2005 to celebrate Seniors Month. The event was very well attended by seniors who came to City Hall to learn about a range of services for seniors provided by community groups as well as the three orders of government. There was a launch of the event that included Mayor David Miller, the Hon. John Gerretsen (then) Minister Responsible for Seniors (Province) and the Hon. Tony Ianno, Minister of State for Families and Caregivers (Federal).

The Chair advised the Roundtable on Seniors that the communication from Mayor Miller to provincial Ministers on retirement homes would be circulated shortly and any updates would be brought forward to the Roundtable on Seniors at future meetings.

Action:

The Roundtable on Seniors received the verbal update from the Chair.

2. Update from the Toronto Seniors Forum

Marcelle Campbell, Co-Moderator, Toronto Seniors Forum, to give a verbal update on the Toronto Seniors Forum.

Minute 3.2

Marcelle Campbell, Co-Moderator, Toronto Seniors Forum, gave a verbal update on the Toronto Seniors Forum and circulated flyers on the following initiatives:

- (a) A Toronto Seniors Forum Workshop “Being Informed” to be held on September 29 to 30, 2005; and*
- (b) A Toronto Seniors’ Forum 2005 Community Meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2005, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West.*

The Roundtable on Seniors thanked Marcelle Campbell, Co-Moderator, Toronto Seniors Forum for the verbal report.

Action:

The Roundtable on Seniors:

- (a) *received the verbal report from Marcelle Campbell, Co-Moderator, Toronto Seniors Forum (a written copy of which is to be submitted to the Committee Secretary for circulation to Members);*
- (b) *requested that the Toronto Seniors Forum and the Roundtable on Seniors provide each other with copies of the Minutes from their respective meetings; and*
- (c) *advised Members of the Roundtable on Senior that the agenda deadline is generally two weeks before the meeting date. Members were advised that they could submit agenda items at any time prior to the two week deadline and the item would be considered for the agenda.*

3. Federal Initiatives Update: Service Canada, Senior's Secretariat

Deborah Wallace, Director General, Service Canada (verbal update).

Minute 3.3

Deborah Wallace, Director General, Service Canada, gave a verbal update on two new federal initiatives:

- (a) *the Senior's Secretariat; and*
- (b) *Service Canada (copies of booklet circulated).*

Action:

The Roundtable on Seniors received the verbal update and booklet from Deborah Wallace, Director General, Service Canada.

4. Task Group on Seniors Recreation Strategy – Update

- 4(a).** Communication (September 21, 2005) from Councillor Lindsay Luby, Chair, Task Group on the Seniors Recreation Strategy submitting the Seniors Recreation Strategy.
- 4(b).** Copy of Presentation by Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation on the Seniors Recreation Strategy

Minute 3.4

Jerry Belan, Program Standards and Development Officer, Strategic Issues, accompanied by Zephine Wailoo, Recreationist (East District) and Kelvin Seow, Acting Director, North District,

Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the final version of the Seniors' Recreation Strategy.

Pat Thomas, Manager – Healthy Lifestyles, Toronto Public Health was present during consideration of this matter and advised the Roundtable that the Community Consultants Committee for the Falls Intervention Pilot Project 2 requires a volunteer from the Roundtable on Seniors and/or the Toronto Seniors Forum. Interested members were asked to contact Janice Leet (on behalf of Pat Thomas), Toronto Public Health, Telephone 416-397-4792.

Action:

The Roundtable on Seniors indicated its support for the Seniors' Recreation Strategy attached to the communication (September 21, 2005) from Councillor Lindsay Luby, Chair, Task Group on the Seniors Recreation Strategy, and requested the Chair of the Roundtable on Seniors to forward the following suggestions to the Economic Development and Parks Committee for consideration:

“That the Economic Development and Parks Committee and City Council be requested to:

- (1) adopt the Seniors' Recreation Strategy attached to the communication (September 21, 2005) from Councillor Lindsay Luby, Chair, Task Group on the Seniors Recreation Strategy;*
- (2) send the Seniors' Recreation Strategy to the Federal and Provincial Governments for consideration, including financial and joint partnerships considerations; and*
- (3) request the Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, as part of the implementation of the Seniors' Recreation Strategy, to appoint a staff person with responsibility specifically for Seniors' Programs.”*

5. Reference Group on Seniors Housing - Update

Communication (September 27, 2005) from Deputy Mayor Mike Feldman, Chair, Reference Group on Seniors Housing

Minute 3.5

Alan Meisner, Planning Analyst, Social Development and Administration, gave a verbal update on the work of the Reference Group on Seniors Housing.

Action:

The Roundtable received the verbal report and the communication (September 27, 2005) from Deputy Mayor Feldman, Chair, Reference Group on Seniors Housing.

6. Toronto Rent Bank

(Presentation – 2:00 p.m.)

Gladys Wong, Neighbourhood Information Post to give a presentation on the Toronto Rent Bank. (copy of presentation on file).

Minute 3.6

Action:

Owing to time constraints, this item was not dealt with at this meeting and will be considered by the Roundtable on Seniors at its next meeting on November 24, 2005. Copy of presentation to be circulated prior to the next meeting.

7. Seniors Abuse

Lisa Manuel, Family Service Association and Monita Persaud, Ontario Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (ONPEA) submitting copies of PowerPoint presentations on Seniors Abuse.

Re: 7 Pamphlet on Seniors Abuse submitted by Monita Persaud

- 7(a).** Communication (October 29, 2004) from Councillor McConnell, Chair, Toronto Police Services Board responding to City Council's request for a report on the incidence of reported seniors abuse cases and seniors abuse investigations over the past two years and the current cases year-to-date.
- 7(b).** Briefing Note from Policy Development Officer, Social Development and Administration Division, responding to City Council's request for appropriate City staff to report on the current ability of the senior services agencies of the City of Toronto to meet the emergency needs of a senior victim of abuse.

Minute 3.7

The Roundtable on Seniors considered PowerPoint Presentations from:

- (a) Monita Persaud, Provincial and GTA Multicultural Coordinator, The Ontario Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse; and*
- (b) Lisa Manuel, Manager of Seniors and Caregivers Support Services, Family Service Association of Toronto.*

The Roundtable on Seniors thanked the presenters for their informative presentations and noted that the Elder Abuse Co-ordinator, Toronto Police Services, would attend the next meeting of the Roundtable on Seniors.

Action:

The Roundtable on Seniors deferred further consideration of this item to its meeting to be held on Thursday, November 24, 2005.

The Chair invited Members of the Roundtable to advise Cheryl MacDonald, Policy Development Officer, Social Development and Administration Division (416-397-4494) if there are suggestions for other presentations to the Roundtable on Seniors on the issue of Seniors Abuse. Judith Wahl indicated her organization would be interested. Members were asked to provide written material for their presentations.

8. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday, November 24, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto City Hall.

Minute 3.8

Action:

The Roundtable on Seniors noted that the date of its next meeting is Thursday, November 24, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto City Hall.

9. Other Business

Wheel Trans

Minute 3.9

With the consent of the Members, the Roundtable on Seniors, considered a verbal report from the Assistant Superintendent – Operations, Toronto Transit Commission regarding a New Community Bus in Etobicoke. The bus is one of five and provides a bridging gap between Wheel-Trans and the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC). The Assistant Superintendent – Operations, Toronto Transit Commission agreed to provide the information in writing for circulation with the Minutes.

Action:

The Roundtable on Seniors received the verbal report from the Assistant Superintendent – Operations, Toronto Transit Commission.

The meeting recessed at 2:49 p.m., reconvened at 2:55 p.m. and adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Chair