The Committee welcomed Carolyn Rosenthal, Chair; David Jewell, Vice Chair and Jahan Zeb, Project Office from the Hamilton Council on Aging. A handout was distributed to committee members and an verbal outline of the history, mandate, mission, vision, Board membership and current activities was given by Carolyn Rosenthal and David Jewell.

The Hamilton Council on Aging proposed that the Seniors Advisory Committee:
- appoint an representative to Hamilton Council of Aging
- participate in the Age Friendly Hamilton project
- work together on common goals to avoid duplication

Questions/answers and comments from committee members followed.

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**
   Items added to the agenda:
   - “Heads Up” subcommittees
   - update on LHIN proposal re active aging and falls prevention (Colleen)
   - various items (Mary)
   - backpack update (Thelma)

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
   None declared.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 July 4, 2008

(T. McGillivray/C. Fernandes)
That the minutes of the July 4, 2008 meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee be accepted as circulated. **CARRIED.**

4. CONSENT ITEMS

4.1 ATS Performance Report – June 2008
Mary Sinclair informed the committee that she had been invited to see the new lo-floor buses. Creative Carriage in Cambridge is the distributor for these buses.

The ATS Performance Report for June 2008 was received by the committee.

4.2 Letter from Minister Responsible for Seniors re Seniors Games
In addition to the letter from the Minister Responsible for Seniors, a second letter from the Ministry of Health Promotion dated August 22, 2008 was distributed to committee members present. Both letters were received by the committee.

Ron Smithson will continue to work with the Ontario Senior Games Association to ensure that the number of passive games does not decrease.

5. DISCUSSION

5.1 Letter from Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction Requesting SAC Representative to HRPR Policy Working Group
Thelma McGillivray provided committee members with some background on this issue.

(T. McGillivray/L. Campbell)
That Shirley Robinson act as the representative from the Seniors Advisory Committee on the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction Policy Working Group. **CARRIED.**

A letter will be sent to Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction advising them of the name and contact information of the Seniors Advisory Committee representative.
5.2 SAC Presentation to Emergency & Community Services Committee - Wednesday, September 17, 2008

The Chair informed the members that the Seniors Advisory Committee presentation to Emergency & Community Services would take place on September 17, 2008. The meeting will start at 1:30 p.m. The SAC will have 5 minutes to provide a summary of what the committee has done in the past year and will then have 15 minutes to show the “Heads Up” video.

Committee members were encouraged to attend.

5.3 “Heads Up” Video Subcommittee

The following members volunteered to participate on a subcommittee to develop a plan for rolling out the “Heads Up” video:

- Carol Ann Fernandes
- Thelma McGillivray
- Ron Smithson

5.4 LHIN Proposal – Active Aging & Falls Prevention

Colleen Stahlbrand informed the members that LHINs (Local Health Integration Networks) is seeking proposals for they “year 2 projects” and are approaching other city groups and seniors boards for support with the idea of working together to avoid duplication and to ensure that the same messages are being conveyed.

5.5 Backpacks

Thelma McGillivray updated the members on the backpack contribution.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Representation on Hamilton Council of Aging

Further to the presentation from the Hamilton Council on Aging earlier in the meeting,

(L.Campbell/T.McGillivray)

That Carol Ann Fernandes be appointed to represent the Seniors Advisory Committee on the Hamilton Council of Aging. CARRIED.

A letter will be sent to Hamilton Council of Aging advising them of the name and contact information of the Seniors Advisory Committee representative.
6.2 Mary Sinclair mentioned the following events that may be of interest to committee members:

- Thurs. Sept. 18  
  Committee of the Whole re DARTS  
  Albion Room, Hamilton Convention Centre

- Sat. Oct 4  
  Tenant’s Rights  
  10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Central Library

- Mon. Oct. 6  
  “Shovel Ready” Affordable Housing  
  8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Convention Centre

- Mon. Oct. 6  
  Freedom House Annual General Meeting  
  5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – 185 Ferguson Avenue North

6.3 Bernice Price circulated a letter she had sent to the City’s Public Works Department regarding two-way streets.

6.4 Thelma McGillivray would like the committee consider a project on elder abuse in the future.

She also suggested writing letters to Hamilton Health Sciences regarding changing the name of Henderson Hospital.

6.5 Ly Minh Trinh has a meeting on September 19th and would like to show the “Heads Up” video. Thelma McGillivray volunteered to attend to provide the group with the background and obtain feedback.

7. ADJOURNMENT

On motion, the committee adjourned.