MINUTES:   Status of Women Committee  
Thursday, March 25, 2010 – 5:30 p.m.  
Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre

PRESENT:   Denise Doyle (in the Chair), Patti McNaney, Pat Saunders,  
          Basharat Tayyab, Jan Lukas, Thelma McGillivray

REGRETS:   Denise Spoelstra, Christeen Urquhart

ALSO PRESENT:   Bev Neill, City of Hamilton

1.   WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The following items were added to the agenda:
5.3   Discussion re Brochure & Customer Service Address  
5.4   Hamilton Elected Women’s History Project

2.   DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None declared.

3.   APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was noted that:

i)   Rose McAleer and Denise Spoelstra were not in attendance at  
      the February 26, 2010 meeting.
ii)  Item 6.5 – there are 48 nominees for the Women of Distinction  
      Awards.

(P. Saunders/P. McNaney)  
That the February 26, 2010 minutes of the Status of Women  
Committee be approved as amended.       CARRIED

4.   BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

An update was provided on the “Scratch the Surface” project.

An update was provided on the brochure and business cards. A  
discussion followed regarding the listing of committee members names
on the brochure.

A Citizen Committee Report requesting $5,000.00 from the Status of Women Committee’s reserve budget was written and circulated to committee members for approval.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 International Women’s Day 2010 – Update
Committee members commented on the excellent job that Denise Spoelstra did with her speech and the excellent organization of the event volunteers. Discussion followed regarding the announcing of committee members names at events.

At the April meeting, clarification will be made regarding guidelines for co-sponsoring events.

5.2 Request for Leave of Absence – Christeen Urquhart
A request was received from Christeen Urquhart for a leave of absence until June 2010. On motion (P. Saunders and P. McNaney) the Status of Women Committee concurred with the request.

5.3 Status of Women Committee Brochure
Discussion took place regarding the customer service address appearing on the brochure. P. Saunders will research and gather information from other municipalities and the language they are using and bring it back to the next meeting for further discussion.

5.4 Hamilton Elected Women’s History Project
P. Saunders provided an update on her work on this project. This project will present information on the history of elected women in Hamilton and the importance of women’s representation on government. It will be exhibited at the HisStory & HerStory Museum.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 T. McGillivray provided an update on the changes to the Family Law Reform. Information on these changes under Bill 133, Family Statute Law Amendment Act, 2009 can be found at: http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/bills/bills_detail.do?locale=en&BillID=2125

6.2 B. Tayyab announced her new position at Legal Services.
6.3 D. Doyle presented an update on the Elect More Women activities.

6.4 The Hamilton Media Advisory Council is accepting applications at this time.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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**NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, April 22, 2010
5:30 p.m.
Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre