

Municipality of Chatham-Kent
Community Human Services
Public Health Unit

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Teresa Bendo, Director, CK Public Health
Date: July 21, 2020
Subject: Chatham-Kent Age Friendly Advisory Committee Appointment

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

1. Dava Robichaud be appointed to the Age Friendly Advisory Committee.

Background

Chatham-Kent Age Friendly Advisory Committee (AFC) works to build a diverse, inclusive, accessible and respectful community that enables independence and healthy lifestyles at all stages of aging.

As a committee of council, AFC aims to collaborate with community and Municipal partners, and provide leadership and communication to enhance the age-friendliness of Chatham-Kent:

- Gives stronger opportunity to 'advise' Council on recommendations with regard to age-friendly opportunities and initiatives
- Helps bring the community and organizations into the work of the committee
- Allows AFC to take advantage of potential opportunities that may be outside initiatives in the Age Friendly Community Action Plan
- Creates a forum to ensure visibility of the initiatives and helps hold AFC accountable

Comments

A member of AFC, Barbara Ferren, resigned on January 1, 2020. As such, AFC needs a new member.

Twenty-three citizens applied to be on AFC as a result of the recruitment process for citizen appointments that occurred from October 10th to November 2nd, 2018. The chair of AFC and the Age Friendly Community Coordinator reviewed submissions, not already selected for membership on AFC, using the following criteria:

- Interest in being on AFC
- Level of committee experience
- Experience or interest in serving older adults
- Experience or interest in building an age-friendly community, and/or a community that fosters well-being for all
- Experience or expertise in at least one of the age-friendly dimensions – civic engagement, community support and health services, housing, outdoor spaces and buildings, social participation, transportation, communication and information, respect and social inclusion
- Rural representation

The recommendation in this report supports Dava Robichaud joining the committee, as she has experience in community work and a number of the age-friendly dimensions. She also definitively stated wanting to create an age-friendly community.

Areas of Strategic Focus and Critical Success Factors

The recommendation in this report supports the following areas of strategic focus:

Economic Prosperity:

Chatham-Kent is an innovative and thriving community with a diversified economy

A Healthy and Safe Community:

Chatham-Kent is a healthy and safe community with sustainable population growth

People and Culture:

Chatham-Kent is recognized as a culturally vibrant, dynamic, and creative community

Environmental Sustainability:

Chatham-Kent is a community that is environmentally sustainable and promotes stewardship of our natural resources

The recommendation in this report supports the following critical success factors:

Financial Sustainability:

The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is financially sustainable

Open, Transparent and Effective Governance:

The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is open, transparent and effectively governed with efficient and bold, visionary leadership

Has the potential to support all areas of strategic focus & critical success factors

Neutral issues (does not support negatively or positively)

Consultation

The Age Friendly Advisory Committee was consulted on the recommendation of this report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications resulting from this recommendation.

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Attachment: None

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