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MINUTES:  Seniors Advisory Committee  
Friday, October 3, 2008 – 10:00 a.m.  
Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre  

PRESENT:  Lisa Campbell, Carolann Fernandes, Margot Kirkpatrick,  
Lorraine Meloche, Vi Morgan, Bernice Price, Shirley Robinson,  
Mary Sinclair, Ron Smithson, Ly Minh Trinh  

REGRETS:  Thelma McGillivray  

Also Present:  Bev Neill, Carolyn Bish – Corporate Services  
Maureen Harmer, Colleen Stahlbrand – Public Health Services  
Vicki Woodcox – Community Services  
Councillors Jackson and Morelli – City of Hamilton  

1. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA  
The following items were added to the agenda:  
i) December Meeting  
ii) Heads Up Meeting (Carolann)  
iii) ATS Update (Lisa)  
iv) Housing (Mary)  

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST  
None declared.  

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
(B.Price/M.Sinclair)  
That the September 5, 2008 minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee be approved as circulated.  
CARRIED.  

4. CONSENT ITEMS  
Nil.  

5. DISCUSSION  

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5.1 2009 Budget Business Plan
There was a query as to whether the existing budget is covering the meeting refreshments.

(M.Sinclair/C.Fernandes)
That the 2009 budget submission for the Seniors Advisory Committee remain at $1,500 as in previous years. CARRIED.

5.2 Review Terms of Reference
Members reviewed of the committee’s terms of reference and the following suggestions were made:
   i) that the committee recruit additional members to bring the roster to between 15 and 19 members
   ii) that consistent language be used throughout the document when referring to older persons, seniors, older adults, etc.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 December Meeting
It was agreed that a light lunch will be provided at the December 5, 2008 meeting.

6.2 Heads Up Project
Bev Neill provided an update on the New Horizons project budget. Some suggestions were put forward regarding future purchases, i.e. extension cord, tape.

Bev expressed the need to roll out the video at seniors centre and secondary schools. To date there have been 3 presentations (YWCA Seniors Active Living Centre, Sackville Seniors Centre and Emergency & Community Services Committee). A fourth presentation is planned for the Public Works Committee. Bev stressed the need to keep track of where the film is presented for inclusion in the final report back to New Horizons.

The project subcommittee will get together next week to determine the “roll out” plan. Lisa Campbell and Colleen Stahlbrand volunteered to be added to the subcommittee.

Carolann Fernandes advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Seniors Coalition is taking place in Toronto on November 26, 2008 and suggested that the film could be showcased there.
Vi Morgan suggested that the committee piggy back on other organizations meetings and get placed on the agenda.

6.3 **ATS Update**
Lisa Campbell updated the committee on the ATS Eligibility Review Process presentation to the public which took place on September 24, 2008 with approximately 70 people in attendance. A report is scheduled to go to Council at the end of 2008. Current clients will be “grandfathered” until 2011. Goal is to get more people using HSR buses rather than DARTS.

6.4 **Housing**
Mary Sinclair advised that she had attended the Housing Committee’s Affordable Housing Workshop. She viewed the floor plans for units for persons with disabilities and low income and provided her comments to Maxine Carter.

6.5 **Metrolinx**
Colleen Stahlbrand advised that the opportunity to provide feedback on this issue is still there.

6.5 **Provincial Gas Tax Committee**
Ron Smithson advised that this committee has not met in a while and he is making inquiries about what has happened to it.

6.6 **Senior Representative on Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Transportation Subcommittee**
Bev Neill advised that ACPD Transportation Subcommittee is still looking for a representative from the Seniors Advisory Committee.

(M.Sinclair/B.Price)
That Ron Smithson represent the Seniors Advisory Committee on ACPD’s Transportation Subcommittee. **CARRIED.**

6.7 **Road & Traffic Safety Program for Hamilton**
Colleen Stahlbrand advised that Public Works have hired a consultant to develop a road & traffic safety program for Hamilton. Hart Solomon is chairing and the group is looking for an older adult representative. First meeting date is Thursday October 16, 2008 (date to be confirmed). Mary Sinclair expressed interest in attending.
6.8 Gore Park Master Plan Committee
Ad in today’s Spectator looking for representatives to the Gore Park Master Plan Committee. Vi Morgan and Lisa Campbell volunteered to represent the Seniors Advisory Committee. Staff will provide contact information to Meghan Stewart in Public Works.

7. INFORMATION SHARING


ii) Access & Equity Inclusion & Equity Policy Focus Group – Tuesday, October 7, 2008 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre – flyer distributed.

iii) Ontario Seniors Homeowner Property Tax Grant – information bulletin circulated.

iv) Ron Smithson advised the he sent a letter regarding the 2-way street change and is waiting for a reply.

v) The Recreation Division is conducting a survey regarding the public’s use of recreations infrastructure. Ron Smithson sent a letter to Diana Lapointe-Kay, Director of Recreation, expressing his interest in volunteering to be on the committee for lower Stoney Creek.

Councillor Morelli suggested that the committee may want to invite Recreation to a future meeting to discuss the consultants findings.

vi) Vi Morgan advised that Sackville Senior Centre held its Annual General Meeting.

vii) Gandhi Peace Walk – Saturday October 4, 2008 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm – square opposite old City Hall – vegetarian lunch following

7. ADJOURNMENT
On motion, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.