MINUTES: Seniors Advisory Committee  
Friday, February 3, 2006 – 10:00 a.m.  
Council Chambers, City Hall, 71 Main Street West

PRESENT: Shirley Glauser, Al Gordon, Ann Karow, Thelma McGillivray, Bernice Price, Mary Sinclair, Ron Smithson

REGRETS: Isabella Brearley, Carolann Fernandes, Kay Lodge, Lorraine Meloche, Shirley Robinson

Also Present: Carolyn Bish – Corporate Services Department  
Maureen Harmer- Public Health & Community Services Department  
Ian Russell, Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing

1. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

(Price/Smithson)  
That the agenda of the February 3, 2006 meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee be approved.  
CARRIED.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. PRESENTATION

3.1 Ian Russell, Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing

The committee welcomed Ian Russell, Senior Housing Advisor who attended to discuss the allocation of Provincial funds to the City of Hamilton for affordable housing projects. Mr. Russell outlined some of the history pertaining to monies being allocated from the Provincial and Federal governments. A short Q&A period followed. Mr. Russell suggested that Keith Extance of the City’s Housing Division be invited to a meeting to discuss the status of the projects in Hamilton.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 6, 2006

(Smithson/Karow)  
That the minutes of January 6, 2006 be approved as circulated.  
CARRIED.

5. CONSENT ITEMS (for information only)

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.1 Update – Partnering with Ontario Coalition of Seniors for June Multi-Cultural Event
Carol Ann Fernandes was unable to attend the meeting. A written update was distributed.

6.2 Recommendations re June 3, 2005 Presentation

Al Gordon read out the list of recommendations that were made at the 2005 Seniors presentation. There was an inquiry about whether progress has been made on any of these recommendations. It was suggested that these issues be investigated when researching the topics for the 2006 presentations. The chair of each subcommittee will write a brief report on what’s been accomplished and email to Carolyn Bish for distribution with the April meeting package.

A copy of the final version of the June 2005 presentation will be distributed to the members.

6.3 June 2006 Presentation

Upcoming presentation was discussed. Committee would like to see department heads and directors attend. Also would like to see support from the media. Bernice Price to contact the Hamilton Spectator. It was suggested that perhaps this year’s presentation be held in the Spectator auditorium.

The subcommittees need to meet to prepare. Information for the overheads to be given to Al Gordon at the April meeting.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Following discussion, members of the Seniors Advisory Committee passed the following motions:

(Gordon/Smithson)
That greetings and best wishes be sent to Councillors Morelli and Ferguson on behalf of the Seniors Advisory Committee. CARRIED.

(Sinclair/McGillivray)
The Seniors Advisory Committee for the City of Hamilton respectfully request that the Building & Licensing Division enforce the Barrier Free Standards document being submitted to Council for approval. CARRIED.

7.2 Shirley Glauser announced that she had been appointed to the DARTS Board of Directors. She suggests that Mark Mindorff, DARTS GM, be invited to a future meeting.

7.3 Shirley Glauser advised that the Council on Aging requested to attend the March meeting to consult with the Seniors Advisory Committee. Questions that the Council of Aging wish to consult on will be distributed prior to the March meeting in order that members of the committee can prepare.
7.4  Maureen Harmer distributed an announcement on the changes to the organization structure of the Public Health and Community Services Department. She will provide further information as it becomes available.

8.  ADJOURNMENT

On motion, the meeting adjourned.