Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Boardroom WT-2C and WT-2D
2nd Floor – West Tower

Members Present:

Council: City Councillor Jeff Bowman – Wards 3 and 4
City Councillor Charmaine Williams – Wards 7 and 8

Seniors: Shabnam (Shey) Chhibber
Ron Feniak
Frank Lodhar

Youth: Riyadh Baksh

Agencies: Vidhi Bhatt, Brampton Multicultural Youth Council
Jayne Culbert, Manager, Peel Elder Abuse Prevention Network
Sandra Fitzpatrick, Manager, Region of Peel Public Health
Peter Howarth, Canadian Association of Retired Persons
Myrna Adams, Brampton Seniors Council
Bob Pesant, Member, Inclusion and Equity Committee
Jennifer McLaughlin, Manager, Region of Peel Housing
Alexa Roggeveen, Sheridan College, Social Service Worker, Gerontology

Members Absent: City Councillor Doug Whillans – Wards 2 and 6 (personal)
Jennifer Turner, United Way of Peel
Joyce Temple-Smith (resigned)
Mansimran Anand (resigned)
Fatima Barron (resigned)
Alisha Deen (resigned)

Staff Present: Bob Bjerke, Director, Policy Planning
Daniella Balasal, Policy Planner
Mirella Palermo, Policy Planner
Chandra Urquhart, Legislative Coordinator
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

   AFC001-2019 That the agenda for the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee Meeting of February 26, 2019, be approved, as amended, to add the following item:

   Re: Item 5.2

   4.2 Delegation from Paige Fisher and Marilyn Verghis, Directors of Vision Brampton, re: Brampton Youth Council and Youth Mentorship Program

   Carried

2. **Declarations of Interest Under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act** – nil

3. **Previous Minutes**

   3.1 Minutes – Age-Friendly Advisory Committee – August 21, 2018

   The minutes were approved by Council on September 12, 2018. The minutes were provided for Committee’s information.

4. **Delegations/Presentations**

   4.1 Delegation from Sylvia Roberts, Brampton resident, re: Request for two Youth Councils

   Sylvia Roberts, Brampton resident, referenced the staff report, ‘Brampton Youth Council and Mentorship Program’, which indicated that the City was considering establishing a Youth Council comprised of high school youth between the ages of 13 to 19 years. She requested consideration for a second Youth Council ranging from ages 19-29, as major challenges, such as, employment and affordable housing were experienced mostly by youth within that age range.

   Committee discussion on the matter included the following comments:
   - Acknowledgement that youth between the ages of 19 to 29 are the drivers of economic and employment growth and better engagement of youth is needed
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- High school youth are the focus at this time as they have access to programs and infrastructure offered through their institutions and are equipped to provide advice on youth related matters
- Clarification that as a component of the Age-Friendly Strategy, input from high school youth is essential to better understand and appreciate the role of youth in achieving the designation of an Age-Friendly City
- Suggestion that staff evaluate the need for a youth council and consider the merits of establishing two youth councils

In response to the comments from Committee, staff advised that a presentation will be provided later in the meeting that may clarify the issues being discussed regarding the merits of two youth committees.

The following motion was considered:

AFC002-2019 That the delegation from Sylvia Roberts, Brampton resident, to the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee meeting of February 26, 2019, re: Request for two Youth Councils be received.
Carried

4.2. Delegation request from Paige Fisher and Marilyn Verghis, Directors of Vision Brampton, re: Brampton Youth Council and Youth Mentorship Program

Marilyn Verghis, Brampton Vision, was not present at the meeting.

Paige Fisher, Vision Brampton, stated that the proposal by the City to establish a youth council ranging in ages 13 to 19 years does not address the ‘lived experiences’ of youths aged 20 to 29 years. While Vision Brampton supports the inclusion of high school youth participating in a youth committee, a second youth committee to support and serve the needs of young people ages 20-29 is necessary. The ambitions, aspirations, perspectives and challenges of this age group are varied and different from high school youth.

Committee acknowledged the request for a youth council that will also serve, ‘engage, empower and involve’ youth that are outside of high school age range. Committee explained that the request should be considered as the City moves forward with developing its policies and guidelines towards the achievement of an Age-Friendly designation.

The following motion was considered:
AFC003-2019 That the delegation from Paige Fisher, Director, Vision Brampton, to the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee meeting of February 26, 2019, re: *Brampton Youth Council and Youth Mentorship Program* be received.

Carried

5. Reports / Updates

5.1. Verbal updates provided by Daniella Balasal, Policy Planner, Planning and Development Services, re:

- **Three public workshops events in fall 2018**
- **Results of resident survey completed, with support of Brampton Library**
- **Age Friendly Forum held January 19, 2019**
- **Interim report completion timeline of February, 2019**

Daniela Balasal, Policy Planner, highlighted the events and engagement activities to date with respect to the development of Brampton’s Age-Friendly Strategy which included:

- **Focus areas – 8 Domains of an Age-Friendly Strategy**
- **Visioning workshop**
- **Community audit**
  - Farmers’ Market
  - Brampton Seniors Council
  - CARP Seniors Fair
  - Three public workshops
  - Community survey
- **Age-Friendly forum featured:**
  - Elected officials including Mayor
  - Keynote speaker
  - World café activity (English and Hindi youth tables)
  - Information booths
- **Forum feedback**
  - **Overall satisfaction**
- Developing Brampton Age-Friendly Strategy findings
  - Need for improved services in domains
    - public washrooms, bus stop locations, wider sidewalks
    - more housing options
    - youth volunteer opportunities, more interaction and integration with seniors from different cultural backgrounds
    - availability of information in different languages
    - access to information on City services, personal care and home maintenance
Ms. Balasal outlined the next steps of the process which included presenting a status update report to Planning and Development Committee in March 2019 and the Draft Strategy by the consultant (WSP) to the Brampton Age-Friendly Advisory Committee in March/April 2019. The implementation of the action plan will follow in the summer after the approval of the Strategy by Council in June 2019.

Committee discussion and comments included the following:

- Offering translation services to other cultures as Brampton is diverse and should be inclusive of all communities in its services
- The absence of Members of Council members at Age-Friendly events, such as workshops and forums
- Mechanism to monitor the progress and success of the City’s efforts to develop an Age-Friendly Strategy
- Whether all Members of Council are aware of staff efforts regarding the development of an Age-Friendly Strategy

In response to the comments and issues raised, staff noted the following:

- Decision to offer translation services in four languages was based on the languages that are most dominant in the City, however other languages may be considered in the future
- Information regarding the initiatives, accomplishments and progress of the Age-Friendly Strategy is provided to Council through staff updates, workshops and minutes of the Age-Friendly Committee

Staff further advised that the baseline assessment report by the consultant, WSP, will evaluate and assess the existing services and programs that are currently provided by the City. This report will highlight the best practices and identify the gaps that are needed to achieve the Age-Friendly objectives. The information will be made available to the public once completed.

The following motion was considered:

AFC004-2019

That the presentation and updates by Daniella Balasal, Policy Planner, Planning and Development Services, to the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee meeting of February 26, 2019, re:

- Three public workshop events in Fall 2018
- Resident survey completed, with support of Brampton Library
- Age Friendly Forum held January 19, 2019
- Interim report completion timeline of February, 2019, be received.

Carried
5.2. Discussion, re: Report – Brampton Youth Council and Mentorship Program

Daniella Balasal, Policy Planner, provided an overview of the subject report, noting that staff was requested to consider establishing a Youth Council and Mentorship Program to support and advance the goals of the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee. Staff was directed to present the report to this Committee for feedback on the merits of the request.

Ms. Balasal gave a presentation titled, ‘Developing a Youth Council for the City of Brampton’, highlighting the following:

- Average age of Brampton residents is 36.5 years and 1 in 3.6 residents are under 19 years
- The Youth Council’s role will:
  - advise Council on youth related matters such as the future university and arts and culture
  - comprise organizations, and high school students between the ages of 13 to 19 in grades 9 to 12
  - report to Council through the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee which consists of youth advocacy groups and four youth

Ms. Balasal advised that four questions focused on youth were included for discussion in the presentation. Committee was encouraged to provide comments and offer suggestions on the topics below with respect to the proposal for a Brampton Youth Council. The following comments/questions were expressed:

- Key Outcomes
  - What age group was being considered for the youth council?
  - Whether there will be opportunities for youth to delegate to Council
  - How will the Youth Council support the implementation of the age-friendly strategy?
  - Achieving a youth perspective on current City programs and initiatives
  - The need for mock scenarios that would allow youth to engage in municipal government decision making processes
  - What message the Youth Council will deliver?
  - Youth grow-up which means that a Youth Council will become a ‘revolving door’ of youth

- Other topics to advise City on
  - Affordable housing and transportation
  - How to engage youth in sports and enhancing sport leagues
  - Mobility/Transportation (LRT)
  - Build relationships guided by post-secondary youth to improve City programs and services
  - WHO’s 8 domains should be the framework of the Youth Council and consistent with the Age-Friendly Strategy
• Social causes to explore by Youth Council
  o Matters of significance/emerging issues and trends, such as, pot shops, technology
  o Encouraging awareness through social media – avenues for the City to connect with the community
  o Hosting public speaking events to allow voices of youth to be heard
• Agencies/local events to consider as Youth Council is developed
  o Leverage post-secondary institutions
  o Agencies may include Peel Children’s Aid, Catholic Family Services Indigenous Youth Services
  o Newcomer youth

Committee referenced ‘Appendix 3’ of the staff report which listed several Brampton based youth organizations. It was suggested that some of those organizations should be considered regarding the development of a Youth Council.

Staff acknowledged the feedback from Committee and advised that the information provided will be an essential component to the City’s decision to establish a Youth Council.

The following motion was considered:

AFC005-2019 1. That the report from Daniella Balasal, Policy Planner, Planning and Development Services, to the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee meeting of February 26, 2019, re: Brampton Youth Council and Mentorship Program, be received; and

2. That the presentation to the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee meeting of February 26, 2019, re: Developing a Youth Council for the City of Brampton be received.

Carried

6. **Other/New Business/Information Items**

6.1. Update from City Clerk's Office, re: Resignations from Committee

The City Clerk’s Office advised that the following four members of the Committee will not be participating in future meetings:
  • Joyce Temple-Smith
  • Mansimrand Anand (Co-Chair)
  • Fatima Barron
  • Alisha Dean
Committee was also advised that the current Co-Chair will now assume the position of Chair and quorum requirement will be reduced by four members for future meetings, until such time as new members are appointed.

Committee acknowledged the contributions of the members and considered the following motion:

AFC006-2019  1. That the verbal advisory from the City Clerk’s Office staff to the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee meeting of February 26, 2018, re: Resignations from Committee be received; and,

2. That the following four members be thanked for their contributions to the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee:
   • Joyce Temple-Smith
   • Mansimrand Anand
   • Fatima Barron
   • Alisha Dean; and,

3. That the current Co-Chair now assume the position of Chair and quorum be reduced by four members for all future meetings, until such time as new members are appointed.

Carried

7. Correspondence – nil

8. Question Period – nil

9. Public Question Period – nil

10. Adjournment

Committee discussed a suggestion to consider changing future meetings from the fourth Thursday of the month to the third Thursday. There was consensus to keep the meeting dates as they are and reconsider the request when the new Committee membership is appointed.

The following motion was considered:
AFC007-2019 That the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee do now adjourn to meet again on March 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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Jayne Culbert, Chair