HAMILTON YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes
Tuesday May 19th, 2009
The Staircase Café – Brightroom – 27 Dundurn St N
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Present:
Goce Dimitrioski, Kaitlynne-Rae Landry, Mike Muller, Aman-Preet Randhawa,
Katrina Schotsman, Racquel Simpson, Matt Terry, Fan Yang, Jordan Kitchen

Absent With Regrets:
Chauntell Dietrich, Nicholas Klimchuk, Leo Johnson, Christina Ouwehand,
Ben Konyi, Pratik Thakkar, Anda Wang, Councilor Tom Jackson, Corey Beaudoin,
Mark Weingartner, Evan Gravely, Lauren Bursey, Farai Chicogora,

Also Present:
Elizabeth McPhee, Andrew Kelly

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Mayor’s Town Hall event

2.1 - Distribution of Jobs

- The jobs were distributed in the following order:
  - Goce and Evan – check off guestlist
  - Fan – make signs for direction people to café
  - Evan – in charge of Brightroom during reception
  - Jordan – in charge of bistro area during reception
  - Kaitlynne-Rae – solicit feedback from attendees using video camera
  - Racquel – greet Mayor and ensure that needs are
2.2 - Minute by Minute agenda walkthrough

- As a group, the committee went through the plans for the event
  - 3:30pm – arrival of Mike Muller to setup webcast
  - 4:00pm – arrival of committee members to prepare decorations and setup registration table
  - 4:30pm – arrival of remaining committee members
  - 5:00pm – commencement of Q+A
  - 5:50pm – presentation by Tapestry Bistro regarding eating local foods
  - 6:00pm – reception

2.3 - Questions/Concerns/Final Ideas for event

- The Committee shared in creating and adjusting the agenda for the event, as appropriate
- Several committee members raised concerns regarding the way the questions would be asked and suggested that the format be an open discussion, rather than a format where a HYAC member reads out each question
- It was noted that the direction from the Mayor’s office was that it would be appropriate to have HYAC members read questions

3. Otesha Project

- Elizabeth McPhee petitioned HYAC to think about getting involved in the Otesha Project, which is a group that dedicates itself to social justice issues by using a theatrical approach
- There was no formal decision made concerning this issue

4. Youth Poverty Report – update
• The Youth Poverty Report downtown walk is scheduled for Wednesday May 20th, 2009
• The working group will report back to Committee after the walk

5. HYAC Website – Update
• The web address http://www.hamiltonyouth.com will be used to webcast the townhall event
• HYAC is awaiting confirmation from the City in order to move forward with publishing the website

Next Meeting
Date: June 19th, 2009.
Time: 5-7 pm
Location: Freeway Café, 333 King St E.