Present:
Farai Chicogora, Goce Dimitrioski, Nicholas Klimchuk, Kaitlynne-Rae Landry, Mike Muller, Christina Ouwehand, Aman-Preet Randhawa, Katrina Schotsman, Racquel Simpson, Matt Terry, Pratik Thakkar, Anda Wang

Absent With Regrets:
Lauren Bursey, Chauntell Dietrich, Evan Gravely, Leo Johnson, Jordan Kitchen, Ben Konyi, Fan Yang, Councilor Tom Jackson

Also Present:
Corey Beaudoin, Kaitlyn Jackson, Andrew Kelly, Elizabeth McPhee, Mark Weingartner, Lisa Zinkewich

1. Welcome and Introductions
   - Nicholas Klimchuk welcomed the group and introduced HYAC to guests, Elizabeth McPhee, Kelly Scott, Lisa Zinkewich
   - Kaitlyn Jackson led an introductory ice-breaking game
   - Nicholas asked that each person around the table introduce themselves

2. Approval of Minutes and Additions to the Agenda
   - The Minutes from December’s were approved
   - Elizabeth McPhee’s presentation from Public Health was placed on the agenda
3. Lisa Zinkewich – Senior Project Manager – Hamilton’s Plan for Rapid Transit
   - Lisa presented on Hamilton’s bid for funding from MetroLinx to help finance a rapid transit system in Hamilton
   - Lisa identified Light Rail Transit as the desired mode of rapid transit to be built in Hamilton
   - The B-line was determined to be the most important route in the transit auditing process
   - The presentation was followed by a question and answer period involving HYAC members

4. Working Groups
   - Nicholas introduced the concept of HYAC working groups, mentioning that these are established groups formed for specifically outlined tasks
   - The notion behind these working groups is that they will meet outside of HYAC general meetings, and report back on a monthly basis for Committee-wide consultation
   - The three working groups were determined to be: Youth Poverty Report, Youth Opportunities Website, and Youth Engagement Project.
   - After speaking about each working group, members were asked to select a preference among the groups
   - Finally, the groups were formed and a meeting date was set for each working group

5. Election
   - Nicholas Klimchuk and Kaitlynne-Rae Landry were the only two individuals to submit their name for the Co-Chair election
   - Both Nicholas and Kaitlynne-Rae were acclaimed

6. Public Health
   - Elizabeth McPhee announced to HYAC that Public Health is interested in a collaboration regarding chronic disease prevention (physical activity and nutrition)
   - Nicholas noted that this could be achieved through the Youth
Opportunities Website and the Youth Engagement Project

- Elizabeth stated that she is available as a resource and is willing to work with HYAC as a committee and also with HYAC’s individual working groups if necessary

7. Information Sharing

- City Of Hamilton Summer Student Employment
  7.1 Corey Beaudoin noted that the deadline to apply is Friday January 30th, 2009.
- Liz Murray – Homeless to Harvard
  7.2 Andrew noted the Homeless to Harvard event on February 5th, co-sponsored by Hamilton Youth Voice Against Poverty (HYVAP)
- Hamilton Community Foundation’s Youth-led Community Action Projects
  7.3 Andrew spoke about the HCF’s grant program where youth groups or committees can apply for grants to start specific youth-oriented projects
- National Youth Week
  7.4 Kaitlyn Jackson shared that National Youth Week is coming up in May and suggested that HYAC may want to contribute
- City Of Hamilton’s Equity Policy
  7.5 Mark informed the committee that HYAC has the opportunity to be involved with shaping the City’s Equity Policy. The date will be determined before the next meeting.

8. Next Meeting
Date: February 17, 2009
Time: 5-7 pm
Location: The Globe – 24 Main St W.