January 11, 2006

Mayor Larry DiIanni
and Members of Council
City of Hamilton
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RE: 2006 Transit Fare Increase

At their meeting of January 6, 2006, the Seniors Advisory Committee for the City of Hamilton passed the following motions pertaining to the proposed 2006 transit fare increase:

1. That Council for the City of Hamilton consider the plight of fixed income seniors, many of whom are dependant upon the bus transportation for day to day travel, and reduce the cost of the Seniors Annual Pass from the current $205.00 per year to a fixed cost of $100.00 per year. CARRIED.

2. That Council direct staff to explore the application of increased beltline services, for the City of Hamilton, in consultation with the Seniors Advisory Committee. CARRIED.

3. That Council for the City of Hamilton direct staff to explore the feasibility of free ridership for seniors during the off peak hours of 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in consultation with the Seniors Advisory Committee. CARRIED.

4. That Council direct staff to explore the possibility of seniors, age 85 and over; receiving a gold bus pass to allow for free transportation at all times in the City of Hamilton in consultation with the Seniors Advisory Committee. CARRIED.

Submitted for your consideration during the 2006 budget deliberations.

Sincerely,

Shirley Glauzer, Chair
Seniors Advisory Committee
for the City of Hamilton