



Advocacy for Seniors

Senior Adults Living Triumphantly

BRAMPTON SENIORS CITIZENS COUNCIL MARCH 01, 2022

Present: Mary Steed, Guy Lamontagne, Valerie Carasco, Kat Pechmann, Maria Isabella, Lucinda Sloley, Janice Adshead, Licia Vreugde, Barb Schwarze, Gerri Malloy, Harvey Malloy, Genny Rice, Susan Ward, Balwinder Sidhu, HS Benipal, Iqbal Singh, Jay Lal, Tarlochan Singh Badwal, Ann LeMessurier, Trisha Gupta, Pat Persaud, Yohan Persaud, Doreen Manning, Charanjit Dhillon, Jangir Singh Sehmbi, Kulwant Singh Kamoh, Jogindar Singh Padda, Gurmel S. Saggu, Nachhatan Singh Daliwal, Sabrina Chirco, Kimberly Stroc, David Stowe, Pedro Dungog, Licila C. Agogio, Chrisantina N. Raguinndin, Severiho Raguinoin, Chris Hogg, Myrna Adams, Amrik Kumria, Prabhat Chatterjee, Pat Seaton, Evelyn Javier, Councillor Charmaine Williams

Regrets: Wayne Steele, Sukdev Minhas, Regional Councillor Martin Medeiros, Gary Gu

The President welcomed everyone and began the meeting with the Indigenous land Acknowledgement. Attendees were requested to sign in and complete sheets regarding Advocacy Issues for Seniors

Addition to Agenda: Sabrina Chirco Brampton Transit Free Bus Fare/Pass for Brampton Seniors
Approval of Agenda as amended by Gerri Malloy Seconded by: Mary Steed
Approval of Minutes by: Gerri Malloy Seconded by: Guy Lamontagne

President's Report: Nothing to report.

Vice President's Report: Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report: Bank Balance \$3,747.26 only expenditures \$1.95 bank fee
Members reminded to pay membership fees of \$25.00 per individual for the year

Guest Speakers: Sabrina Chirco and Brampton Transit team

Free bus fare for all Seniors 65 years old plus. Documents required to obtain free transit pass: Presto Card and Seniors ID. Appointment can be made at several Pop-up Shops by calling 905-874-2410 or at Brampton Transit Terminals. A onetime fee of \$6.00 is required to purchase a Presto Card. The free fare is only for travel in Brampton and available to seniors living in Brampton. It is recommended to have an additional Presto Card for travel outside of Brampton. The Presto card is non-transferrable. If you have remaining money in your Presto Card, it can be refunded or kept for travel outside Brampton. Presto Card was issued to track ridership. Plan your trip and check bus schedule before travelling as bus schedules changes every six or eight weeks. The courtesy sitting is still in place for seniors, pregnant moms and the disabled Buses have 100% wheelchair accessibility. Entrance through front door of the bus and exit through the back door for all other passengers

Guest Speaker Janice Adshead Accessibility at City of Brampton (Presentation Attached)
BSCC supports the initiative

Guest Speaker: Kamal Bhardwaj Owner/President Lotus Funeral and Cremation Centre Inc.

Topic Estate Planning

Services can be planned and paid for many years in advance to avoid financial and emotional burdens for family members. It is advisable to have a Power of Attorney in place one for personal care and one for property and or assets in the event that you become incapable of managing your affairs. Ensure that those designated to manage your personal care and assets are completely trustworthy. The power of attorney becomes null and void upon your death. There are 49 things You Must Do at the most difficult time of your life. (see attached).

There are two kinds of Wills. One made by the lawyer with two witnesses. Another Will, you can make in your own handwriting without witnesses (Holograph) but this Will is not secure and can be contested. It is advisable to have a Will made by a Lawyer if you have lots of assets, so that your assets will be distributed to the right persons. You can also include in your Will your funeral celebration.

A Pre-Planned funeral allows you to avoid high costs, and peace of mind. In the event that the pre-plan funeral is not fully paid when death occurs, the insurance will cover the remaining amount. Purchased funeral plans provide interest which is tax free and the price is never increased. Interest on surplus is returned to family.

World Wide Travel Protection Plan can be purchased for \$495.00 from the funeral home for travel outside of Canada. Should death occur while away the plan covers all expenses incurred to bring the body the deceased home.

Rental caskets can be more costly than a purchased one.

Cremation with no service \$2200.00 with service price dependant upon what is included.

Councillors' Reports: Councillor Charmaine Williams provided COVID-19 update

Masks maybe removed following March break

COVID-19 screening removed from all City locations no capacity limits

City making announcement 3:00 pm today Seniors Ride for Free

Council Meeting tomorrow Paul Morrison Interim CAO

Announcement from Minister McLeod Tourism for Ontario \$150,000 allocated for a Bill Davis Memorial at Gage Park

Black History Month celebrations were a big success

Equity Division to look at diversity in all areas of City Hall. Budget increased to make necessary improvements

Regional Councillor Martin Medeiros advised BSCC to be better utilized

Equity Division budget was increased to improve all areas needed improvement.

Question: Will transit move to opposite side? Response: No south of Steeles on Hurontario would like to be above Steeles on Hurontario

International Women's Day Celebration March 08, 2022 5:00 pm City Hall Atrium hosted by Zonta Club

President requested BSCC members to complete and return survey sent out with previous minutes. Some members indicated that they did not receive the survey. It is important that

The survey is completed as the information will provide important information to help groups and organizations identify gaps in programs, services and resources to respond to challenges and opportunities resulting from the pandemic.

MEETING ADJOURNED 11:00 AM