MINUTES: Status of Women Committee
Thursday, February 26, 2009 – 5:30 p.m.
Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre

PRESENT: Denise Doyle, Rose McAleer, Thelma MacGillivray, Shanine Mohebat, Joanne Ruggieri, Pat Saunders, Denise Spoelstra

REGREATS: Jan Lukas, Souhad Masri

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
   None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   3.1 Minutes – January 22, 2009

   (Doyle/Mohebat)
   That the January 22, 2009 minutes of the Status of Women Committee be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS
   5.1 Participation Kit Document Update
   Comments were received from committee members. A roll out date for this document is to be determined. It was suggested that the Status of Women Committee request to be a delegation at an upcoming city committee meeting to introduce the document to Council. Pat Saunders will send delegation request to Audit & Admin Committee.

Revised – March 26, 2009
(Doyle/Saunders)
That the Chair of the Status of Women Committee present the City for All Women document to the Audit and Administration Committee in April 2009. CARRIED.

5.2 Logo Update
Discussion took place and comments were made regarding the logo samples that were provided. The design can be used in colour or in black & white. It was noted that the logo must be used along with the City logo.

(Ruggieri/Mohebat)
That the Status of Women Committee approve the logo sample as presented. CARRIED.

5.3 Brochure Update
S. Mohebat put together a draft for a Status of Women Committee brochure which will be sent to members in a more finalized version.

5.4 Survey Update
A print-out of survey results was provided to committee members. P. McNaney volunteered to summarize the results. Discussion followed and it was decided to present the survey results, along with the City For All Women delegation, to Audit & Admin Committee.

5.5 City Budget Discussion
P. Saunders inquired about what tool/perspective the committee will be using to review the City’s budget. Discussion took place regarding the need for budgets being looked using gender analysis. T. McGillivray noted that policy changes at the municipal level are required.

Membership of the Budget Subcommittee was updated to consist of:
   P. Saunders       P. McNaney
   D. Doyle          J. Lukas

The final City budget has not yet approved.

5.6 International Women’s Day @ SACHA – March 6, 2009
An International Women’s Day event, coordinated by SACHA, will be held on Friday, March 6, 2009 from 9am to 12pm at the ACCA Hall,
752 Barton Street East @ Lottridge Street. J. Ruggieri, P. Saunders & D. Spolestra will attend on behalf of the committee. Discussion took place about contents for the Status of Women Committee table. Items for table to include:

- J. Aggus’ Speech to Council – 50 copies
- Survey Summary – 25 copies
- Status of Women Committee’s Mission Statement – 25 copies
- Application Forms
- Committee Banners
- Camera

P. Saunders will be at the table from 9am to noon and J. Ruggieri will be there from 9am to 1pm. D. Spolestra is scheduled to speak at 11:00 am.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 D. Doyle advised that a **Budget & General Analysis** was being held in London, Ontario. She will forward details of this to anyone interested.

6.2 **Parking** in Lot 40 becoming problematic.

6.3 The Committee needs to get the message out about **who we are and what our role is**.

6.4 Discussion took place regarding the **Evelyn Myrie article** in the Hamilton Spectator about the Women’s Civic Participation Kit document. The article was not clear about the fact that the kit was adapted/developed by the City of Hamilton Status of Women Committee. It was noted that the Status of Women Committee was referred to as a sub-committee.

(Saunders/McNaney)

That the Evelyn Myrie article in the Hamilton Spectator regarding the Women’s Civic Participation Kit document be received for information. **CARRIED.**

6.4 **Women of Distinction Dinner** to be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2009. It was felt that the Status of Women Committee should be recognized at the Woman of Distinction Award as we contribute to the event financially. Discussion followed regarding inquiring whether a
member of the Status of Women Committee could participate by being on the selection committee for the Woman of Distinction Award.

6.5 New Membership
J. Ruggieri has a completed application from an individual who is interested in becoming a member of the Status of Women Committee.

(McNaney/Ruggieri)
That the Status of Women Committee forward the application from Anna Roberts to the Clerks Division for consideration by the Audit & Admin Committee. CARRIED.

7. ADJOURNMENT
On motion, the meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by: R. McAleer

NEXT MEETING
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