

**Greater Arnprior Seniors Council (GASC) Records of Discussion
Wednesday, February 21, 2018**

Location: The Arnprior Library

Present:

Ralph Chown – GASC Member

Pamela Lemay – GASC Member

Robin Paquette – Town of Arnprior, Planning

Katrin Spencer – Arnprior Regional Health

Dennis Harrington – Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Seniors at Home

Mandy Stinson – Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Seniors at Home

Geoff Patterson – Township of McNab/Braeside Recreation

Caitlin Brydges – Dementia Society of Ottawa and Renfrew County

Regrets:

Darrel O'Shaughnessy – GASC Member (Chair)

Sandra Elliott – GASC Member

Glenn Arthur- Town of Arnprior, Recreation

Karen DeLuca – Town of Arnprior, Library

Rick Gwalchmai – Town of Arnprior Recreation Eric Hanna – Arnprior Regional Health

Maureen Sullivan-Bentz – Hospice Renfrew

Judy Cobus - Hospice Renfrew

Jennifer Torode- Arnprior and District Family Health Team

Karla Blemkie – Township of McNab-Braeside, Recreation

Kaila Zamojski – Town of Arnprior, Deputy Clerk

Janet Parry – GASC Member

Eleanor Hotchkiss – GASC Member

Call to Order:

The Greater Arnprior Seniors Council (hereinafter shown as GASC) meeting commenced at 9:00AM.

Roll Call

The Acting Chair called the roll with all Members of the Greater Arnprior Seniors Council being present, with the exception of those shown above.

Adoption of Agenda

Be it resolved that the agenda for the Greater Arnprior Senior Council dated February 21, 2018, be Adopted as presented.

Approval of Records of Discussion from November 29, 2017

Approved

Matters for Discussion

1. Senior Transportation Options – Community Transportation Grant Program

Dennis provided an overview of the Grant Program. The Town must apply for the Grant and partner with community agencies, in this case Arnprior Braeside-McNab Seniors at Home and Carefor Health & Community Services. If successful we will receive \$500,000 over 5 years to pay for the cost of a new accessible vehicle, a driver, training, etc. Carefor will purchase the vehicle and ABMSAH will provide the service. The Grant is due February 28, 2018 and we hope to hear in May.

2. Community Anti-Ageism Program

Robin and Ralph explained that seniors in the community are being interviewed by High School students, typically 2 students for 1 hour and the interviews are being recorded. They started on January 11th. There was a question with respect to whether the interviews will be made available on-line somewhere or could they be put on the GASC website?

3. Senior Expo/Senior's Games Opportunity

Glenn Arthur was not in attendance to provide an update. The Grant has been applied for and we await confirmation.

4. Seniors Active Living Centre – SALC

No news has been received regarding the Grant as yet. Hope to know before March 31st.

5. Creative Writing Opportunities for Seniors

Karen Deluca was not in attendance to provide an update.

6. Senior Volunteers for the Library

Karen wasn't in attendance to discuss however senior's looking for opportunities to volunteer are encouraged to contact her directly.

7. Elder Abuse Ontario Program – March 21st, 2018

Karen Torodo wasn't in attendance however posters have been made and the event has been advertised on the GASC website.

8. Age-friendly Business Initiative

Robin Paquette suggested that we look at what others are doing as there has been quite a bit of work on this initiative in other communities and perhaps we could be creating a

work plan around this. Katrin noted that this ties in with the Dementia Friendly work that Sue Kennedy of the Dementia Ottawa is doing and will discuss with her and report back to GASC.

9. **GASC Monthly Newsletters**

No new articles committed. Hopefully we will be successful in the Ontario Recognition Award for the Town and an article can be prepared by Robin if so. It is hoped that Rick will prepare something on activities for seniors ongoing.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Future Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for March 21st, 2018 at 9:00am. Location to be determined.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.