
AGE-FRIENDLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date & Time: March 17, 2025 | 10:00 am

Location: Council Chambers and Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT Harold Fleet | Laura-Lee Ribey | Cassondra Dillman | Karen Otterbein | Pamela Matheson

OTHERS PRESENT Brandon Dobson | Lyndsay Regier

REGRETS Sandra Hong | Loretta Dunn | Kaela Sales | Pat Butler

1. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – Nil.

2. DELEGATION – Nil.

3. ADOPTION OF January 20, 2025 MINUTES - Deferred

4. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Included in the Age-Friendly package emailed on March 12, 2025 and copies were available to committee members.

4.1. Grey Highlands Age Friendly Senior Health Fair - Will be on June 12th in Flesherton. Will share more information with the committee members as it is received.

5. AGE-FRIENDLY ARTICLES IN POST – The committee brainstormed topics for future articles.

It was noted that the article that was provided by C. Dillman has not been posted in the newspaper. **ACTION:** B. Dobson to follow-up with the newspaper representative to find out when the article from C. Dillman will be in the newspaper.

6. SENIOR STAR – Has gone out in the mail to residents of Hanover.

7. SENIOR GAMES

7.1. Local Games – Registration for local senior games is now available. Register online, by phone or by email. Forms are available online and at the P & H Centre. Games start in mid April.

7.2. District 27 Games – You do not need to participate in the local games to register and compete at the District 27 games. Registration forms will be available soon at the P & H Centre. Will not be able to register online. Must register and pay at the front desk of the P & H Centre with cash or cheque.

7.3. Provincial Games – Participants need to place and take in part in the District level to participate in the Provincial Games.

8. GRANTS UPDATE – Staff reported with the Federal and Provincial government not in parliament nor in cabinet, all grant approvals are on hold.

8.1. SALC – Approval on hold.

8.2. New Horizon's – Approval on hold.

8.3. Senior Community Grant – Approval on hold.

9. VOLUNTEER FAIR – Volunteer Fair in partnership with Hanover Public Library. The volunteer fair will run on June 17th from 4:00 – 7:00pm on the arena floor at the P & H Centre. B. Dobson has sent out invitations to not-for-profit organizations to see if they would like to register for the fair.

10. BUSINESS RECOGNITION PROGRAM – Committee members will follow up with the businesses that were interested in participating in the Business Recognition program.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1. Library is fundraising 'Loonies for the Library' until occurring until March 23.

11.2. The library has a Poetry Workshop on March 21.

11.3. The library's Stitch & Sip continues to be a popular program for both adults and kids. It runs the second Saturday of each month.

11.4. On March 29th there will be a Jamie Warren concert at the theatre. For tickets contact the Library.

11.5. Library will be hosting a Community Connects in the Community Hall on April 9 from 9:00am to 5:00pm where attendees will be meeting community leaders such as the mayor, councillors, and other town staff.

11.6. Family Day in March was a success. Lots of kids, adults and seniors came out to participate. We had face painting, balloon twisting, craft area with the library, Bluey was taking pictures, free skating, free swimming and bingo with the Council.

11.7. Committee member expressed some concern about the access to downtown for seniors due to the amount of snow we had this year.

11.8. Committee member inquired if there are any actions the Town can take to remind local businesses of the approaching deadline for compliance with the Accessibility for Ontario with Disabilities Act (AODA) requirements.

11.9. A committee member suggested considering an article in the paper to raise awareness about the ongoing issue of scams, particularly those affecting seniors.

12. NEXT MEETING – Monday May 26, 2025 | 10:00am

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by L. Ribey | Seconded by H. Fleet
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 11:00am.