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AGENDA

Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC)

Location:

Grey Highlands Municipal Office
206 Toronto St. South, Unit 1
Markdale, ON

Monday, June 8, 2026 - 1:30 PM

[SAC Terms of Reference](#)

in-person only

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1 CALL TO ORDER

2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Recommendation:

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the agenda as circulated or as amended.

3 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Recommendation:

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That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the 2026-04-13 meeting minutes as presented or as amended.

[Seniors Advisory Committee \(SAC\) - 13 Apr 2026 - Minutes - Html](#)

5 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 Update from Municipality - Member Allen

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That the Seniors Advisory Committee receive the Municipal Update for information.

[Council - 06 May 2026 - Resolution 2026-309](#)

5.2 Update from Council on Aging - Chair Silverton

That the Seniors Advisory Committee receive the Council on Aging Update for information.

5.3 South East Grey Community Health Centre Update - Community Developer, Geoff VanGeem

That the Seniors Advisory Committee receive the South East Grey Community Health Centre update for information.

5.4 Seniors Month Discussion (Chair Silverton)

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That the Seniors Advisory Committee receive the Seniors Month Discussion for information.

[Council - 1 pm - 07 Jun 2023 - Resolution 2023-390 Seniors Month News Release - Ontario Celebrates Seniors Month](#)

5.5 Action Plan Sub-Committee Update

That the Seniors Advisory Committee receive the Action Plan Sub-Committee Update for information.

5.6 Age-Friendly Seniors Health Fair Sub-Committee Update

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That the Seniors Advisory Committee receive the Age-Friendly Seniors Health Fair Sub-Committee Update for information.

[Age Friendly Seniors Health Fair Report - June 2026](#)

6 MEMBERS PRIVILEGE

7 NEXT MEETING

7.1 Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: August 10, 2026

Time: 1:30pm

Location: Grey Highlands Municipal Office (in-person only)

8 ADJOURNMENT

8.1 Adjourn:

That the Seniors Advisory Committee adjourn at [time] until the next meeting or the call of the Chair.

**The Municipality of Grey Highlands
Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC) Minutes
Monday, April 13, 2026**

Members Present:

Chair Lynn Silverton, Paul Allen, Stewart Halliday, Marina Brown, Anke Mayer, Ann Kerr, and Louise Ford

Members Absent:

Staff:

Community Developer, SEGCHC Geoff Van Geem and Committee & Records Coordinator Danielle Thompson

1 Call to Order

Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 1:32pm.

2 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

(Vice-Chair election deferred at February 9, 2026 meeting per resolution SAC2026-01)

- 2.1 Chair Allen advised that he intended to relinquish his appointment as Chair. Coordinator Thompson assumed the Chair and an election to fill the vacancy was conducted.

Member Silverton was nominated for the position of Chair by Member Ford, seconded by Member Kerr. Member Ford was nominated for the position of Chair by Member Halliday, seconded by Member Mayer.

Member Silverton agreed to let their name stand. Member Ford did not agree to let their name stand. Member Silverton was acclaimed as Chair.

Member Kerr was nominated for the position of Vice-Chair by Member Silverton, seconded by Member Halliday. Member Kerr agreed to let their name stand and was acclaimed.

Coordinator Thompson passed the Chair to Chair Silverton.

3 Approval of the Agenda

- 3.1 Motion:

SAC2026-10

Anke Mayer - Louise Ford

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED.

4 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

5 Approval of Minutes

- 5.1 Motion:

SAC2026-11

Paul Allen - Ann Kerr

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the 2026-02-09

**meeting minutes as presented.
CARRIED.**

[Seniors Advisory Committee \(SAC\) - 09 Feb 2026 - Minutes - Html](#)

6 Items for Consideration

6.1 Update from Municipality - Councillor Paul Allen

Member Allen was unable to provide a verbal update due to technical issues. The update has been included with the meeting minutes.

[Council - 04 Mar 2026 - Resolution 2026-116](#)

[SAC April 13 - Municipal Update](#)

6.2 Update from Council on Aging

Chair Silverton provided a verbal update:

- Council on Aging organizing local information sessions and webinars on topics affecting seniors

SAC2026-12

Marina Brown - Anke Mayer

That the Seniors Advisory Committee receive the Council on Aging update for information.

CARRIED.

6.3 South East Grey Community Health Centre Update - Community Developer, Geoff VanGeem

Community Developer VanGeem provided a verbal update:

- upcoming workshops and seminars
- community volunteer income tax program update
- Community Health Centre funding agreement with Grey Highlands

SAC2026-13

Anke Mayer - Louise Ford

That the Seniors Advisory Committee receive the South East Grey Community Health Centre update for information.

CARRIED.

6.4 Action Plan Sub-Committee Update

No update.

6.5 Age-Friendly Seniors Health Fair Sub-Committee Update

Verbal update provided:

- planning ongoing with support from municipal staff
- sponsorship update

SAC2026-14

Louise Ford - Anke Mayer

That the Seniors Advisory Committee receive the Age-Friendly Seniors Health Fair Sub-Committee update for information.

CARRIED.

6.6 Seniors Webpage Updates Discussion - Member Halliday (follow-up from December 8, 2025 SAC meeting)

SAC2026-15

Stewart Halliday - Anke Mayer
That the Seniors Advisory Committee recommend that Council direct staff to include information for upcoming seniors events on the municipal website Seniors page.
CARRIED.

7 Members Privilege

7.1 Member Halliday

- committee advocacy

8 Next Meeting

8.1 Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: June 8, 2026

Time: 1:30pm

Location: Grey Highlands Municipal Office (in-person only)

9 Adjournment

9.1 Adjourn:

SAC2026-16

Anke Mayer - Ann Kerr

That the Seniors Advisory Committee adjourn at 2:16pm until the next meeting or the call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

The minutes contained herein have been reviewed by the members. Minutes are not deemed as approved until received at the next meeting.

June 2, 2026

To Grey Highlands Seniors Advisory Committee:

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the May 6, 2026 meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands:

2026-309

**That Council receive the unapproved minutes of the 2026-04-13 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting for information; and
That Council direct staff to include information for upcoming seniors events on the municipal website Seniors page.
CARRIED.**

Sincerely,

Danielle Thompson

Danielle Thompson
Committee & Records Coordinator
Municipality of Grey Highlands

June 2, 2026

To Grey Highlands Seniors Advisory Committee:

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the June 7, 2023 meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands:

2023-390
That Council proclaim June as Seniors Month in Grey Highlands.
CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Danielle Thompson

Danielle Thompson
Committee & Records Coordinator
Municipality of Grey Highlands

NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Celebrates Seniors Month

Province celebrating seniors by continuing to support more than 400 local active living centres across Ontario

June 01, 2026

[Seniors and Accessibility](#)

TORONTO — June is [Seniors Month](#) in Ontario, a time to honour and celebrate the contributions seniors have made to help make this province the great place it is today. This year's Seniors Month theme **Ontario Seniors – Let's Get Moving**, highlights the importance of helping seniors stay active and engaged in their communities.

"Seniors Month is a time to celebrate the contributions of our seniors, giving them the dignity and respect they deserve every day," said Raymond Cho. "Our government is continuing to support seniors across the province by ensuring they have access to affordable, reliable community programs and services that help them stay active, connected and independent."

The government is focused on helping seniors stay socially connected and close to home, by investing more than ever before in hundreds of local programs across the province.

To support active, healthy living for seniors, the province has invested up to \$22.8 million in more than 400 Seniors Active Living Centre programs across Ontario, including nearly 100 new programs approved in 2024-25, giving more seniors access to activities and services close to home.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Seniors Active Living Centre programs, established under the *Elderly Persons' Centres Act, 1966*. For six decades, these programs have helped seniors across Ontario stay active and socially connected, supporting their independence and overall well-being while strengthening communities across the province.

Quick Facts

- In June Ontario will hold its annual Ontario Senior Achievement Award ceremony to honour and recognize seniors receiving the 2025 awards.
 - Seniors are recognized through two provincial [senior award programs](#). Nominations for these awards can be made at any point in the calendar year.
 - Ontario held 104 [Seniors Active Living Fairs \(SALFs\)](#) in 2025-26 in partnership with the Older Adult Centres' Association of Ontario (OACAO) to provide information and support to seniors.
 - Five of the first six Elderly Persons' Centres that received grants under the Elderly Persons' Centres Act, 1966 are still operating as SALC programs today.
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Additional Resources

- [Celebrating seniors in Ontario](#)
 - [Guide to programs and services for seniors](#)
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SAC Meeting June 10 ,2026

Report of Municipality of Grey Highlands Age-Friendly Seniors' Health Fair2026

The Municipality of Grey Highlands Age-Friendly Seniors Health Fair will be held on June 10, 2026 at the Osprey Community Centre. The Fair was conceived using guidelines established by The World Health Organization (WHO) defines an age-friendly environment as one that

supports and enables older people to "age actively,"
meaning they can live safely, enjoy good health, and stay
involved in their communities. This involves policies, services, and
structures related to the physical and social environment”

At the Age-Friendly Seniors' Health Fair Vendors represent opportunities in Transportation, Health Care, Civic Participation, Community Participation, Housing, Communication, Respect and Social inclusion and Business. Our tables will be arranged to accord with these “Dimensions” of an Age-Friendly community.

The Participants include:

Sponsors: Foodland has generously donated lunch, Ice River Sustainable Solutions has donated \$1500.00 and bottled water, and Fawcett Funeral Homes has donated \$500.00

Vendors: As of this writing 40 + vendors, most of them Not-For-Profit organizations, have registered and will present opportunities for our Seniors and their families to learn about Supports and Opportunities in Health and Wellness Services, housing initiatives, internet providers, volunteer involvement, face-to-face interaction with the M.P and M.P.P office and Municipal Elections. There are demonstrations of and opportunity to try fitness classes . Grey Highlands itself is represented by 6 different organizations. There are also a musical ensembles and volunteer opportunities in this sector. And lunch is provided at no cost by Foodland Markdale.

The Fair will include a lottery with items donated by merchants and Makers in Grey Highlands. In addition, thanks to the generous contribution of garden bounty from their garden, Bo and Brian Penny will decorate each table with flowers. Detail reminders have been emailed, the program has been printed, the “loot” bags will be filled, and volunteers trained tomorrow.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to Kathryn Connors and Rob Delduca, both full-time staff at the Municipality, for their expertise and good humour, and to Shawnette Crouse for jumping in with both feet. Anke Meyer has generously parlayed her intimate knowledge of the workings of Markdale into connections with business, professionals and services who have taken tables. A special Thank you to Chair of the Seniors' Advisory Committee Lynn Silverton for her wisdom and direction. And of course to the SAC itself for their trust in us and support.

The only thing left is a request : Please use any “connections” available to connect with the Weatherperson, so as to bring the sunshine to Feversham on June 10.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kerr and Louise Ford