



**THE CORPORATION OF
HALDIMAND COUNTY**

Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: March 26, 2025
Time: 1:00 P.M.
Location: Haldimand County Administration Building - Haldimand Room
53 Thorburn Street South, Cayuga

Members Present V. Bailey-Phillips, Chair
J. Duggan, Member

B. Horton, Member
A. Huffman, Member
M. Knight, Member
A. Krupicz, Vice Chair
L. Thompson, Member

Regrets J. Metcalfe, Councillor
S. Grant, Member

Staff Present J. Clark, Administrative Assistant, Community Development & Partnerships
K. Schmitz, Manager, Community Development & Partnerships
T. Gibbs, Community Partnership Liaison, Community Development & Partnerships

A. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

B. Land Acknowledgement

The Chair opened the meeting with the Haldimand County Land Acknowledgement.

C. Disclosures of Conflict of Interest

None.

D. Approval of Previous Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes - January 9, 2025

Circulation and approval of meeting minutes deferred.

E. Delegations

None.

F. Items for Consideration

1. Appointment of 2025 Committee Positions

Moved By: J. Duggan, Member

Seconded By: A. Huffman, Member

THAT Valerie Bailey Phillips is hereby appointed to serve as Chair of the Seniors Advisory Committee of Council from this date until the first Committee meeting in the 2026 calendar year.

THAT Annette Krupicz is hereby appointed to serve as Vice Chair of the Seniors Advisory Committee of Council from this date until the first Committee meeting in the 2026 calendar year.

APPROVED

2. 2025 Committee Dates

1. Meeting Dates for 2025.

2025 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting dates were confirmed as follows:

- May 7, 2025 at 1pm
- June 11, 2025 at 1pm
- September 10, 2025 at 1pm
- November 12, 2025 at 1pm

2. Committee Presentation to Council

The Committee discussed timing of annual presentation to Haldimand County Council for Fall 2025.

3. Updates from Council

None. Councillor Metcalfe unable to attend this meeting.

4. Health & Social Services Meeting Update

The Committee Chair provided an update of the findings in the Greater Hamilton Health Network's (GHHN) report [Deep Dive: Older Adults and Caregivers in Haldimand, Population health review \(2025\)](#).

V. Bailey-Phillips and L. Thompson participated in the GHHN public consultations. The root causes of unfavorable health outcomes for older adults and caregivers in Haldimand County were found and described in the GHHN Report as the following three interconnected factors:

1. Isolation resulting from a lack of transportation and stigma.
2. Inadequate access to healthcare from a lack of services and difficulties navigating the system.
3. Economic factors such as income inequality, rising costs of living and fraying social safety net.

5. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee Update

M. Knight provided an update on the work of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

6. 2025 Committee Planning Discussion

Discussion on Committee opportunities for involvement in improving quality of life and health outcomes for older adults living in Haldimand County such as increasing local coordination and collaboration of services and existing transportation assets/programs, intergenerational initiatives, awareness-raising activities that reduce stigma and ageism in Haldimand County.

7. Other Business

Brief discussion on Age-Friendly Communities work of McMaster University, the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Council on Aging (HCoA).

G. Adjournment

The Committee Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:40pm.

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