



Hamilton

## Minutes

### Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

McMaster University Centre for Continuing Education, Downtown Centre  
50 Main St E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room # 236  
4:45 – 7:30 p.m.

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**Present:** Michelle Leach

**Absent with  
Regrets:**

Councillor Jackson, Goce Dimitrioski, Ben Konyi, Tahiya Bakht, Fan Yang, Katrina Schotsman, Anda Wang, Corey Beaudoin

**Also Present:** René Reid, Mark Weingartner, Edward Lee,  
Cheryl Lau, Huzaiifa Saeed, Paula Hearn

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**1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

- 4.1 Trish Chant-Sehl, Guest Speaker on the Pan Am Games

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- None

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

- Approval of minutes of previous meeting (**Michelle**)  
Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, dated Tuesday  
April 20, 2010, were not approved as presented as quorum was not  
achieved.

**(Leach)**

**4. GUEST SPEAKERS**

- 4.1 Mayor Fred Eisenberger and/or City staff on the Pan Am Games

- Trish Chant-Sehl, Guest did a short presentation on the Pan Am Games 2015
- Pan Am games is a large event with 42 countries participating
- Held every 4 years for 2 weeks
- Followed by the Parapan Am Games
- Draws some 10,000 athletes and features 48 sports
- First major sporting event in this area since 1930
- Hamilton and 16 other municipalities and some 25 plus partners are involved
- Pan Am Games paid for by the Province
- Hamilton is a key player in the Games with an investment of \$60 million with many new long term opportunities: New Velodrome (first in Canada), new pool and various infrastructure upgrades and initiatives, job creation, increased tourism, diverse community engagement, a showcase to active healthy living, Ivor Wynne site development/enhancement, downtown renewal, transit upgrades, connecting to the waterfront etc.
- Trish discussed the timelines involved with planning for an event of this magnitude
- Discussion about the location and the processes involved with the timeline to make a final decision
- Discussion on the business plan to make the velodrome sustainable
- Trish invited anyone with further questions to contact her

#### 4.2 Mr. Tom Cooper, Director of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction (HRPR)

- Discussed how the Pan Am Games are an opportunity to look at Social Inclusion Policy and links
- Atlanta was an example of non-social inclusion
- Manchester development strategies and developments in areas of high need
- Pan Am Games are about community building
- Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction has been around since 2005
- Do not provide services directly to the community but advocate on behalf of the community
- Focus on policy change and generational change
- HRPR is looking at direct partnerships: would like to have a HYAC committee member on the HRPR, would like youth to go out into the community to help deliver message about reducing poverty
- HRPR to look at forming a 'Speakers' Bureau'

## 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 5.1 Leadership Quest (*Katie*)

- In Katie's absence, René presented photos taken while at Leadership Quest and explained the significance of the event
- Leadership Quest, an initiative of Hamilton Public Health Services (PHS), is a unique hands-on experiential learning opportunity that goes above and beyond traditional classroom walls. Designed to augment the secondary school curriculum, Leadership Quest gives youth an advantage by

promoting positive youth engagement, critical thinking, positive networking activities and greater self-awareness. Hamilton Crew for Action Against Tobacco Peer Leaders (PHS), select youth leaders from area secondary schools and community groups and trained supporting adults came together to enhance their skills, knowledge and motivation to take action on issues important to youth and positively impact the community. This opportunity is meant to provide a forum conducive to action planning, team-building, inclusiveness and diversity as young people hone the skills needed for tomorrow's community advocates and leaders.

- From January to March 2010, Katie and René collaborated with the Hamilton Crew for Action Against Tobacco on Leadership Quest III and attended the event that was held March 10-12 at Medeba Adventure Camp in Haliburton Ontario.

#### 5.2 Tim Horton's "Team Up to Clean Up" (*Goce, Katie, and Tahiya*)

- In the absence of the youth who attended this event, Mark shared details of the event and photos
- On April 6<sup>th</sup> 2010, Fan Yang, Tahiya Bakht, Katie Schotsman, René Reid and Mark Weingartner, attended the Tim Hortons Team Up to Clean Up media launch to show support and encourage other youth groups in the community to take part in this City wide event. A poster from the media launch photos was created and distributed to other youth groups.
- On April 24<sup>th</sup> 2010, four HYAC members, 3 of their friends and two supporting adults teamed up to clean up Pier 4 Park. Eight bags of trash were removed along with eight graffiti 'tags'. The youth were surprised at the variety and quantity of some of items collected. The youth all agreed on the need for sustained efforts towards the beautification of Hamilton especially by and beyond 2015.

#### 5.3 Website Update & Logo Status (*René*)

- Screen shots of the website, still a work in progress, were share with the group for further comment

### 6. **ADJOURNMENT** (**Leach**)

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

**CARRIED**