Present: Carolann Fernandes, Margo Kirkpatrick, Vi Morgan, Bernice Price, Shirley Robinson, Mary Sinclair, Ron Smithson (Chair), Ly Minh Trinh

Regrets: Lisa Campbell, Thelma McGillivray, Lorraine Meloche, Bev Neill – Corporate Services, Customer Service, Access & Equity
Vicki Woodcox – Community Services, Macassa Lodge
Coralee Secore – Community Services, Recreation

Also Present: Carolyn Bish – Corporate Services, Customer Service, Access & Equity
Maureen Harmer – Public Health Services, Healthy Living
Councillors Jackson and Morelli

1. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The following changes were made to the agenda:
Presentation: Item 4.1 – Terry Quinn unable to attend
Mary Sinclair – Heat Alert
Ron Smithson – YWCA Budget

The agenda was accepted as amended.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Thelma McGillivray sent an email dated October 27, 2010 outlining proposed changes to Items 7.8 and 7.9 of the October 1, 2010 minutes as follows:

7.8 Bill 21 – Retirement Homes
Thelma McGillivray, referencing Bill 21 of the Retirement Homes Regulation Act, advised that there are concerns about older adults
living in poverty and not getting the nutrition and services they need. It would help if people living in private licensed retirement homes were covered under the Landlord/Tenant Act. They could then complain and receive the help they deserve.

Carolann Fernandes will provide information to Thelma regarding ethnicity issues and multicultural seniors issues.

7.9 Bill 140 – Long Term Care Homes Act
Thelma McGillivray reported that as of July 2010, there are no legislated hours of care for residents. It was advocated for 3.5 hours but it was lost and therefore, there are no designated hours of care. If there were, nursing homes would be obligated to hire more staff to meet the care needs of the residents.

Hamilton is fortunate that our two nursing homes are subject to unannounced inspection visits. Vicki Woodcox advised there are no specific hours of care there either because they are under the LTCHomes Act. The average age in the nursing homes are age 81 and the seniors are usually very frail.

(B.Price/S.Robinson)
That the October 1, 2010 minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee be approved as amended. CARRIED.

4. PRESENTATION: Terry Quinn, Community Services Dept. re Seniors Active Living Centre – YWCA Hamilton

The Committee was informed that Terry Quinn was unable to attend today’s meeting as he was required to attend a mock Emergency Preparedness meeting. He will be rescheduled to the December meeting.

5. BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

5.1 December Luncheon
The committee agreed to have a luncheon following the December meeting. Staff to make arrangements.

6. UPDATES

6.1 The Gore Committee
There will be no meetings of the Gore Park Committee until 2011. The Committee discussion touched on light rail transit, rerouting of mountain buses, the need to encourage the use of transit systems and park 'n rides.
6.2 ACPD Transportation Subcommittee
Ron Smithson was unable to attend the October meeting of the ACPD Transportation Subcommittee. The subcommittee is focusing on accessible taxis. It has been approved that 20% of the taxis will be accessible by 2010. The subcommittee would like to see 100% accessible by 2020. Fares also need to be regulated. Discussion followed including but not limited to:
- situation worsening – more seniors are becoming ambulatory
- “ride program” in Toronto
- need to move forward on age friendly city
- rescue service for mobility device breakdowns (DARTS vs another company)
- obtaining volunteer drivers from within your own organization for transportation from remote areas; to/from shopping
- suggested that if you’re moving, take note of what’s available in your target area (i.e. bus stops, shopping, recreation, medical facilities)

The Committee requested, through Marjorie Wahlman of DARTS, that the eligibility criteria for DARTS, taxi scrip, etc. be included in the next newsletter.

In response to comments made around the table, Councillors Jackson and Morelli and Maureen Harmer noted the following:
- under the impression that the City of Hamilton was doing well in regard to providing service and programs to seniors
  - Do we need to review programs?
- many issues are complex and staff need to work hard to resolve
- cracks that people fall through do exist but for the most part, it works
- everyone is a priority

6.3 Strategic Road Safety Program Subcommittee
Ron Smithson advised that there has been no meeting of this subcommittee. As requested at the October meeting, a chart relating to accident statistics involving drivers age 65 and over was included in the November agenda package.

Councillor Morelli will contact Emergency Services to invite them to a future meeting to get a better understanding of what we can do about this.

Mary Sinclair also inquired if training for people using scooters could be included with this. Many people acquire 2nd hand scooters and have no training on how to use them. She also suggested that
perhaps scooter users should carry identification noting that they are medically approved to use these devices.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

7.1 **YWCA Budget Approval**
Ron Smithson informed committee members that the Emergency & Community Services Committee approved an additional $25,000 for the YWCA budget. Councillor Morelli advised that discussions are taking place with the YWCA and issues are being dealt with. Some hurdles remain. Councillors Morelli and Jackson will continue to report back to the Seniors Advisory Committee regarding discussions.

A reorganization is taking place within the Recreation Division. A dedicated staff person for seniors is in the new organizational chart.

7.2 **Heat Alert**
Mary Sinclair would like an update on where people are to go and how will they get to these locations in the event of a Heat / Cold Alert.

Maureen Harmer will get an update from Public Health Department on who is in charge of this.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

**NEXT MEETING**
Friday, December 3, 2010

9:00 a.m.
Meet at MacNab Bus Terminal
(Main Street end)
for Tour of Facility

10:00 a.m.
Return to City Hall, Room 264