



THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL

AGING POPULATION TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITY STEERING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

The Aging Population Term of Council Priority Steering Committee met on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 1:07 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton.

Members Present: P. Foley; E. Kolb; K. Mahoney\*; G. Miles; E. Moore; A. Thompson (alternate for R. Paterak)

Absent: R. Paterak, due to other municipal business; R. Starr, due to personal business; J. Tovey, due to other municipal business; M. Morrison, due to personal business

Also Present: D. Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer; J. Menard, Commissioner of Human Services; J. Smith, Commissioner of Health Services; N. Trim, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer; D. Langtry, Director, Strategic Policy, Planning and Initiatives; K. Lockyer, Director of Clerk's and Regional Clerk; C. Law, Committee Clerk; H. Gill, Legislative Assistant

*C. Law, Committee Clerk presided.*

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

RECOMMENDATION APSC-1-2013:

That Councillor Foley be appointed Chair of the Aging Population Term of Council Priority Steering Committee for the term ending November 30, 2014, or until a successor is appointed.

RECOMMENDATION APSC-2-2013:

And further, that Councillor Moore be appointed Vice-Chair of the Aging Population Term of Council Priority Steering Committee for the term ending November 30, 2014, or until a successor is appointed.

*Councillor Foley assumed the Chair.*

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\* See text for arrivals

◆ See text for departures

2. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - Nil**

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RECOMMENDATION APSC-3-2013:

That the agenda for the June 20, 2013, Aging Population Term of Council Priority Steering Committee meeting include an additional recommendation to be dealt with under Other Business as Item 7a;

And further, that the agenda be approved, as amended.

4. **DELEGATIONS– Nil**

5. **REPORTS**

a) **Mandate and Schedule for the Aging Population Term of Council Priority Steering Committee**

Presentation by Janette Smith, Commissioner of Health Services

Received

RECOMMENDATION APSC-4-2013:

That staff poll all Committee members to find the best possible alternative meeting dates based on attendance for the proposed July and August 2013 meetings;

And further, that the rest of the schedule as outlined in Appendix II of the report of the Commissioner of Health Services, the Commissioner of Human Services and the Medical Officer of Health, dated May 28, 2013, titled "Mandate and Schedule for the Aging Population Term of Council Priority Steering Committee.", be approved in principle.

*Councillor Mahoney arrived at 1:20 p.m.*

A copy of the presentation is available from the Office of the Regional Clerk.

Janette Smith, Commissioner of Health Services, provided a broad overview of the work completed by staff to date under the Aging Population Term of Council Priority and outlined the scope and direction for the Aging Population Term of Council Priority Steering Committee. The presentation included a description of the current and projected seniors' population in Peel, an overview of the services for seniors delivered by all three levels of government, a detailed inventory of the current programs and services delivered to seniors by the Region of Peel and a summary of related Term of Council Priorities. She stated that the goals of this Committee would be to assess and determine the appropriate role(s) for the Region of Peel to support the aging population in Peel, and make recommendations to Regional Council.

In response to a question from the Regional Chair Kolb about the large growth in immigration in the Region of Peel and the impacts of changes to immigration policy on Regional services, Janette Smith stated that the next meeting will include a more detailed analysis of the population projections and demographic characteristics of the aging population in the Region of Peel, including immigration levels and growth.

In response to suggested topics of discussion for future meetings by Councillor Thompson, Janette Smith agreed to bring back further information on a number of topics related to the aging population, including: the prevalence of Alzheimer's Disease and its effect on families, the increased need for accessible transportation and walkable communities and the increased desire for seniors-friendly activities and sports. Councillor Thompson also highlighted the need for broad education about the aging population and seniors' needs in the Region of Peel.

Councillor Miles noted that the City of Brampton is currently engaged in its strategic planning process and that City of Brampton staff have already completed consultations with many seniors who participated. Janette Smith noted that Regional staff would follow up with staff from the City of Brampton to share information. Councillor Miles also raised concern with the complexity of the system of services for seniors and identified that seniors are increasingly looking for supports in their homes, which will impact the types of services that they will be looking for from municipalities.

Councillor Moore noted that the shift in preferences among the aging population means that an increasing number of seniors in the Region of Peel does not necessarily translate into an increase in the number of long-term care beds required. Janette Smith agreed and noted that the needs and desires of the seniors population in the Region of Peel, including cultural preferences, and provincial policy directions should guide decision making in this regard.

Councillor Mahoney highlighted that variable income levels in the Region of Peel will impact the services required by seniors. Janette Smith noted that staff will be reporting back on income levels among the current seniors population at the next meeting of the Steering Committee.

David Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer, noted that a couple of Councillors have expressed concerns about being able to attend the proposed July and August meetings. He noted that staff will poll the membership of the Committee to try and find the best possible dates in order to ensure quorum.

Councillor Foley suggested that the organization CARP (formerly the Canadian Association of Retired Persons) be invited to speak at a future meeting.

## **6. COMMUNICATIONS - Nil**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

a) **Regional Council Support of Advocacy Efforts in Palliative Sector**

RECOMMENDATION APSC-5-2013:

Whereas the seniors population in Peel, and throughout Ontario, continues to grow;

And whereas, the hospice palliative care sector fulfills a vital role in the Ontario health care system by ensuring that all Ontarians have access to the services they need to die in dignity and are provided supports and respect at the end of life that is consistent with other natural phases of life;

And whereas, sector organizations like Quality Hospice Palliative Care Coalition of Ontario (QHPCCO) and Hospice Palliative Care Ontario (HPCO) have been advocating and working with the Government of Ontario to inform policy and promote awareness, education, knowledge transfer and best practices in the pursuit of quality hospice palliative care in Ontario;

Therefore be it resolved, that Regional Council supports the advocacy efforts of the QHPCCO and HPCO to work with the Government of Ontario and the Local Health Integrated Networks to provide Ontario's hospice palliative care sector with the significantly increased funding required to enhance, build and sustain an integrated system of quality, safe, coordinated and comprehensive hospice palliative care services.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Aging Population Term of Council Priority Steering Committee is to be determined, Council Chamber, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Regional Administrative Headquarters, Suite A, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Brampton, Ontario.

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**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.