



Minutes

Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee

The Corporation of the City of Brampton

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Members Present: Saad Ali (Co-Chair)
Bob Pesant (Co-Chair)
City Councillor D. Whillans
City Councillor C. Williams
Elvira Brathwaite
Angela Johnson
Sushil Ninawat
Elizabeth Pike
Vidhi Bhatt, Brampton Multicultural Youth Council
Sandra Fitzpatrick, Manager, Region of Peel Public Health
Peter Howarth (CARP)
Myrna Adams, Brampton Seniors Council
Laura Tribble, Advisor, Region of Peel, Housing Services
Ava Joshi, Community Investment Manager, United Way

Members Absent: City Councillor J. Bowman
Tony Brookes
Umar Javed
Sonya Singh
Joelle Berube-Cheng, Peel Senior Link
Rodrigo Merio, Brampton Multicultural Community Centre
Nellie Groenenberg, Coordinator, Social Service Worker, Gerontology

Staff Present: Henrik Zbogor, Senior Manager, Transportation Planning
Shahid Mahmood, Principal Planner/Supervisor
Nelson Cadete, Project Manager, Active Transportation
Mirella Palermo, Policy Planner
Shahinaz Eshesh, Policy Planner
Chandra Urquhart, Legislative Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. and adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Councillor Bowman was noted as absent during roll call due to other municipal business.

2. Approval of Agenda

The following motion was considered:

AFC001-2022

That the agenda for the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee Meeting of January 25, 2022, be approved as published and circulated.

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

Nil

4. Previous Minutes

4.1 Minutes - Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee - September 28, 2021

The minutes were considered by Planning and Development Committee on November 1, 2021 and approved by Council on November 3, 2021. The minutes were provided for Committee's information.

5. Presentations\Delegations

5.1 Delegation by Caitlin Olson, Pilot Site Coordinator, and Jackie Tanner, National Manager, Canada HomeShare, re: Overview of the Canada Homeshare Peel Program

Jackie Tanner, National Manager, was not in attendance at the meeting.

Caitlin Olson, Pilot Site Coordinator, Canada HomeShare, provided a presentation entitled, 'Overview of the Canada HomeShare Peel Program'. The following was highlighted:

- What is Canada HomeShare

- not for profit program that matches older adults and post-secondary students
- Goals include promoting aging-in-place to address isolation and loneliness
- Unique benefits of HomeSharing
- The problem - desire to age at home - challenges include
 - fixed income and rising costs
 - support for day to day activities
- HomeSharing - provides supplemental income, support and safety
- Matching process outlined between older adult and students
- Availability of information and application process

In response to questions from Committee, Ms. Olson provided information that included the following:

- HomeShare program is operational in the City of Brampton, Town of Caledon and City of Mississauga
- Applications for matching students with older adults are being accepted, however no matches have yet been made in Brampton
- Supplemental income may be reported as rental income, additional information can be provided
- Students' privileges, limitations and types of activities they may be expected to undertake

The following motion was considered:

AFC002-2022

That the delegation by Caitlin Olson, Pilot Site Coordinator, Canada HomeShare, to the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee meeting of January 25, 2022, re: **Overview of the Canada Homeshare Peel Program** be received.

Carried

- 5.2 Presentation by Shahid Mahmood, Senior Planner, Supervisor/Principal Planner, and Shahinaz Eshesh, Policy Planner, re: Integrated Downtown Plan

Shahid Mahmood, Senior Planner, Supervisor/Principal Planner, provided a presentation entitled, 'Integrated Downtown Plan (IDP)', highlighting the following:

- What is the Integrated Downtown Plan (IDP)?
- The IDP Charter - and its eight component characters
- Project management framework
- Vision for the age-friendly Downtown community alignment with the principles of the IDP Charter
- The IDP and the Age-Friendly Strategy - key action items
- Review of existing conditions and policy framework - the implications of growth in Downtown and impact on development and capital initiatives
- Creating a framework that incorporates Age-Friendly Strategy to create a Downtown community
- Major Transit Station Areas (MTSA) and their purpose
- Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) analysis
- Downtown laneway activation program
- Study area conceptual character views

Mr. Mahmood referenced five questions provided in the presentation and suggested that Committee provide feedback that will support Downtown revitalization, optimize opportunities for health and safety, build complete neighbourhoods with a diverse housing mix, and help achieve aging in place principles.

Committee and staff discussion included the following:

- Reference to previous Downtown projects over the last ten years and a suggestion that the IDP get projects moving ahead
- Whether a budget is available to begin projects Downtown
- Indication that staff are working with other City departments in a coordinated effort to achieve a cohesive comprehensive look at the Downtown streetscape
 - staff are also working on securing grants from other levels of government to activate some of the projects

- Clarification provided regarding the City's plans for the properties at the corner of George Street and Nelson Street adding that the site is intended for the Downtown Centre for Innovation
- Inquiry regarding the impact and timelines for the proposed infrastructure replacement by the Region of Peel
- Indication that Public Works staff are undertaking this project with the Region of Peel and the estimated timeline for completion is three years

Various comments were provided and it was suggested that Members may wish to delegate at a Council meeting with respect to questions pertaining to the availability of a budget for the Downtown projects, and the purpose of City-owned lands in the Downtown. Members were reminded that the IDP presentation and questions should remain focused on the Age-Friendly initiatives and how the IDP may help to improve the Downtown to better accommodate the aging community.

The following motion was considered:

AFC003-2022

1. That the presentation by Shahid Mahmood, Supervisor/Principal Planner, and Shahinaz Eshesh, Policy Planner, to the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee meeting of January 25, 2022, re: **Integrated Downtown Plan** be received.

Carried

5.3 Presentation by Nelson Cadete, Project Manager, Active Transportation, Planning, Building and Economic Development, re: Electric Scooter Pilot

Nelson Cadete, Project Manager, Active Transportation, Planning, Building and Economic Development, provided a presentation entitled, 'Electric Scooter Pilot'. The following was highlighted:

- The Electric Scooter Pilot program is a City initiative viewed as a test for micromobility
- Definition of micromobility device includes the electric scooter
- Pilot program launched by the Province on January 2020
- Support of the program and policies outlined
- Benefits of the electric scooter

- Program aligns with the City's 2040 Vision and Active Transportation Plan
- Pilot parameters - how scooter works, speed, weight and safety features
- By-law will be enacted to regulate the use of the scooter - will be used wherever a bicycle is used and will be prohibited on sidewalks
- Terms of Reference

Committee discussion took place. Some members were of the opinion that the device was not designed for seniors and therefore viewed it as unsafe for them.

It was suggested that the pilot project be presented in areas, such as the Downtown, Mount Pleasant community and the Flower City Centre.

Staff reiterated that the intent of the pilot project was to reduce vehicular traffic by offering an option for shorter trips around the City. Staff highlighted some of the measures that will be utilized to ensure safe use of the device, such as, the inclusion of a sound system, such as a bell, to advise others around that the scooter is in use.

Committee noted that the Age-Friendly Strategy framework was developed for people of all ages and this pilot project provides an option for alternative travel for the younger population. Staff reiterated that transportation and alternative modes of transportation are one of eight domains of the Age-Friendly Strategy and the scooter may be viewed as a viable option.

Committee suggested that a motion be put forward in support of the implementation of the pilot project initiative.

The following motion was considered:

AFC004-2022

1. That the presentation by Nelson Cadete, Project Manager, Active Transportation, Planning, Building and Economic Development, to the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee meeting of January 25, 2022, re: **Electric Scooter Pilot** be received; and,
2. That the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee support Council in the Electric Scooter pilot initiative and the potential implementation of a micromobility program in the City.

Carried

6. Reports / Updates

Nil

7. Other/New Business / Information Items

Nil

8. Correspondence

Nil

9. Question Period

Peter Howarth, Member, inquired about providing an update on a matter of interest to the Committee. Mr. Howarth was advised to add the matter to the agenda for the next meeting.

10. Public Question Period

Nil

11. Adjournment

The following motion was considered:

AFC005-2022

That the Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory Committee meeting do now adjourn to meet again on March 29, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Carried

Saad Ali (Co-Chair)

Bob Pesant (Co-Chair)