The Grants Sub-Committee presents Report 06-002 and respectfully recommends:

1. Support Funding for Landscape Reconstruction of the Hindu Temple (PW06015) (City Wide) (Item 3)

   That the City of Hamilton provide a “one time” financial contribution in the amount of $10,000 for the landscape reconstruction works at the site of the Hindu Temple from the 2005 Budget Surplus.

2. Fee Waiver Request for Council Against Abuse of Older Persons (CAAOP) (GRA06005) (City Wide) (Item 4)

   That the fee waiver in the amount of $720 be approved for the Council Against Abuse of Older Persons (CAAOP) for the period of January to June, 2006 and September to November, 2006, to utilize the meeting Room at Sackville Seniors Centre, one occasion per month, two hours per occasion, nine months of the year.
3. **Fee Waiver Request for The Hamilton Scleroderma Group (GRA06005(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5)**

That the fee waiver in the amount of $630 be approved for the Hamilton Scleroderma Group for the period of January to June, 2006 and September to November, 2006, to utilize the Meeting Room at Sackville Seniors Centre, one occasion per month, two hours per occasion, nine months of the year.

4. **Fee Waiver Request for Participation House (GRA06005(b)) (City Wide) (Item 6)**

That the fee waiver in the amount of $800 be approved for Participation House (Hamilton and District) to conduct their Development and Community Relations Committee meetings in the Meeting Room at Sackville Seniors Centre, for the period of January to December, 2006, with the exception of the summer months July and August, one occasion per month, two hours per occasion, 10 months of the year.

5. **Fee Waiver Request for Pugliese Association (GRA06005(c)) (City Wide) (Item 7)**

That the fee waiver in the amount of $825 be approved for the Pugliese Association to utilize facility space for the period of January to December 2006 at the Chedoke Twin Pad Arena, Chedoke Room, one occasion per month, three hours per occasion, 12 months of the year.

6. **Green Fee Waiver Request - 2006 Actifest Ontario Senior Games (GRA06005(d)) (City Wide) (New Business)**

That the golf fees at both King’s Forest and Chedoke Golf Courses for the 2-day Men’s and Women’s Golf Event, August 15-16, 2006, as part of the 2006 Actifest Ontario Senior Games, be waived.

**For the Information of the Committee:**

(a) **Declarations of Interest (Item 1)**

None

(b) **Approval of Previous Minutes (Item 2)**

The Minutes of the meeting held on January 16, 2006 were received and adopted as presented.
(c) Chairmanship

In the absence of the Vice Chair, Councillor T. Jackson assumed the Chair. Upon Councillor B. Kelly’s arrival, Councillor Jackson relinquished the Chair.

(d) Other Business (Item 8)

Update on Bingo Closure

Staff distributed a list of 43 organizations who received letters with respect to the availability of emergency funding as a result of revenue shortfalls from the closure of Bingo Central. The list indicates the amounts of monies being requested by those organizations that have made application. Staff advised that although the deadline for submitting applications has passed, those received after the deadline will still be accepted and considered. Over $200,000 in funding has been requested. Staff will review the merits of each of the requests and report back to the Sub-Committee at the next meeting in March.

There being no further business, the Sub-Committee adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor B. Kelly
Vice Chairman
Grants Sub-Committee

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Assistant
February 9, 2006
SUBJECT: Green Fee Waiver Request - 2006 Actifest Ontario Senior Games (GRA06005d) (City Wide)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the golf fees at both King's Forest and Chedoke Golf Courses for the 2-day Men's and Women's Golf Event, August 15-16, 2006, as part of the 2006 Actifest Ontario Senior Games, be waived.

Joe Rinaldo, General Manager
Corporate Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Hamilton was awarded the 2006 Actifest Ontario Senior Games which are being held at various sites throughout the City of Hamilton from August 14th to 16th, 2006. These Games encourage older adults 55+ to participate in a variety of events designed to promote active living and social interaction. 40 Districts across Ontario send their District Qualifier gold-medal winners to Actifest for the chance to be named, “Provincial Champion”. We are expecting approximately 1500 participants to converge upon the City for the 2006 Actifest Ontario Senior Games.

One of the 15 sanctioned events being offered is the men’s and women’s golf, and two rounds will played over two days at both King's Forest and Chedoke Golf Courses. This request of a green fee waiver for approximately 80 men and 60 women will help ensure that the Games are financially accessible to these seniors and does not become an exclusive event.
BACKGROUND:

The Ontario Senior Games Association (OSGA) is an organization run by seniors for seniors. The first Ontario Senior Games Actifest was hosted by the City of Kitchener in 1986. The success of those Games provided the framework for the establishment of the Ontario Senior Games Actifest to be held every August in even-numbered years. District games are held annually and in even-numbered years District winners in the events sanctioned by the Ontario Senior Games program qualify to compete in Ontario Senior Games Actifest. Hamilton hosted a very successful Actifest in 1992, and many current participants recall their positive experience from those Games and are planning on participating in 2006 in hopes of having another enjoyable experience.

The City of Hamilton is the host City for the 2006 Actifest Ontario Senior Games which runs from August 14th to 16th, 2006. Events will be taking place at various locations across the City, and participants will be housed at McMaster University. Registered participants will receive two full days of competition, official opening and closing ceremonies and a social evening for participants and their partners.

Popularity of the Actifest Ontario Senior Games has grown so much that Ontario municipalities vie for the honour of hosting them.

The Ontario Senior Games Association provides older adults 55+ in Ontario with an opportunity to:

- Increase their social interaction with others.
- Increase their physical and mental well-being.
- Maintain and enhance their psychological and physiological well-being through participation in recreational activities and sports.

The City of St. Catharines hosted the 2004 Actifest Ontario Senior Games, and the men’s greens fees were covered by the host course (Rockway Glen Golf Course and Winery) at a cost of $9,500. The women’s golf fees were not covered by their host course, Garden City Golf Course, so the $3,712 in greens fees was covered by Actifest. In Hamilton, the women and the men will play at both courses on opposite days.

ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES:

If this request is not approved, then the participants themselves will have to pay the $50 and $41 greens fees per day (total of $91), plus golf cart fees for both the King’s Forest and Chedoke (Beddoe) courses. This might make it financially difficult for some seniors to participate in the golf competition, thus lowering the number of golfers and potentially the number of overall participants.
FINANCIAL/STAFFING/Legal IMPLICATIONS:

Financial:
The greens fees for both King’s Forest and Chedoke Municipal Golf Courses are as follows:

King’s Forest $50  
Chedoke (Beddoe) $41

Assuming we have as many golfers as the 2004 Actifest Games had in St. Catharines (80 men, 60 women), the breakdown would be as follows:

King’s Forest $50 @ 140 golfers = $7000  
Chedoke (Beddoe) $41 @ 140 golfers = $5740  
**Total** $12,740

If the greens fees are waived for this two-day event, the golf courses will not receive the revenue for these fees. They will, however, receive the revenue for the mandatory golf cart rental, and any potential revenue from participants purchasing snacks, drinks, lunches, merchandise at the Pro Shop, etc.

All 2006 Actifest participants are charged $125 for registration which covers their accommodations, meals, opening and closing ceremonies, and some events. It is expected that some participants will stay an extra evening after the Games, thus bringing more revenue into the City of Hamilton for things like meals, accommodation and social activities.

Staffing:  
N/A

Legal:  
N/A

POLICIES AFFECTING PROPOSAL:

N/A as the Fee Waiver Policy has not yet been developed.

CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES:

Corporate Services (Grants)  
Community Services (Culture and Rec)
Health Impacts
• Physical activity increases the number of years of good health for all citizens by reducing illness, disability and premature deaths.
• Physical activity improves personal health status.
• By encouraging members of a community to stay active, and by helping to reduce barriers to involvement, it develops a caring community which gives support and opportunity to all its members.
• This also develops the social and physical environments to create a barrier-free community that allows all citizens to participate fully in community life.

Social Impacts
• Social/recreational activities reduce isolation, loneliness and alienation.
• It also improves self-esteem, self-confidence, emotional stability and independence.

Economic Impacts
• Small investments in recreation, for example, yield large economic returns – money generated by events, capital improvements and the provision of ongoing services is spent several-times in the community.
• Encouraging active living and recreation, thereby prolonging independent living for older adults, compresses the disease and impairment period typically associated with aging, and keeps seniors vital and involved in community life.
• Fitness and well-being reduces both the incidence and severity of illness and disability – lowering healthcare costs.

* Information above borrowed from the City of Hamilton Vision 2020 website, and from The Benefits Catalogue (Canadian Parks/Recreation Association).