Revised MINUTES: Seniors Advisory Committee
Friday, February 5, 2010
Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre

Present: Carolann Fernandes, Margo Kirkpatrick,
Thelma McGillivray, Vi Morgan, Shirley Robinson,
Mary Sinclair, Ron Smithson (Chair), Ly Minh Trinh

Regrets: Lisa Campbell, Lorraine Meloche, Bernice Price, Bev Neill,
Councillor Tom Jackson (City Business)

Also Present: Carolyn Bish - Customer Service, Access & Equity Division
Maureen Harmer, Colleen Stahlbrand, Public Health Services
Vicki Woodcox, Community Services
Councillor Bernie Morelli

1. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The following wished to add items to the agenda:
   Thelma McGillivray – New Horizons
   Mary Sinclair – Identification

The agenda was accepted as amended.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was noted that Councillors Jackson and Morelli were in attendance at
the January 2010 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting.

(M.Kirkpatrick/C.Fernandes)
That the January 8, 2010 minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee
be approved as amended. CARRIED.

4. PRESENTATION

4.1 Sally Radisic, Public Health Services regarding Air Quality
    Health Index (AQHI)

Revised – March 5, 2010
The committee welcomed Sally Radisic from Public Health Services who attended to give the committee an overview of the City of Hamilton’s Air Quality Health Index – what it is; how it works; the communication initiative and contact information. She distributed an Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) Initiative Feedback form and requested that members fill it in in order to help guide the communication strategy in the most efficient way.

5. BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

6. UPDATES

6.1 The Gore Committee
Vi Morgan provided an update on the Gore Park project. The link to a report (Item 7.2) to the Public Works Department is below.

http://www.hamilton.ca/CityDepartments/CorporateServices/Clerks/AgendaMinutes/PublicWorks/2010/January18PublicWorksCommitteeAgenda.htm

6.2 ACPD Transportation Subcommittee
Ron Smithson was unable to attend the January ACPD Transportation Subcommittee meeting. He noted two articles from the Spectator – a study being conducted by McMaster regarding elderly drivers; mention of a 100-year old man who got his driver’s license renewed.

6.3 Strategic Road Safety Program Subcommittee
Nothing to report. Next meeting in April 21, 2010.

6.4 Council on Aging
Carolann Fernandes was unable to attend the last meeting. Ron Smithson brought a copy of the First Report to the Community produced by the Hamilton Council on Aging (HCoA). Maureen Harmer distributed copies to the committee members. Discussion followed regarding membership on HCoA; relationship between HCoA and Seniors Advisory Committee; opportunities to work together.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 New Horizons
Thelma McGillivray advised that New Horizons recently reviewed 400 applications. Funding through New Horizons is sustainable for the next few years. A call for new applications is going out in March; deadline is May and applications will be reviewed commencing July 2010. Ideas, such as fraud, elder abuse and healthy aging, were mentioned.
Councillor Morelli suggested that the committee needs to define their area(s) of focus and to let the community know who they are. He proposed venues such as getting on the radio and having tables at events to educate the community.

The committee will brainstorm at the March meeting with ideas on issues to undertake and ideas on how to accomplish this.

7.2 Identification
Mary Sinclair of what to do about producing photo ID when you don’t have a driver’s license. Members suggested producing a telephone or utility bill or to contact the Postmaster General for suggestions.

8. INFORMATION SHARING

First Place Seniors Health Fair – Thursday, March 4, 2010 – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – 350 King Street East at Wellington. Free admission. Tours, refreshments, door prizes. Contact ron.johnson@hamilton.ca or 905 525-9800.

Event hosted by Chinese seniors – Friday, February 19, 2010 – 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Jamesville Community Centre.

Councillor Morelli provided an update on Bernice Price.

Colleen Stahlbrand distributed information on Elder Friendly Hospitals.

Mary Sinclair advised that Skyworks is filming Home Safe Hamilton and advised that they want to meeting with the Social Housing & Access Committee (SHAC) to discuss the project.

Ron Smithson presented Colleen Stahlbrand with flowers from the committee on the occasion of her retirement. Her participation on the committee will be sorely missed.

9. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.