



To be confirmed

**ROUNDTABLE ON SENIORS
MINUTES
MEETING 4**

Date of Meeting: Thursday, November 24, 2005 **Enquiry:** Belinda Bains
Time: 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Committee Secretary**
Location: Committee Room 2 **416-392-7039**
City Hall **bbains@toronto.ca**
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario

Members

<p>Present: Councillor Gay Cowbourne, (Chair) Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby Samuel Bond Marcelle Campbell Lois Dent Neville Gordon Alex Gorlick Jack Harmer Margaret Hawthorn Bea Levis</p>	<p>Margaret Watson Gail Yardy</p> <p>Absent: Deputy Mayor Michael Feldman Zul Kassamali Geoff Quirt Susan Thorning Judith Wahl Deborah Wallace</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 – September 27, 2005 – Confirmed.

Communications/Reports

1. Toronto Rent Bank

(Presentation)

(Deferred from September 27, 2005 meeting)

Gladys Wong, Neighbourhood Information Post to give a presentation on the Toronto Rent Bank: Support for Low Income Seniors with Rental Arrears.

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Rochelle Williams, and Rebecca Atenkah, Neighbourhood Information Post, gave a power point presentation on the "Toronto Rent Bank: Support for Low Income Seniors with Rental Arrears".

The presenters answered questions from members of the Roundtable and agreed to provide a pamphlet on the Rent Bank Program.

Action:

The Roundtable on Seniors, in an effort to increase awareness of the Toronto Rent Bank Program, requested Cheryl MacDonald, Policy Development Officer, Social Development and Administration Division, to advise the Neighbourhood Information Post of the following suggested sources through which they could send out information on the Toronto Rent Bank, including an easy to read flyer/pamphlet:

- *food banks*
- *grocery stores*
- *seniors organizations especially ethno cultural*
- *Alliance of Seniors*
- *provide rent bank materials to Service Canada for its outreach strategy for seniors who are eligible for Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) but are not applying for it*
- *landlord organizations*
- *cable television (to accommodate seniors who cannot read)*
- *drug stores*
- *ethnic communities*
- *seniors centres/community centres/recreation centres*
- *libraries*
- *places of worship*
- *web site with linkages to agencies providing assistance to seniors*
- *seniors information be placed in newsletters, and posters*
- *community health centres*
- *e-mails which provide contact information*
- *Community Care Access Centres (CCAC).*

2. Reference Group on Seniors Housing

Communication (November 24, 2005) from Deputy Mayor Michael Feldman, Chair, Reference Group on Seniors Housing providing an update from the November 23, 2005 meeting of the Reference Group on Seniors Housing.

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

Action:

The Roundtable received the verbal report from Alan Meisner, Planning Analyst, Social Development and Administration, and the communication (November 24, 2005) from the Chair, Reference Group on Seniors Housing for information.

3. Seniors Abuse

(Presentation)

(Deferred from September 27, 2005 meeting)

Elder Abuse Coordinator, Community Mobilization Unit, Toronto Police Service, to give a presentation on Seniors Abuse.

(Discussion of the Presentation by Roundtable Members)

- 3(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.
- 3(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.
- 3(c).** Copy of PowerPoint Presentation given by Lisa Manuel, Family Services Association of Toronto at the September 27, 2005 meeting.
- 3(d).** Copy of PowerPoint Presentation and pamphlet given by Monita Persaud, Ontario Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (ONPEA) at the September 27, 2005 meeting.

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The Elder Abuse Co-ordinator, Community Mobilization Unit, Toronto Police Service, gave a presentation, titled "Abuse & Neglect of Older or Vulnerable Persons", and submitted a pamphlet on Elder Abuse. A copy of the presentation was circulated to the Roundtable and pamphlets were made available.

The presenter answered questions from Members of the Roundtable.

Action:

The Roundtable:

- (1) *thanked the Elder Abuse Co-ordinator, Community Mobilization Unit, Toronto Police Service, for her excellent presentation; and*
- (2) *deferred further consideration of this matter to its February 27, 2006 meeting at which time Judith Wahl, Advocacy Centre for the Elderly, will give a presentation on Seniors Abuse.*

4. Date of Next Meeting

Monday, February 27, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto City Hall.

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Action:

*The Roundtable noted the date of its next meeting. is **Monday, February 27, 2006 at 1:00 p.m., in Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto City Hall.*

**** Note:** *The date has now been changed to Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 1:30 p.m., in Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto City Hall.*

5. Other Business

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5(a). Retirement Homes

The Chair advised the Roundtable that a communication from Mayor David Miller, addressed to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, regarding Retirement Homes had been circulated to all Members. Updates would be provided to the Roundtable at future meetings.

5(b). Accessible Taxicabs within the City of Toronto

Communication (November 1, 2005) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on October 26, 27, 28 and 31, 2005, considered Planning and Transportation Committee

Report 9, Clause 4, titled “Accessible Taxicabs within the City of Toronto” and has forwarded a copy to the Mayor’s Roundtable on Seniors for information.

The Roundtable noted that members from both the Roundtable and the Toronto Seniors Forum had participated in a focus group on this issue, hosted by Municipal Licensing and Standards, which was held during the summer.

Action:

The Roundtable received Planning and Transportation Committee Report 9, Clause 4, titled “Accessible Taxicabs within the City of Toronto”.

5(c). Chair’s Closing Remarks

The Chair thanked participants for attending the meeting and wished everyone a very happy holiday season. The Chair extended an invitation to everyone to join her in the Council Chamber for the City Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Chair