



A meeting of the Age Friendly Community Committee for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Monday, November 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Present:

Councillor Penny Carver, Chair
Lisa Learning
Greg Matear
Francis Kangata
Joan Parks-Hubley
Dylan Heide, CAO
Kelly Redden, Deputy Clerk

Absent:

Councillor Joseph Feeney
Mary Beth Eldridge
Crystal Berkeley

1. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Mr. Kangata, seconded by Ms. Parks-Hubley, **“THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add Age Friendly Community Recognition Program under 4.1.”** Motion carried.

2. Minutes

A motion by Ms. Parks-Hubley, seconded by Ms. Learning, **“THAT the minutes of the September 23, 2019 meeting be approved as presented.”** Motion carried.

3. 2019 AFC Action Plan Updates

3.1 AFC Recommendations Approved by Council

Councillor Carver updated the committee on the recommendations that have been approved by Council. These recommendations include that the Town develop a bench survey, that staff consult with Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce about recent concerns from visitors to the Town regarding traffic/parking and the council appointment of Mary Beth Eldridge to the Age Friendly Community Committee.

3.2 AFC Role in Town Planning Review – Invitation Extended to Planner as Resource

Tara Maguire, Planner, will attend the committee’s January meeting, if possible, to discuss opportunities to ensure age friendliness is reflected in the upcoming Town Planning Review. Dylan explained the survey that was circulated to committee members asking for the committee member’s input in the planning process.

3.3 Optimal Aging Series Planned for November

Ms. Parks-Hubley updated the Committee on the series.

4. 2019 AFC Action Plan – New Items

4.1 Publicize Existence of Committee

Website content survey – Mr. Heide explained the website restructuring process to the committee members and asked them to provide feedback on the Age Friendly Committee portion of the website and age friendly web design considerations in general.

Age Friendly Community Recognition Program – Ms. Carver informed the committee of the potential that a recognition program will be developed by the province to recognize organizations that work toward making their communities age friendly.

4.2 Participate in Review of Municipal Planning Strategy

Mr. Heide explained what the review of the municipal planning strategy entails. The deadline for the Planning Review survey has passed but Mr. Heide said that the Town would continue to accept surveys from committee members if submitted over the following couple of days.

4.3 Follow Up/Monitor Ongoing Efforts

Physician Recruitment – Councillor Carver explained the current work of the NOW Lunenburg County Doctor Recruitment and Retention Committee.

Mahone Bay Hello Neighbour Project – Councillor Carver explained the project and the initiatives that members have been working on. It was requested that the Town's new resident information package be added to the January agenda of the committee.

4.4 Development of 5+ Year Age Friendly Community Plan

New Horizons Grant – standing item, no discussion.

5. Committee Membership

5.1 Youth Membership

Mr. Kangata will send an email to Councillor Feeney to discuss the letter that Councillor Feeney volunteered to draft to the Principal of Bayview Community School.

There was discussion about how the committee might attract young people to join or present to the committee on the community concerns of their age group. Mr. Matear suggested that having a council meeting at the school once a year might help build the relationship between the youth of the community and council.

A motion by Mr. Matear, seconded by Ms. Ali-Learning **“THAT the committee recommend that Council consider having an annual council meeting at Bayview Community School in conjunction with the school’s student council.”** **Motion carried.**

5.2 Resignation of Anne Harrison

Councillor Carver informed the Committee that Anne Harrison tendered her resignation to the Age Friendly Community Committee and that her resignation has been received by council.

The meeting adjourned by motion at 8:27pm

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