MINUTES: Seniors Advisory Committee  
Friday, November 6, 2009  
Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre

Present: Lisa Campbell, Carolann Fernandes, Margo Kirkpatrick, Thelma McGillivray, Vi Morgan, Bernice Price, Mary Sinclair, Ron Smithson, Ly Minh Trinh

Regrets: Lorraine Meloche, Shirley Robinson (LoA) Maureen Harmer, Colleen Stahlbrand

Also Present: Councillors T. Jackson and B. Morelli  
Bev Neill, Carolyn Bish - Customer Service, Access & Equity Division

1. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The following wished to add items to the agenda:
   - Margot Kirkpatrick
   - Mary Sinclair
   - Lisa Campbell
   - Ron Smithson
   - Carolann Fernandes
   - Thelma McGillivray

The November 6, 2009 Seniors Advisory Committee agenda was accepted as amended.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following changes to the October 2, 2009 minutes were noted:
   - add Margot Kirkpatrick to those in attendance
   - Item 5.3 Housing – date should be September 10 and reference to seniors co-op should be changed to women’s co-op
Shirley Robinson has reconsidered her resignation and has requested to return to the Seniors Advisory Committee. Committee members are in agreement to have Shirley return.

(L. Campbell/B. Price)
That the minutes of the October 2, 2009 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting be accepted as amended.

CARRIED.

4. PRESENTATION
Deferred to December meeting.

5. BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

5.1 October 20, 2009 Breakfast – Post Event Wrap-Up
Bev Neill provided a summary from the October 20, 2009 Seniors/Youth Breakfast.
- very successful – everyone enjoyed
- correspondence received from Sikh group
- still waiting from bill from Convention Centre
  - New Horizon budget just about gone
- special thank you to Carolann Fernandes for her contact with the Catholic School Board to get the kids there
  - Carolann advised that Colleen McPhee from the school board indicated that they could be called on again if the Seniors Advisory Committee needs help

5.2 December Luncheon
The committee agreed to have a luncheon following the December meeting. Staff to make arrangements. Councillors Jackson and Morelli were invited to join the committee for lunch.

A special request was made for the excellent shortbread cookies that we’ve enjoyed in the past.

5.3 January 2010 Meeting Date
The date for the January 2010 meeting will be Friday, January 8, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

6. UPDATES

6.1 The Gore Committee – V. Morgan
No update. Meetings to reconvene in January 2010.

6.2 ACPD Transportation Sub-Committee – R. Smithson
Last meeting was held on October 22, 2009. Discussion included complaints, scheduling, accessible taxis & taxi scrip.
A display of the new DARTS buses will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, November 16, 2009. Following that attendees will move onto another bus and go for a short ride around the block to demonstrate the automated stop system. These events will be held in the Convention Centre parking lot on Summers Lane.

The Support & Companion Policy was approved by ACPD and will go to Council for consent in January 2010.

6.3 **Strategic Road Safety Program Sub-committee**
Next meeting to be held on December 16, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at Central Police Station.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

7.1 **Announcements**

a) Lisa invited committee members to attend an Osteoporosis Presentation on Tuesday November 17, 6:30 pm, Sheraton Hamilton. Admission Free. Flyer to be sent out by email.

b) Ron announced the upcoming Age Friendly Communities Regional Forum, Monday November 23, 9:30 a.m. at Liuna Station hosted by the Ontario Seniors’ Secretariat. Registration by November 18. Thelma & Carolann are on this committee. A request to show the video was made.

c) Carolann distributed a memo from Hamilton Council on Aging (HCOA) (Debbie Christie). This is the format that will be used to bring information from HCOA to the Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC). Would like SAC to partner with HCOA by presenting the video at various events throughout the year. A strategic planning meeting will be held on November 16. The ex-officio status will be discussed. The Chair will respond with a letter back to the Council of Aging.

d) Thelma related a personal experience with regard to the H1N1 vaccine process in Halton. Councillor Morelli requested additional information as he would like to deal with this issue on behalf of the Seniors Advisory Committee. Councillor Jackson commended Thelma for her courage in sharing her experience. A note will be sent to Dr. C. Mackie, Associate Medical Officer of Health for the City of Hamilton to advise him of concerns that this situation not occur in Hamilton.

e) Thelma expressed concern regarding the 2-hour parking limit at the Henderson General Hospital and Juravinski Cancer Centre.
Councillor Jackson suggested that this be brought to the attention of the Concession Street BIA.

f) Bernice passed around a petition to keep the name Henderson General Hospital.

g) Councillor Jackson advised that Committee of the Whole had voted to keep the Senior Annual Pass at $205.00. This must still be ratified at Council. He also advised that the Golden Age Bus Pass has received an overwhelming response.

h) Margot advised that she was no longer a member of the DARTS Board of Directors and wondered whether she should submit her resignation to the Seniors Advisory Committee. Committee members respectfully declined her resignation.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.