1. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The following wished to add items to the agenda:
  Mary Sinclair – report re ODA for Hamilton Health Sciences
  Carolann Fernandes – report re Council of Aging

The Committee welcomed Shirley Robinson back to the table.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(B. Price / L. Meloche)
That the November 6, 2009 minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

4. PRESENTATION

The Committee welcomed Rae-Anne van de Lande, Project Manager – Continuous Improvement, Community Service Department who attended to talk about the Community Heat Response Initiative.
  - first season for Heat Response Initiative
  - relatively cool summer so not a lot of data
  - mobility issues at some cooling centres
- more work being done on outreach. Suggestions included:
  - request that CHCH be used
  - broaden community partners, i.e. churches
  - air-conditioned multi-purpose rooms in some apartment buildings
- Rae-Anne to provide a copy of the registration form
- cold alerts are provided by Public Health

5. BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

6. UPDATES

6.1 The Gore Committee – V. Morgan
Item deferred to the February 2010 meeting.

6.2 ACPD Transportation Sub-Committee – R. Smithson
Ron Smithson provided an update of issues discussed at the November 24, 2009 meeting of the ACPD Transportation Subcommittee.

6.3 Strategic Road Safety Program Sub-committee
Item deferred to the January 8, 2010 meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Carolann Fernandes provided an update on a recent Council of Aging (CoA) meeting. The ex-officio position is still in place. This position does not have voting privileges and cannot sit in on in-camera discussions. A strategic planning meeting was held and CoA want a City representative on the Board. They would also like a better relationship with the Seniors Advisory Committee and would like a representative from CoA on the Seniors Advisory Committee.

7.2 Thelma McGillivray updated the committee on the Age Friendly Forum that was recently held in Hamilton. There was a huge turnout and the presentation from the Seniors Advisory Committee was well received.

7.3 Ron Smithson attended an event at St. Peter’s Hospital to hear the guest speaker who shared her experience while impersonating a senior.

7.4 Thelma McGillivray advised that she had a survey regarding water and energy use if anyone wished to complete it.
7.5 Bev Neill advised that an email had been sent to Dr. Christopher Mackie, the City’s Associate Medical Officer of Health regarding the H1N1 issue raised at the November Seniors Advisory Committee meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Committee members then joined together for some holiday refreshments.