MINUTES: Seniors Advisory Committee
Friday, October 5, 2007 – 10:00 a.m.
Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre

PRESENT: Lisa Campbell, Carolann Fernandes, Ann Karow,
Margot Kirkpatrick, Renate Lamm, Thelma McGillivray,
Vi Morgan, Bernice Price, Shirley Robinson, Mary Sinclair,
Ron Smithson

REGRETS: Ly Minh Trinh

Also Present: Jane Lee, Carolyn Bish
Bea McDonough
Councillor Bernie Morelli
Lorraine Meloche

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA
Addition – Consultation re funding for housing

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
None declared.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
(Price/Robinson)
That the June 8, 2007 minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

5.1 Update on New Horizons Application
Thelma McGillivray updated the group on the status of the New Horizons application. Over 400 applications were received by the review board. A decision will be made in November 2007 and, if approved, the money should be received in January 2008.
5.2 Review of Terms of Reference
The committee reviewed the current Terms of Reference. Changes to include spelling of “ageing” and term to 4 years and until a new committee is appointed.

5.3 2008 Budget / Business Plan
The committee reviewed the draft 2008 budget/business plan. It was noted that there will be an increased cost for the use of Room 207 for meetings.

(McGillivray/Robinson)
That the Seniors Advisory Committee approve the preliminary 2008 Budget/Business Plan, pending changes. CARRIED.

5.4 SAC Representation on Subcommittees

5.4.1 Transportation Subcommittee of Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

(Sinclair/Morgan)
That Ann Karow be appointed as the Seniors Advisory Committee’s representative on the Transportation Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities; and

That Renate Lamm and Thelma McGillivray be appointed as alternates. CARRIED.

5.4.2 ATS Eligibility Project Steering Committee

(McGillivray/Robinson)
That Ann Karow continue as the Seniors Advisory Committee’s representative on the ATS Eligibility Project Steering Committee. CARRIED.

5.4.3 Provincial Gas Tax Steering Committee

(McGillivray/Fernandes)
That Ron Smithson continue as the Seniors Advisory Committee’s representative on the Provincial Gas Tax Steering Committee. CARRIED.
5.4.4 Poverty Roundtable

(Fernandes/Price)
That Thelma McGillivray continue as the Seniors Advisory Committee’s representative on the Poverty Roundtable Committee. CARRIED.

(Fernandes/Price)
That Lisa Campbell be appointed as an alternate. CARRIED.

5.4.5 Council of Ageing

(McGillivray/Sinclair)
That Carolann Fernandes be appointed as the Seniors Advisory Committee’s representative on the Council of Ageing. CARRIED.

(Price/McGillivray)
That Lisa Campbell be appointed as an alternate. CARRIED.

5.4.6 Heat Alert Committee

(Fernandes/Price)
That Thelma McGillivray continue as the Seniors Advisory Committee’s representative on the Heat Alert Committee. CARRIED.

The Committee welcomed Councillor Bernie Morelli who attended to update the committee on a number of City issues and responded to inquiries. He advised that budget talks were upcoming and urged committee members to contact their ward councillors regarding seniors issues.

5.5 Selection of Chair & Vice Chair
It was unanimously agreed by committee members that Ron Smithson be selected as Chair of the Seniors Advisory Committee.

(Price/Robinson)
That Thelma McGillivray be selected as Vice Chair of the Seniors Advisory Committee. CARRIED.

5.6 Meeting Date & Time
It was agreed that the meeting date and time would remain the same – the first Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre.
6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Delivering Opportunities for Ontario Renters – DOOR Community Consultation (Mary Sinclair)

A copy of this item was distributed with the agenda package as an information item. After discussion, staff was requested to invite a representative from Social Housing to the November SAC meeting to discuss the DOORs program and options.

Staff was also requested to email the link to the Social Housing Act to committee members for reference.

Carolann Fernandes advised that she had attended a LHINs forum regarding the provincial grant of $16M designated to keeping people in their homes.

6.2 New Horizons Application

It was requested that staff forward a copy of the SAC application to New Horizons to committee members.

Jane Lee advised that:
- equity and inclusion policy being developed. SAC will be contacted for input.
- Provincial Customer Service Standards for persons with disabilities have been approved and come into effect January 1, 2008.
- Province has requested comments from the public regarding the draft Transportation Standards.
- the City must implement these standards.

7. ADJOURNMENT

On motion, the committee adjourned at 11:35 a.m.