

The Town of Oakville

Department of Recreation & Culture

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

Minutes – Wednesday, September 25, 2024 via ZOOM

In Attendance: Darlene Cox, Ruth Sheridan, Ted Lambert, Margaret Kirwin, Jennifer McPetrie, Micheline Wheeler, Julie Pennal, Pierre Wong, Pat Moore, Councillor Duddeck

Regrets: Bev Cathro, Michelle Nichols, Stephanie O'Keefe

Guest: Raymond Bacquie, Isabelle Lee and Gordon Hui– Transportation Master Plan

Minutes: Kelly Meeussen

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

2. **Guest Speaker:** Raymond Bacquie

Oakville Transportation Master Plan

- Team provided an overview of the long-term plan, focusing on an equitable, sustainable, accessible, and connected transportation system that supports planned growth and enables the development of vibrant, people-oriented and transit-supportive complete communities through to 2051.
- Undertaking an integrated master plan including water, wastewater and Multi-Model Transportation Master Plans.
- The plan includes:
 - Strategies, policies and tools required to meet the infrastructure needs of the community now and in the future.
 - It focuses on a multi-model network for all users, including transit, active transportation, cars, farm vehicles and trucks.
 - A needs and opportunities assessment including street, active transportation and transit networks.
 - Identify improvements, identify alternative solutions, evaluate and identify the preferred strategy.
 - Alternative solutions: focus on travel within neighbourhoods, focus on travel with and between neighbourhoods, focus on travel through the town to broader regions including the GTHA.
 - Needs assessment included collision data, speed cameras, road capacity, new opportunities for connectivity, identified safety issues, coordinate improvements between neighbourhood corridors, improve service, more frequent service, expansion of on-demand service, increase service in growth areas.
- On October 23 – scheduled public event – review assessment, solutions and strategic plan over the years.
- A copy of the presentation will be forwarded to Julie for distribution to the committee.

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

4. **Acceptance of previous Minutes / Agenda**

Ted Lambert, seconded by Micheline Wheeler. Carried.

5. **Update from Jen McPetrie**
- Will be leaving her position with the Town of Oakville and moving to a new role with the Town of Erin.
 - Opportunities to adjust the format of the senior centre open houses to attract more people. Incorporate with an information fair with seniors' services representation.
6. ○ Sixteen Mile is coming along and on-schedule to open next fall. There will be seniors programming at the centre. The Town has applied for a SALC grant for more staff support.

Standing Agenda Items

Councillor Cathy Duddeck update:

Storm Water Master Plan

The town is currently working through the SWMP (Storm Water Master Plan) with a consultant, looking at everything through out the town in terms of current infrastructure, future planning, necessary improvements to address climate change and the 100 year flood.

The current estimates are in excess of \$790 million that will take 30 years to implement. One aspect of this plan is how to pay for the costs associated with the plan. There are several options we are looking at and comparing the costs and equity for the homeowner/businesses.

- [Residential Property Survey](#) and [Non-Residential Property Survey](#) are available until October 18, 2024.
- A virtual community information session on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Visit the [Stormwater Fee Feasibility Study](#) page to register for the Zoom meeting.
- A Public Information Centre (PIC) at Glen Abbey Community Centre on Wednesday, October 2, 6 to 8 p.m. The PIC will begin with a presentation on the study, followed by a question-and-answer period.
- A virtual public meeting for commercial, retail and industrial property owners on Wednesday, October 9 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Visit the [Stormwater Fee Feasibility Study](#) page to register for the Zoom meeting.

There is a landing page on the Town of Oakville website – Stormwater Management Master Plan for further information.

The Midtown planning process continues and we are awaiting an additional report from the consultants to provide us options other than those previously presented (concerns

about any type of approval of 65 storeys in the midtown area). The province has now introduced a TOC (Transit Oriented Community) for areas around transit hubs.

The issue with this process is the Town and the public are not permitted to participate other than “comment” on the plan they come up with Infrastructure Ontario is working directly with a developer and the community will have an opportunity to “comment” when they present their plan. We are not allowed (Council) to talk about it as we have a Non-Disclosure Agreement that the province insists on ... so public and council participation is missing from this process.

The Halton Regional Police and the Town of Oakville Bylaw staff are once again working together on the POP program (Police on Patrol in parks) in our waterfront parks. There have been some concerns regarding people’s actions as they relate to security – setting off fireworks, making fires, loitering, etc.

There is some discussion regarding the possible relocation of TOWARF (Town of Oakville Water and Air Rescue Forces) from the Oakville harbour to the Bronte harbour. The old TOWARF building may be used for other purposes (one option was a waterfront restaurant but parking is a concern).

Meals on Wheels – Michelle Nichols

- No report this month

Senior Connector Update – Pat Moore

- Reviewed feedback survey from MAiD presentation. A total of 112 people attended.
- Two scams: Bank investigation and grandparent scams
- Police are hosting a “Shred It” event Saturday, September 28 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Halton Regional building. Donations accepted.

enVISION Oakville Update – Ruth Sheridan.

enVISION Oakville -

- Our peer support group now has 26 members!

August 6 Meeting #195 (In Person

- 11 attended
- Our first round of Group sharing was revealing, informative and very personal. I lead in the singing of our new theme song, "you've got to accentuate

the positive, etc.” We learned that the CNIB Mobile Hub was unsuccessful. We discussed problems involving care-A-van.

August 20 Meeting #196 (Virtual)

- 9 Participants
- A very upbeat meeting. (August is the month when 5 of our members celebrate birthdays.) We had a wonderful check-in, emphasizing that life has still a lot to offer even when you have a visual impairment. Carpe Diem would probably summarize it accurately. We exchanged tips how to save ticket fare on the GO train, ferries, and VIA Rail.

September 3 Meeting #197 (In Person)

- 14 Participants
- We welcomed Veronica, our new CNIB supervisor.

September 17 Meeting #198 (Virtual)

- We had a great meeting and look forward to celebrating our seven-year anniversary tomorrow and our 200th meeting one month from now. Because of these two anniversaries there are some surprises planned for our next in-person meeting and virtual meetings in October and our In-person meeting in November.

OAAC- Darlene Cox

Mona Jovetic, Citizen Services Specialist of Service Canada provided information on Disability Tax Credit, Old Age Security, Canada Pension Plan benefits , the Canadian Dental Care Plan and other topics.

Jonathan Lo, Quality and Integration Coordinator, provided an overview of the proposed 2025-2027 Services for Seniors Strategic Plan.

Halton Age-Friendly – Julie Pennal

- Not able to attend the October meeting.
- Discussed the open house results and presented the idea of hosting another information fair at QEPCCC in the spring as the previous information fair was very successful. This will allow for a broader reach. Include SWAG, Policy Review and Community Organizations with representation from Seniors Services.

WOW/Links2Wellbeing – Kelly Meeussen

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WOW: October, November, and December calendars are completed. Program includes meditations, guest speakers, trivia, podcasts, and travelogues. ○ We have developed a social media schedule to help promote the program on the seniors FB page. Shared the calendars with local retirement homes, Burlington Seniors and within our own centres. The new calendar will be visible on the Oakville website on September 30. ○ Links2Wellbeing: Received a couple of more referrals. Mailed out information packages to the doctor's offices and received a call from a local doctor asking if the program was still running. ○ Ted indicated that the OACAO was approved for funding to 2028 to support the program.
7.	<p>New Business Arising/Information Sharing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Upcoming in-person presentation: Frauds and Scams with Cynthia Pacheco on Thursday, November 28 at 1:30 p.m. at Trafalgar Park CC. ○ Thursday, January 23 – online presentation on Frauds and Scams with the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. ○ Pierre asked about no shows for drop-in programs especially pickleball. How does the town monitor this to ensure spaces are available for others. An auto message has been created in Xplor when someone pre-registers for a drop-in program. This message appears 24 hours before the start time of the program reminding members to cancel if they are not planning on attending. Kelly to bring this concern up next cross functional meeting to see if there is a way to track “no shows”. ○ Ted suggested that the committee go back to meeting in person. At least on a 50% basis. It was decided that we would offer a hybrid option to accommodate those who do not live close by and for guest speakers who are not able to attend in person. ○ Julie would like the committee to go out for a Christmas lunch in place of the December meeting to celebrate the holidays. Date and location to be discussed further. ○ The committee wished Jennifer well in her new role and will miss having her part of the team.
8.	<p>Information Sharing -</p>
9.	<p>NOTE: Next meeting is Wednesday, October 23 at 1:30 pm. This meeting will be hybrid (offered on Zoom and in-person) at the Colborne Centre. The speaker will be Halton Community Legal Services.</p> <p>***Please confirm with Kelly if you are attending in person***</p>
10.	<p>Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.</p>