

Chatham-Kent Age Friendly Advisory Committee

Date and Time: Thursday May 10, 2018, 4:30pm – 6:00pm

Location: Chatham Public Library, Community Board Room

Present: Karen Herman (Chair)
Sara Ebare
Barbara Ferren
Helen Kehoe
Jane Rance
Andrew Tompsett
Sue Williams

Regrets: Marjorie Crew

Staff Present: Heather Bakker, Administrative Assistant, Public Health
Cathy DeBresser Knowler, Age Friendly Coordinator

1. Welcome

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion of Approval: Sue Williams
Seconded: Sara Ebare
Carried.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary/Conflict of Interest

No members declared a pecuniary interest on any matter on the open session agenda.

4. Approval of Minutes of April 12, 2018

Motion of Approval: Barb Ferren
Seconded: Jane Rance
Carried.

5. Guest Speaker – Shelley Wilkins, Director, Housing Services

Presented statistics on the housing options available in Chatham-Kent; including the senior housing options. Highlighted the coordinated access to social housing including the wait list, noting that wait list is trending upwards. Encourage innovative partnership to develop more affordable housing that meets the needs of changing markets in Chatham-Kent.

For information regarding Home Share program refer to the National Housing Strategy. Inclusionary zoning by-laws will allow for this program to occur. Committee will discuss further as a program; discussions have started with United Way. Andrew advised that, in speaking with an insurance agent, insurance would not be a hardship for home owners.

Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Programs Extension (IAHE) – home ownership, housing allowances, Ontario Renovates (repairs, accessibility improvements), new rental and supportive (new builds and/or conversions, social infrastructure fund (SIF), social housing improvement program (SHIP). Committee will be advised when the RFP process is occurring for committee to attend.

Municipal housing programs – municipal affordable housing (new builds or conversion), CK Renovates, Portable Housing Allowance (CK Housing Services, Employment & Social Services), intensive case management – mental health issues.

Housing and Homeless Plan – 10 year community plan 2014 – 2024. 23 community agencies and municipal divisions are represented on this committee.

Karen Herman suggested areas that the committee could participate: Housing and Homeless plan, official housing policy and tiny houses initiative including an Age Friendly lens in reports to councils.

Committee directed Age Friendly Coordinator to create a report to council in support of the home share program and the tiny homes initiative.

6. Discussion of Housing subcommittee findings

Subcommittee met and reviewed the Housing section of the 2015 Action Plan. Determined the following goal “work with Chatham-Kent planning department and social housing to develop the official plan to include Age Friendly strategy.” The official plan review is scheduled for updating in 2019.

The 10 year housing plan is scheduled for a 5 year review which must be started by 2019. It is anticipated having this plan to be completed in conjunction with the official plan. Planning for a consultation in the creation of a policy on affordable housing which can be looked at through the age friendly lens.

Sue Williams asked if the department consider the location of seniors’ home, i.e. accessibility to local services; was advised that yes, look to keeping facility in the community, and are open to any community pending developers’ desire.

Barb Ferren asked if Housing Services look at retirement homes, group homes, etc. Shelley advised that this program does not cover congregate homes.

7. Next Meetings

June 14, 2018

1. Adjournment

Moved by Sara Ebare to adjourn meeting at 6:05pm. CARRIED

CONFIRMED: _____, CHAIR