

**Tuesday, April 30, 2019**

**Training Room WT-2A – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – West Tower**

**Members Present:**

**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  
Peter Howarth, Canadian Association of Retired Persons  
Myrna Adams, Brampton Seniors Council  
Bob Pesant, Member, Inclusion and Equity Committee  
Alexa Roggeveen, Sheridan College, Social Service Worker,  
Gerontology

**Members Absent:** City Councillor Jeff Bowman – Wards 3 and 4 (personal)  
City Councillor Charmaine Williams – Wards 7 and 8 (vacation)  
City Councillor Doug Whillans – Wards 2 and 6 (personal)  
Sandra Fitzpatrick, Manager, Region of Peel Public Health (regrets)  
Jennifer Turner, United Way of Peel (regrets)  
Jennifer McLaughlin, Manager, Region of Peel Housing (regrets)  
Azhar Ali, Sheridan College, Student Union (regrets)

**Staff Present:** Bob Bjerke, Director, Policy Planning  
Daniella Balasal, Policy Planner  
Chandra Urquhart, Legislative Coordinator

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The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. and adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

AFC012-2019 That the agenda for the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee meeting of April 30, 2019, be approved as circulated.

Carried

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

3. **Previous Minutes**

3.1. **Minutes – Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee – March 26, 2019**

The minutes were considered by Planning and Development Committee on April 29, 2019 and approved by Council on May 8, 2019. The minutes were provided for Committee's information.

4. **Delegations/Presentations**

4.1. Delegation by Anoushka Aurora, Ren Guidolin, Jamaal Blackwood, Felix Nyarko, Ashman Khroad, Iconic Youth Hub, re: **Request for Youth Innovation Hubs/Incubators across Brampton**

Anoushka Aurora, Ren Guidolin, Jamaal Blackwood, Felix Nyarko, and Ashman Khroad, Iconic Youth Hub, stated that the purpose of their organization was to support and encourage youth innovation and promote entrepreneurship. They believe that youth in the community are not provided with sufficient resources, funding, and opportunities to achieve success. They indicated that the existing recreational facilities were designed for families and seniors.

The delegates requested City-funded incubator youth hubs across the City exclusively to accommodate youth 15-29 years old. Detailed information of the type of space and services they require were circulated to Committee.

Committee questions and comments with respect to the request for innovation hubs included the following:

- What was the proposed mandate and vision?
- Prospective location of and management of the hubs?
- What benefits and services the hubs would provide to the community other than to accommodate youth?

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- Whether any outreach to tertiary institutions and seniors' groups were undertaken

In response to the questions and comments, the delegates advised that they were seeking feedback from Committee. They believe youth hubs will create and improve relationships between youth, parents and the community. They stated that hubs from other municipalities were 'scouting' our City for entrepreneurs in various categories. With respect to outreach, it was indicated that they have had conversations with seniors, other youth across the City, and a few Members of Council including the Mayor's Office.

Committee advised that the Age-Friendly Advisory Committee is not in a position to address the request for funding and resources. Committee referenced innovative hubs that the delegates may wish to communicate with for guidance if they intend to continue their quest.

Committee suggested that the delegates prepare a written submission for future presentations that clearly outlined the vision and goals of their organization.

The following motion was considered:

- AFC013-2019
1. That the delegation by Anoushka Aurora, Ren Guidolin, Jamaal Blackwood, Felix Nyarko, and Ashman Khroad, Iconic Youth Hub, to the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee meeting of April 30, 2019, re: **Request for Youth Innovation Hubs/Incubators across Brampton** be received; and,
  2. That the delegation request be referred to staff for consideration.

Carried

4.2. Presentation by Sabrina Coletti, Manager, Planning, WSP, re: **Age-Friendly Strategy**

Sabrina Coletti, Manager, Planning, WSP, consultant, presented the revisions to the Draft Vision Statement and Goals as requested by Committee at the meeting on March 30, 2019. She noted that the eight goals encompass all the domains of an Age-Friendly city and some domains may include more than one goal. With the completion of the strategy, an Action Plan and Implementation will follow. Details of the Action Plan included

- Action Lead – City departments
- Potential Partners – e.g. Sheridan College, Board of Trade
- Performance Indicator – to measure success of completed action

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- Time Frame – short-term, medium-term and long-term
- Progress reporting – Report Card
- Project schedule – Final report

Ms Colletti provided clarification and responded to questions and comments on the Goals and Implementation of the Action Plan. She advised that Implementation of the plan will provide the framework to guide future City decision and planning. An annual report to Council will highlight the completed goals and actions and determine whether any amendments to the plan are required in the future.

Committee questioned whether the Age-Friendly Strategy and Action Plan provided 'clear and sufficient' direction requesting Council support and approval.

Staff explained that a report and the Age-Friendly Strategy and Action Plan will be presented at the Planning and Development Committee meeting on June 3, 2019. The plan lists fifty-five action items and the items that indicated a time line of 'short-term to long-term' will be reviewed on an ongoing basis. Staff will be recommending endorsement of the Age-Friendly Strategy and Action Plan. The strategy as presented by the consultant at this meeting was for receipt.

Staff further advised that following endorsement of the plan, staff will be applying an age-friendly lens to assist in the implementation of the actions recommended, and to determine where improvements may be required to address the community's age-friendly priorities, such as, inclusion of age-friendly policies in the City's Official Plan.

Committee considered the comments provided by staff and introduced the following motion:

That it is the position of the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee that the report and Age-Friendly Strategy and Action Plan to be presented to the Planning and Development Committee on June 3, 2019 be endorsed, and the principles, guidelines and criteria outlined in the plan as they relate to age-friendliness be implemented.

The motion was discussed and considered as follows:

- AFC014-2019      1.      That the presentation by Sabrina Coletti, Manager, Planning, WSP, to the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee meeting of April 30, 2019, re: **Age-Friendly Strategy** be received; and,

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2. That it is the position of the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee that the report and Age-Friendly Strategy and Action Plan to be presented to the Planning and Development Committee on June 3, 2019 be endorsed by Council;
3. That staff be directed to implement the principles, guidelines and criteria outlined in the plan as they relate to age-friendliness.

Carried

4.3. Presentation by Bob Bjerke, Director, Planning Policy, re: **Update – Proposed Brampton Youth Council 2019 and Youth Mentorship Program.**

Bob Bjerke, Director, Planning Policy, Planning and Development Services, provided an overview of the Proposed Brampton Youth Council 2019 and Youth Mentorship Program. The following was highlighted:

- Initiatives undertaken to date
  - Motion that Age-Friendly Advisory Committee recommended a model for a Brampton Youth Council
  - Briefing note to Council
- Efforts by the City to engage youth include
  - Hosting Youth symposium
  - Providing opportunities for
    - volunteers and ambassadors
    - in school workshops
    - hub and drop-in programs
    - participation in citizen-based committees
- Brainstorming sessions – topics discussed included housing /transportation /employment/safety /affordability – key outcomes
  - Representation at Council
  - Whether the groups should function separately from the Age-Friendly Advisory Committee
  - No comments provided by Committee with respect to the proposed Youth Council Terms of Reference
- 2016 Youth Survey Results – conclusion and areas of focus
- Potential Partnership for Youth Engagement – vision, purpose and benefits
- Staff Recommendations
  - Need for two distinct youth groups
    - Youth Council – age 14-19
    - Youth Advisory Board – age 19-29
- Next steps include
  - Report to Council in June 2019
  - Determining ownership of proposed Youth Council

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Committee discussion on this matter including the following:

- The reference to the Council Motion that the proposed Youth Council will report to City Council through the Brampton Age-Friendly Advisory Committee
- Committee was reminded that a report was provided for review and feedback at its meeting on February 26, 2019 with a draft Terms of Reference for the Youth Council appended; Committee was requested to provide feedback
- Consensus from Committee that the Age-Friendly Advisory Committee mandate does not include the review of youth related matters/activities
- Objectives and direction of a youth council may require a youth liaison participating in both committees
- Consensus further discussion is required regarding the Council motion referenced and
- Suggestion that this matter be deferred to the new membership of the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee once established

In response to the comments from Committee, staff explained that Council was briefed on the proposal to develop a Brampton's Youth Council. The Age-Friendly Strategy and Action Plan that will be presented to Council also includes recommendations regarding the engagement of local youth and the establishment of a Youth Committee/Council. The intent is for the group to focus and address youth issues in collaboration with the Age-Friendly Advisory Committee.

Staff also indicated that a report providing recommendations relating to the proposed Brampton Youth Council will be presented to Council for consideration in June 2019.

- AFC015-2019      1.      That the presentation by Bob Bjerke, Director, Planning Policy, Planning and Development Services, to the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee meeting of April 30, 2019, re: **Proposed Brampton Youth Council 2019 and Youth Mentorship Program** be received.

Carried

5.      **Reports / Updates** – nil

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

7.      **Correspondence** – nil

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8. **Question Period** – nil

9. **Public Question Period** – nil

10. **Adjournment**

AFC016-2019      That the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee do now  
adjourn.

Carried