MINUTES: Seniors Advisory Committee
Friday, May 2, 2008 – 10:00 a.m.
Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre

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

Also Present: Bev Neill, Carolyn Bish, Corporate Services Maureen Harmer, Colleen Stahlbrand, Public Health Services Councillors Tom Jackson and Bernie Morelli

1. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA
   The agenda was accepted as circulated.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
   None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   (McGillivray/Price)
   That the April 4, 2008 minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

5. DISCUSSION

5.1 Update – Heat Alert Committee
   Thelma McGillivray provided an update on the Heat Alert Committee. This committee is currently focusing on their recommendations to the City on what the City can do in response to a heat alert. The full report will be out soon. The plan should include transportation to cooling centres as there could be significant costs involved for this.
She informed the committee of two upcoming forums:

i) June 12, 2008 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Scottish Rite where the preliminary recommendations will be released for discussion and comment. It was suggested that this forum would be of interest to seniors.

ii) May 5, 2008 at the Scottish Rite, hosted by Ontario Works regarding the Terms of Reference.

5.2 Update – Poverty Roundtable
The Seniors Advisory Committee is not represented on this committee. Concern was voiced that the roundtable does not recognize seniors in poverty. Thelma McGillivray will forward email received from the Poverty Roundtable to Councillor Jackson. The Chair will draft a letter to the Poverty Roundtable requesting that consideration be given to having a Seniors Advisory Committee representative at this table.

The Social Planning & Research Council (SPRC) is doing work with seniors living in poverty. They are comparing and sorting by competency as opposed to age brackets.

5.3 Update – Accessible Transportation Services (ATS)
Eligibility Project Steering Committee
Meeting cancelled. Nothing to report.

5.4 Update – Hamilton Health Sciences Rehabilitation & Ontarians with Disability Advisory Council
Discussion on the Support in the Home/Supportive Housing meeting in Grimsby on May 21, 2008 hosted by LHIN. Vi Morgan agreed to attend on behalf of the Seniors Advisory Committee.

5.5 Update – Provincial Gas Tax Steering Committee
Ron Smithson informed the committee that there have been no meetings. A general discussion followed on transportation services, light rail transit, rapid transit, Metrolinx project, etc.

5.6 Update – Council of Ageing
This item was deferred to June 2008 meeting.
5.7 Representative on Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) Transportation Subcommittee

No one volunteered to attend these meetings. It was suggested that an ACPD Transportation Subcommittee member could attend a Seniors Advisory Committee meeting, on occasion, to update committee members on current issues.

5.8 Update – New Horizons Project

Bev Neill provided a brief history of the New Horizons Project for Councillors Jackson and Morelli. She reported that Rob Cassibo (Mohawk College) had provided a list of the actors required.

Councillor Morelli suggested that we may want to check with Hamilton Police Services on some of their projects, i.e. Hate Crime (Chris Kirkopoulos).

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.