

## **AGE FRIENDLY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Virtual Meeting**  
**March 11, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Leslie Daniels, Jean D'Amelio Swyer, Joey Hewitt, Dan Pelletier (until 1:27- 2:09), Marilyn Fraser, Jean Sic, Elaine D'Amico (until 2:09), Councillor Neale, Rhianon Burkholder, Donna Delvecchio and Margaret Corbett

**ABSENT:** Meredith Peachey, Sebastian Soccio-Marandola, Bev Smith

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

### **2. ADOPT THE AGENDA OF MARCH 11, 2021**

**MOVED BY:** Marilyn Fraser

That the agenda for March 11, 2021 meeting be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

### **3. ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2021 MEETING**

**MOVED BY:** Dan Pelletier

That the minutes of February 11, 2021 meeting be hereby adopted.

**CARRIED**

### **4. DECLARE CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

### **5. 2022 THOROLD AGE\_FRIENDLY WALL CALENDAR**

Chair D'Amelio-Swyer presented an update on the Age Friendly calendar project. Elaine D'Amico suggested that the wording on the Wall Calendar Sponsor Form be changed from "Sponsorship fee for a month is \$400" to "Sponsorship fee is \$400" for clarity and simplicity.

**MOVED BY:** Marilyn Fraser

That 2,500 calendars be printed as previously approved, but 1,500 would be for 2022 and 1,000 would be for 2023, the latter be distributed as giveaways during the 2022 Canada Summer Games. Both calendars will have the same photo layout for each month.

**CARRIED**

The Committee engaged in a discussion regarding where logos of sponsors will be placed to ensure their contributions are recognized. Sponsor logo placement suggestions included: the back or front cover as well as sponsorship information on the month sponsored. Placement will be discussed further at a future meeting.

**6. Housing Sub-Committee**

Defer to next meeting due to topic being address at March 23, 2021- Regular Council Meeting. Information will be addressed and provided at the next Committee Meeting.

**7. Rack Cards – mailing updates**

Donna Delvecchio advised that the Rack Cards will be distributed via Canada Post Marketing and the request must be submitted on-line. The new subdivision off Decew will either be sent out in water bills or by other means because it seems too difficult to isolate this area through Canada Post.

MOVED BY: Marilyn Fraser

The cards will be distributed to Rolling Meadows, Merritt Meadows and Port Robinson Estate via Canada Post using the 2020 budget.

**CARRIED**

**8. Chat Benches**

Chair D'Amelio-Swyer stated that a draft Memorial Bench and Tree Planting policy was presented to the Recreation Committee and a final version will be presented for Council's approval.

MOVED BY: Rihonan Burkholder

That Chair D'Amelio-Swyer, Councillor Neale and Joey Hewitt arrange a meeting with Curtis Dray to discuss the incorporation of a number of benches within the Battle of Beaverdams redesign.

## **9. SENIOR OF THE YEAR**

Chair D'Amelio-Swyer announced that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Committee will award a Senior of the Year for 2020 and 2021 at an event to be held in June 2021.

## **10. GRANTS**

Donna Delvecchio informed the Committee there is no news on the Thorold Age-Friendly grant submission. However, the Seniors Association was awarded \$3,300 for the Senior Centre for the purchase of Plexiglas dividers for physical distancing, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting whips. In addition, the City of Thorold provided 4,000 masks to the Centre.

## **11. ROUNDTABLE**

1. Elaine D'Amico announced a \$16,000 grant for the Seniors Peddle to the Medal project, and the purchase of 20 (twenty) QB machines and 40 (forty) chairs. Discussions ongoing with City staff regarding the opening of the Seniors Centre.
2. Joey Hewitt commented on the developments of a new Town of Lincoln Age Friendly Event Guide to be created with additional input from JAAC committee members and the director, which will serve as a model for other municipalities.
3. Leslie Daniels stated that the Horticultural Society will be hosting a presentation to welcome Spring and will be partnering with the St. Catharines Horticultural Society for this event.
4. Rhianon Burkholder encouraged people who are hesitant to receive the COVID-19 vaccine to reach out to medical professionals and public health for information regarding the vaccine.
5. Donna Delvecchio announced that this was her last Age Friendly Committee meeting with the City of Thorold. She will still be a part of the JAAC as an administrator. Margaret Corbett will be the staff liaison for the Committee in the interim, while the municipality looks for a City Clerk.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

MOVE BY: Rhianon Burkholder

Due to personal circumstances, that Meredith “Mimi” Peachey be granted a 6 (six) month leave of absence.

**CARRIED**

Next Meeting: April 8, 2021 at 1:00pm

That his meeting be hereby adjourned at 2:12pm

MOVED BY: Rhianon Burkholder

**CARRIED**

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Jean D’Amelio-Swyer, Chair

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Margaret Corbett, Staff Liaison