



Confirmed at the September 7, 2006 meeting

**ROUNDTABLE ON SENIORS
MINUTES
MEETING 2**

Date of Meeting: Monday, June 19, 2006
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Committee Room 3
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario

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Members

<p>Present: Councillor Gay Cowbourne, (Chair) Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby Marcelle Campbell Neville Gordon Alex Gorlick Jack Harmer Zul Kassamali Bea Levis Geoff Quirt Margaret Watson Gail Yardy</p>	<p>Bill Woods on behalf of Deborah Wallace</p> <p>Regrets: Deputy Mayor Michael Feldman Samuel Bond Margaret Hawthorn</p> <p>Absent: Lois Dent Susan Thorning Judith Wahl</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 – February 21, 2006 – Confirmed.

Communications/Reports

1. Dogs in the Parks Strategy Report (All Wards)

(1:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

Communication (May 5, 2006) from the Economic Development and Parks Committee, addressed to the Community Councils, advising that the Economic Development and Parks Committee on May 4, 2006, referred the report (April 19, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to the Community Councils for consideration and public consultation and, amongst other things, requested that prior to the Community Councils holding meetings, there be further consultation with the Roundtable on Seniors for their input on this issue.

Minute No. 2.1

Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby provided information respecting leash free zones in City of Toronto parks and advised that this matter will not be considered again by the Economic Development and Parks Committee until after the upcoming municipal election.

Carol Cormier, Manager, Parks Standards and Innovation, Parks Forestry and Recreation, also provided background information respecting this matter. Ms. Cormier indicated that the Economic Development and Parks Committee requested that further consultation be held with the public on this matter.

Action:

The Roundtable on Seniors referred the communication (May 6, 2006) from the Economic Development and Parks Committee, addressed to the Community Councils, concerning Dogs in the Parks Strategy Report (All Wards) to the Toronto Seniors Forum for consideration with a request that they submit their comments to the Roundtable on Seniors.

2. Toronto Community Housing Seniors Strategy

(2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.)

(Presentation)

Business Planner, Corporate Planning and Performance, Toronto Community Housing Corporation, to give a presentation.

Minute No. 2.2

Ms. Judy Goldie, Business Planner, Corporate Planning and Performance, Toronto Community Housing Corporation, gave a presentation respecting the Toronto Community Housing Seniors Strategy and filed a copy of her presentation. Ms. Goldie also submitted a map outlining Senior Designated Housing in the City of Toronto.

Members of the Roundtable on Seniors who are interested in participating in the Seniors Strategy should contact Judy Goldie at judy.goldie@torontohousing.ca.

Mr. Ray Tsakadu, Manager, Community Health, Toronto Community Housing Corporation, also addressed the Roundtable on Seniors.

Action:

The Roundtable on Seniors requests Councillor Cowbourne, Chair, Roundtable on Seniors, to forward correspondence to the Community Services Committee stating:

- (1) that the Roundtable on Seniors supports the initiative of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation on a Seniors Strategy; and*
- (2) that the Community Services Committee and City Council request the Toronto Community Housing Corporation to consider, as part of this work, a focus on increasing the number of “seniors only” buildings as a way to support the specific needs of its seniors’ residents.*

3. Pandemic Flu Planning
(2:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.)

(Presentation)

Manager, Urban Health Issues, Toronto Public Health, to give a presentation.

Minute No. 2.3

Dr. Lisa Berger, Associate Medical Officer of Health, was unable to attend this meeting.

Action

The Roundtable on Seniors postponed consideration of this presentation to its next meeting to be held on September 7, 2006.

4. Toronto Senior’s Forum

Minute No. 2.4

Mr. Neville Gordon, Chair, Community Consultations Work Group, Toronto Seniors Forum, and Ms. Valerie Elliott Hyman, Seniors Education Programs, Ryerson University, gave a presentation respecting the work of the Toronto Senior’s Forum. Ms. Elliott Hyman spoke about “self advocacy” and outlined the ten steps in developing an action plan.

Mr. Gordon and Ms. Elliott Hyman filed written copies of their presentation.

Ms. Marcelle Campbell and Mr. Neil Mudde took part in a “role play” exercise demonstrating a scenario of “self advocacy” when a senior visits an affordable housing office to secure an apartment.

Ms. Madeleine McDowell addressed the Roundtable on Seniors.

Action:

The Roundtable on Seniors received the presentation.

At this point the proceedings the Roundtable on Seniors lost quorum.

The remaining items on the agenda were discussed informally and a report will be submitted to the next meeting of the Roundtable on Seniors to be held on September 7, 2006.

- 5. Reference Group on Seniors Housing – Update**
(3:15 p.m. to 3:35 p.m.)

- 6. Seniors Month Event – Update**
(3:35 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.)

- 7. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday, September 7, 2006, at 1:30 p.m., in Committee Room 2, Toronto City Hall.**

- 8. Other Business**

Chair