



## City of Port Colborne

### Port Colborne Senior Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, October 21, 2025  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Location:** Committee Room 3-City Hall  
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne, Ontario, L3K 3C8

**Members Present:** M. Cooper  
D. Santarella  
D. Rudyk  
N. Salvage  
T. McDowell

**Member(s) Absent:** R. Carter

**Staff Present:** M. Aquilina, Councillor  
S. McDowell, Public Programmer, Museum and Culture  
J. Faccini, Outreach Coordinator, Museum and Culture  
O. Loeffen, Business Community & Events Ambassador  
G.-R. Bisson, Senior Community Engagement Advisor

**Others Present:** Ursula Hudson, CARP Representative  
Mohammed Abdelgadir, Red Cross, Niagara Region  
Rick Hall, Community Member

#### 1. Call to Order

The interim chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

#### 2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved By Deanna Rudyk  
Seconded By Dorothy Santarella

That the Seniors Advisory Committee agenda, dated October 21, 2025, be approved.

Carried

**3. Disclosures of Interest**

No disclosures of interest.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Moved By Dorothy Santarella  
Seconded By Tammy McDowell

That the Seniors Advisory Committee minutes, dated June 17, 2025, be approved.

Carried

**5. Business Arising from Minutes**

No business arising from minutes.

**6. Presentations**

**6.1 Red Cross Transportation Program**

Mohammed Abdelgadir, Supervisor of the Transportation Program with the Red Cross for the Niagara Region and his colleague gave a presentation sharing the services the Red Cross offers to seniors, and opportunities to volunteer with the Red Cross.

**6.2 Stop Gap update**

O. Loeffen gave an update to the committee on the Stop Gap program and asked for comments on the proposed website page and program application process.

**7. Staff Updates**

**7.1 Outreach Coordinator Update**

J. Faccini updated the committee on the ongoing workshops and programs through the Seniors Community Grant.

Moved By Michael Cooper  
Seconded By Nancy Salvage

To defer the Wellness Wednesday walking program to other organizations.

Carried

## **7.2 Senior Achievement Award**

S. McDowell shared that N. Salvage has been nominated for the Seniors Achievement Award under the Government of Ontario's Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism.

## **7.3 New Committee Members**

Moved By Michael Cooper  
Seconded By Deanna Rudyk

That Robert Carter be removed from his seat, in accordance with Section 7 of the Seniors Advisory Committee Terms of Reference; and

That the seat be declared vacant.

Carried

## **7.4 Healthcare Advisory Committee Update**

G. R. Bisson updated the committee on the work the Healthcare Advisory Committee has been doing.

## **8. Order of Business**

### **8.1 NOAA Meeting**

M. Cooper and T. McDowell attended the Niagara Older Adult Association meeting on October 8th, 2025, and gave an update to committee members.

The committee discussed potentially hosting a NOAA meeting in 2027.

### **8.2 SOAFA Meeting**

S. McDowell gave an update on the Southern Ontario Age-Friendly Association's most recent meeting held on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

## **9. New Business**

### **9.1 Community member comments**

Community member Rick Hall attended the committee meeting and shared concerns about road safety as well as lack of information available to the community about local events and updates.

The committee urged Rick Hall to sign up for the City of Port Colborne's monthly 'City Hall News' e-newsletter, and to contact the proper ward councillor for any road safety concerns.

**10. Adjournment**

The interim chair adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

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Chair

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Staff Liaison