

The Town of Oakville

Department of Recreation & Culture

Seniors' Working Action Group (SWAG) - We're Age Friendly

Minutes – Wednesday, June 26, 2024 via ZOOM

In Attendance: Darlene Cox, Ruth Sheridan, Pat Moore, Ted Lambert, Bev Cathro, Margaret Kirwin, Jennifer McPetrie, Bev Cathro, Micheline Wheeler, Julie Pennal

Regrets: Councillor Duddeck, Michelle Nichols, Pierre Wong, Tom Carrothers, Stephanie O'Keefe

Guest: Johnathan Vaisberg, Research Scientist Sonova

Minutes: Kelly Meeussen

1. **Call to Order:** by Darlene Cox – 1:30 p.m.

2. **Guest Speaker:** Johnathan Vaisberg, Research Scientist Sonova
Jonathan Vaisberg is a Research Audiologist with the Sonova Innovation Centre Toronto. Jonathan provided an overview of the following topics:

- Sonova is a leading provider of innovative hearing care solutions including hearing aids, cochlear implants, wireless communication products, digital solutions and professional audiological care.
- Jonathan touched on areas including: How do we hear, causes and types of hearing loss, hearing loss and co-morbidities, hearing aids and dementia, The ACHIEVE trial, hearing aids and modern innovations, hearing technology and how you can get involved in clinical research to help further develop, evaluate and validate new ways to improve hearing solutions.
- Research labs are in Mississauga and Kitchener.
- Opportunities to join their research database.
- Contact information: innovation.toronto@sonova.com, 905-745-6785, 3105 Glen Erin Drive, Unit 2 Mississauga, ON L5L 1J3 , 20 Beasley Drive Kitchener, ON N2E 1Y6

3. **Attendance / Regrets –** Regrets as noted.

4. **Acceptance of previous Minutes / Agenda**
Pat Moore, seconded by Margaret Kirwin. Carried.

5. **Update from Jen McPetrie**

- Canada Day in Bronte and reminder of street closures
- Drop-in \$1 fee removed and increase in membership fees at time of renewal. This change will create a smooth check in process, increased access to drop-in programs. Subsidy options are available if necessary.
- Sixteen Mile is coming along. Still looking at a fall 2025 launch.
- Currently working on budget process.

Standing Agenda Items

Councillor Cathy Duddeck update:

Canada Day is being held this weekend at the same location, Bronte Waterfront Park, but due to increased construction (road hazards) it is recommended that people use the Oakville Transit or have someone drop them off.

Oakville Transit shuttle service

The Town of Oakville is pleased to offer free Oakville Transit shuttle services to and from Bronte GO station. Shuttle service will begin at 3:45 p.m., running every 10 minutes, providing safe and convenient access to the event due to road closure and no on-site parking. Shuttles will pick up passengers at Bronte GO on the Wyecroft Road side and drop attendees off at the corner of Marine Drive and Jones Street. The last shuttle to the park will leave Bronte GO station at 9:30 p.m. Once the fireworks have ended, the return shuttle to Bronte GO Station will begin. All shuttles are accessible, wheelchair- and stroller-friendly.

[Care-A-van services](#) are also available free of charge throughout the duration of the event. To request care-A-van services for Oakville's Canada Day event, please email events@oakville.ca by June 24, 2024.

Midtown planning is still ongoing as we are awaiting to review a revised concept plan that is in keeping with the most recent council resolution to have the consultants and staff revisit the population numbers, height, density, etc. and report back to Council and the public. As a result of provincial legislation changes, Halton Region, is no longer a planning authority when it comes to considering planning applications that are submitted to the various individual municipalities. In the past, the region provided input/comment on each application and as such were recognized by the province as a planning authority. The rationale from the province is speed up the processing of applications by removing another approval layer in the planning process. Property Standards continue to be an issue for many across town – adjacent properties not being attended to (cutting the grass, overgrown noxious weeds, garbage, etc.). If residents have concerns about a property, they should call the town at 905 845-6601 and Service Oakville will take the information and create an incident number for tracking the complaint.

Meals on Wheels – Michelle Nichols

Highlights from our fiscal year ending March 31, 2024:

- 29,890 Individual Meals delivered, up 23% from last year.
- 12,250 volunteer hours, up 53% from last year.
- 137, 280 Kilometres driven, up 10% from last year.

We are very happy to report that our previously denied grant for *Ensuring Affordable Nutrition* in Category One for the Halton Region Community Investment Fund was reviewed during the continuing intake applications and it has been approved as a

Category Two grant for \$25,000! Additionally, the Continuing Intake application for *Let's Keep it Hot!* has been approved as a Category One grant in the amount of \$14,010.

Volunteers needed:

- We are presently seeking an HR specialist to join our Board of Directors. If you know anyone who might be interested, please have them contact our board secretary at board@oakvillemealsonwheels.com
- Weekly Drivers to help deliver meals and have chat with our clients over the lunch hour.
- Volunteers to help with our monthly bingos.
- Committee members to help organize our 50th anniversary.

Senior Connector Update – Pat Moore

- The Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS), in partnership with the Town of Oakville Municipal Enforcement Services, is once again launching the annual project, Police on Park Patrol (P.O.P.P).
- With the arrival of warmer weather an increasing number of Oakville residents are heading to town parks, school grounds and trail systems. As a result, both the HRPS and Oakville Municipal Enforcement Services receive an increased level of complaints and calls for service related to issues in these public spaces.

Project P.O.P.P. will help ensure everyone can enjoy these spaces safely with increased patrols at several municipal parks, school properties and trails across Oakville. The project will include enforcement of town by-laws as well as Provincial and Criminal statutes, including Mischief, loitering, underage drinking/drug use, disturbances, noise complaints. This project will run through the summer beginning June 28, 2024, and will end September 1, 2024. The Halton Regional Police Service and its partners remain committed to community safety through prevention, education, and enforcement initiatives.

Members of the community can continue to call the Halton Regional Police Service non-emergency line 905-825-4777 to report nuisance-related concerns.

Media Inquiries:

Halton Regional Police Service

Media Relations

Phone: **905-825-4899**

Email: corpcomm@haltonpolice.ca

enVISION Oakville Update – Ruth Sheridan.

Congratulations Ruth on your receipt of the Community Spirit Award!

May 6 - CNIB Mobile Hub set up workshops at Glen Abbey library 10 AM - 3:30 PM

May 7- enVISION Oakville Meeting #189 (In Person)

13 attendees including our CNIB Manager Vera.

We welcomed a new member who is totally blind and he shared his tragic story with us.

May 21- Podcast: The Role Artificial Intelligence plays in the lives of the blind and partially sighted.

May 22 - Luncheon at Mo's family restaurant

May 28 - enVISION Oakville Meeting #190 (Virtual)

Attendees: 9

June 4 - enVISION Oakville Meeting #191 (In Person)

Attendees: 13

The group sharing was phenomenal.

June 18 - enVISION Oakville Meeting #192 (Virtual)

Attendees: 7

Guest speaker Kate Riccomi, Program Lead Advocacy & Accessible Community Engagement gave a presentation & answered our questions about transportation and how to effectively advocate for the blind & low vision community in Oakville as they have their new transportation plan under development.

June 18 - Public presentation and hearing about the master plan: "Join the Town of Oakville on June 18, 2024, in the South Atrium at Town Hall from 6 to 9 p.m. for the transportation master plan public information centre and help us together imagine system solutions for transportation in Oakville."

June 20 - Podcast: Viewpoint: Glaucoma: Research & Practice

Halton Age-Friendly – Julie Pennal

- Attended two fairs in Milton and Oakville. It was a great opportunity to promote seniors' services in new areas. The response was positive as there was a lot of community outreach asking what programs we offer.
- Looking at possible funding to cover PT field specialists (Shahzi, Tzianna)
- Waiting for grant approval for Empowerment Seminar. Nazia and Julie are scheduled to meet mid July to discuss plans.

WOW/Links2Wellbeing – Kelly Meeussen

- **WOW:** Mercuri Teleconferencing System is not functional due to technical difficulties. The WOW program is currently on hold until a resolution is found. Kelly is meeting online with Dial Pad as a possible solution.
- **Links2Wellbeing:** Two referrals were provided by Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. This was the first time a referral was provided by

	<p>the hospital. Jolaine has a meeting with Acclaim Health to discuss the program.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>New Business Arising/Information Sharing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As per Mayor’s newsletter, there has been a change to the Midtown project. ○ Upcoming SWAG presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consider another presentation about MAID program. ○ Amy Madan – Death Doula offering grief support for family before and after. Opportunity for Q & A. ○ Death Café – safe space to talk about death and dying. ○ Dr. Hunter retired OBGYN, who is passionate about MAID and able to provide a medical perspective when navigating the system. ○ Date: Wednesday, September 18 – QEP Rehearsal Hall. ○ Virtual – Anti Fraud presentation. Darlene to book speaker and confirm details for the newsletter. ○ Future speakers: Michael Lee, Plum Care and Karen Slonim from Sheridan Elder Research Centre. <p>Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Information Sharing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revenue Canada Scam: Pat mentioned that a friend of hers received a brown envelope in the mail from Revenue Canada, mailed from Toronto. Everything looked legitimate.
<p>9.</p>	<p>Date of next meeting – There is no meeting in August. Next meeting is on Zoom, Wednesday, September 25 at 1:30 p.m. Presentation topic: Transportation Master Plan.</p>