

# Whitby 55+ Recreation Advisory Committee (2024)



## Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 8, 2024 – 9:00 am

Location: Boardroom, 55+ Recreation Centre, 801 Brock St. S.

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**Present:** Mayor Elizabeth Roy, Lise Watt, Joanne Smith, Mary Poirier, Jane Hilton, Lynda Krutz, Sharon Bagatto, Lena Ebrekdjian, Kim Evans, Roz Puddester

**Regrets:** Susan Lythgoe

\*\*Presentation: Josh Wilson, Facilities, Discussion of Role at 55+ Recreation\*\*

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Mary moved to amend Agenda by adding in the approval of February 9 Minutes and Correspondence, seconded by Joanne, motion carried. Joanne moved to approve Agenda as Amended.
2. **Approval of Minutes of February 9** (errors and omissions): moved by Sharon
3. **Correspondence:** email received regarding transportation challenges faced by some seniors in getting to the 55+ Centre. Discussion about transportation options. Suggestion to bring in Durham Region Transit to do a presentation to members, possibly with a Zoom option for those with travel issues. Kim will draft a committee response to be circulated before being sent to the writer.
4. **Business Arising** (Action items from previous minutes)
  - a. Reminder to Committee to complete AODA training for volunteers
5. **New Business**
  - a. Supervisor's Report (Supervisor)
    1. Staffing update: Lisa Marie Dunfield has moved into a full-time role in aquatics. Posting is now out for a new Temporary Volunteer Coordinator.
    2. Budget: Expenses for 55+ is mainly staffing, instructors, and events. Revenue includes SALC funding from Province \$50k x 2, and user fees from classes/programs, tax payers
    3. 55+ Members Survey – February 29 – March 22: 500 responses received so far, lots of positive feedback.
    4. Mayors Senior Volunteer Award
      - a. Closes March 8: 4 nominees received.

- b. Judging March 13 at 11am (Lynda, Jane)
  - c. Award to be presented April 18 at Volunteer Appreciation Night.
5. Seniors Month: Wellings of Whitby sponsoring \$5,000
- a. "Unsyncable" Movie screening on May 31
  - b. Art Show at Whitby Public Library (June)
  - c. Play In Whitby Day (June 8): being held at Iroquois Park Sports Centre with roller skating and pickleball.
  - d. Meet the Artists at Whitby Public Library (June 14 at 11am)
  - e. Elder Abuse Prevention Awareness Day (June 14): Region presentation we should have committee members there
  - f. 55+ BBQ (June 21): Ontario Senior Volunteer Award will be given by MPP Lorne Coe, events will be held such as yoga in park, ukulele playing, activities
  - g. Fraud Seminar (June 26 10-1130am): Darryl Rice DRPS
6. Registration Update: The numbers haven't come in yet, but unofficially about 2,000 registrations into 55+ classes and programs so far.
7. Windrow Update: 1,126 registered for service this winter, program was not initiated. Cutoff date for applicants to be implemented for next year - October 31.
8. Income Tax Preparation Assistance: Program is underway with 4 tax volunteers doing the work.
9. Mobile Market: Run by Community Care Durham of fruits and vegetables. An area in the 55+ parking lot will be cordoned off for the market. The market will be promoted to seniors and run Friday's from 1:30 – 3:00 pm, late May to early October.
10. Taunton Mills: pre-covid agreement to use a room there with designated parking spaces. There are no more designated parking spaces for us to use, making running programs there challenging. Being discussed on if there is a resolve.

b. Other (Members)

1. Snack List circulation: sent via email
2. Sub-Committees (Lise, Joanne, Kim)

a. Program Committee

- i. Staff Leads – TBD, Cathy
- ii. Members – Lise, Joanne
- iii. Have to set up a Spring Convenors Meeting (May)

b. Special Events Committee

- i. Staff Leads – TBD, Jessica Fox
- ii. Members – Lise, Joanne, Mary, Sharon, Lena, Lynda, Susan
- iii. Review of Events:
  1. Valentines Social: Event was a success with 50 people in attendance.

iv. Upcoming Events:

1. St. Patrick's Day Social (March 15):  
Event will be capped at 60 people. The Drop-in groups will be bumped out of the Upper Activity Room and run in different rooms in the 55+ Centre.
2. Volunteer Appreciation (April 18): Need more Committee volunteers to help on event night. All Volunteers from 2023 will be invited, approximately 150 people, with approximately 90 expected to attend.
3. Spring Social (May 24): will try as an evening event.

c. New Members Committee

- i. Staff Leads – Kim, Roz
- ii. Members – Mary and Lise to help at next one, then Lise will partner with another committee member, and so on
- iii. Next one is April 25 at 10am

- d. Nominations Committee (starts in June)
  - i. Staff Leads – Kim, Roz
  - ii. Help recruit new volunteers
  - iii. Help with candidate elections if needed
- e. Sustainability Committee
  - i. Staff Leads – Sheri, Roz
  - ii. Members – Jane, Mary
- 6. **Council Update (Mayor Roy)** – Mayor shared items that were being discussed at Council. See monthly e-newsletter at [whitby.ca/mayor](http://whitby.ca/mayor).
- 7. **Community Information Sharing (Members)** - Community Items/Events of interest to share with group. Signage will be coming soon for the 55+ Centre. Whitby Sustainability Coordinator, Kristen Palilionis, will speak to the group at April meeting. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is almost done. Kim will present it to this group in May or June.
- 8. **Action Item Review/Next Meeting:** Friday, April 12, in the Boardroom, Brooklin Community Centre & Library, 8 Vipond Road, Brooklin
- 9. **Adjournment** at 11:00 am