1. **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

The following items were added to the agenda:
- Information Fair: Ontario Senior Secretariat – C. Fernandes
- Age Friendly Cities Project: OSSL – C. Fernandes
- Council on Aging – C. Fernandes
- Gore Committee Report – V. Morgan

The agenda was accepted as amended.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None declared.

3. **PRESENTATION – Dale Turvey, McCormick Rankin Corporation re MacNab Street Bus Terminal**

The Committee welcomed Dale Turvey. Mr. Turvey circulated a copy of his power point presentation, MacNAB TRANSIT TERMINAL to the members and spoke to it. Briefly, the project was developed due to the following problems:
- the present facilities do not provide an acceptable environment for passengers, i.e. no weather protection;
- lack of passenger information;
- limited barrier-free accessibility features; and
- the need for security and safety system
The operation in Gore Park is viewed as an impediment to existing business operations and redevelopment.

The proposed solution is to enlarge the present MacNab Street Terminal by providing:
- 2 parallel platforms providing 7 bus platforms
- a passenger terminal building
- a complete redevelopment of the road allowance to enhance pedestrian circulation
- the appearance through landscaping

The budget for the project is approximately $9 million. Construction will begin in August 2009 with HSR operations to commence in June 2010.

Mr. Turvey explained the many details:
- entry doors with automatic openers
- metal grating mat flush with floor tile to prevent tripping
- infrared heating at south entry waiting area
- wheelchair waiting area
- accessible drinking fountain
- all public spaces comply with minimum turning radius of 1930mm (6 foot 4 inches)

CANOPY LAYOUT
- typical canopy bay 14 feet long, oriented towards view of oncoming bus traffic
- 1 seat, 1 perch rail in each typical bay
- 1 wheelchair waiting space in primary position at each platform
- clear path of travel maintained throughout platforms
- canopy roof 9 feet above platform provides continuous shelter
- continuous, even lighting to 100 lux (as per guidelines)
- emergency call buttons conveniently located along platforms
- both closed TV cameras monitored by the supervisory staff who will be located on the second floor of the terminal

Committee members had many queries.
It was not clear where the bus goes. This was explained in detail.
Were the doors sliding or electric?
Answer: electric
Were the washrooms accessible?
Answer: yes
Were there going to be curb cuts?
Answer: all will be level
The question of inclement weather especially snow was a major concern.

Answer: There will be a heat-tracing in the platform which will melt the snow.

Will there then be a problem with water run-off causing a further foot traffic problem?

Will there be access from the South Gore, MacNab and James?

Answer: This was part of the initial plan but is too cost prohibited.

The Gore Committee believes this to be part of the plan and this will need clarification.

There will be 7 platforms and 4 mountain routes. “Perch seating” is not restful for older adults who may need to sit. There was much discussion of future bus routes, etc. and the need for a “countdown light” for passengers to safely cross the street. As well, much concern as to where passengers can purchase bus tickets. The use of a Presto-card (Smart Card) was discussed whereby people can load up their card.

It was suggested that Don Hull, Transit, attend the September meeting to discuss this further.

Mr. Turvey was thanked for his presentation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(B.Price/C.Fernandes)

That the June 5, 2009 minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

5. DISCUSSION

5.1 August Meeting

There will not be a Seniors Advisory Committee meeting in August.

5.2 September Meeting

The next meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee will be Friday, September 11, 2009.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Update: “The Gore” Committee

Vi Morgan presented 3 suggested plans for “The Gore”. The following were suggestions only and have yet to be finalized in any final rendition. For example, bring back the original plan; a sidewalk café;
level the surface curbs; open roadway early morning delivery and then close off by a gate or posts; a portable stage across Hughson when needed for events; underground washrooms are no longer an option as hydro has used this space. The 3 options: a Veterans Memorial with name plates; Cenotaph enclosed; raised flower beds. It was suggested that washrooms be further discussed as it is a number one concern of older people’s need when on an outing. Discussion is ongoing and the committee will be meeting on September 9, 2009. The committee thanked Vi for an excellent update.

6.2 Carolann Fernandes reported on the following:
Information Fair: The Ontario Seniors Secretariat, partnered with the Ontario Coalition of Senior Organizations (OCSCO), have offered to hold an Information Fair on the same day as our projected plan to hold our breakfast meeting and DVD showing on October 20, 2009. This will be discussed further at the September meeting.

Age Friendly Cities: Carolann and Thelma McGillivray are both on the Ontario Regional Committee for Age Friendly Cities chaired by Denise O’Connor. A meeting is planned to take place in Hamilton on November 26, 2009.

SAC Representative’s Role on Council on Aging was discussed.

(V.Morgan/B.Price)
That a request be made to Council to seek clarification of the Seniors Advisory Committee’s representation on the Council on Aging from ex-officio member to an official status, with voting privilege, cognizant of the fact that the City of Hamilton provides funding to the Council on Aging.

CARRIED.

Ron Smithson reported that he attended a meeting with the HSR 5-year review projection plan to improve the present service.

7. ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn – 12:10 pm

Minutes recorded by Thelma McGillivray

NEXT MEETING:
Friday, September 11, 2009
10:00 a.m.
Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre