



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WAINFLEET
AGE-FRIENDLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

C03/24
APRIL 17, 2024
6:00 P.M.
BOARDROOM 1

MEMBERS PRESENT: A. Stapleton (Electronic Participation)
 D. Flagg (Electronic Participation)
 L. Hickey
 K. Krause
 P. Shaw

REGRETS: L. Gibson
 M. Grace
 S. Van Vliet

STAFF PRESENT A. Chrastina, Deputy Clerk

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1. **Call to Order**
 The meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m.

2. **Declarations of Interest and the General Nature Thereof**
 None.

3. **Adoption of Previous Committee Meeting Minutes**
 - a) Minutes of the regular meeting held March 6, 2024
 Without objection, the minutes of the meeting held March 6, 2024 were adopted as circulated.

4. **Delegations**
 None.

5. **Business**
 - a) NOAA Meeting
 Katharina shared an information card published by the City of Thorold and other resources collected with the Committee. The Committee discussed potentially attending the Community Open House to be held at the Wainfleet Arena April 24, 2024.
 - *A link to the McMaster Optimal Aging Portal will be added to a Resources section on the Committee web page.*

b) Niagara Falls Seniors Advisory Committee

The Niagara Falls Seniors Advisory Committee circulated a memo to its Council with a resolution advocating for Council to request the Niagara Region Transit Commission to establish a discounted Seniors fare that is competitive with others in the Golden Horseshoe and seek the endorsement of all other local area municipalities in the Niagara Region.

The above resolution was considered and carried unanimously by Niagara Falls City Council at its meeting held March 19, 2024.

The Committee discussed and passed the following resolution:

Resolution AFAC-001-2024

Moved by Member Stapleton

Seconded by Member Hickey

“THAT the memorandum from the Niagara Falls Seniors Advisory Committee respecting establishing a discounted and competitive Seniors fare be supported; and

THAT the Council of the Township of Wainfleet support the Niagara Falls resolution; and

THAT the Council of the Township of Wainfleet additionally request the Niagara Region Transit Commission to implement an option for travel within the Wainfleet municipal boundaries through the On-Demand Transit service.”
CARRIED

6. **Action Items from Previous Meeting**

- a) The issue of having to accept all cookies on the Township website was investigated. The cost to implement a solution to allow end users to manage cookies was quoted at \$935.00 plus applicable taxes and was declined by staff.

Further discussion led to the discovery that the link to the Privacy Policy directed to a page with no content. This will be investigated and rectified by staff.

7. **Other Business**

- a) Louise referenced a recent news article entitled *‘Overtaxed’: Niagara resident says ‘fairer’ system needed for single seniors*. The Committee discussed the potential to support the initiative of the Single Seniors for Tax Fairness group in their efforts to lobby the federal government to review the federal Income Tax Act for “fairness and equity”.

8. **Next Meeting Date**
May 15, 2024

9. **Adjournment of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

A. Stapleton, CHAIR

A. Chrastina, RECORDING SECRETARY

Approved May 15, 2024