MINUTES: Seniors Advisory Committee  
Friday, January 5, 2007 – 10:00 a.m.  
Council Chambers, City Hall, 71 Main Street West

PRESENT: Shirley Glauser, Ann Karow, Thelma McGillivray, Lorraine Meloche, Bernice Price, Shirley Robinson, Mary Sinclair, Ron Smithson

REGRETS: Isabella Brearley, Carolann Fernandes, Al Gordon

Also Present: Bev Neill, Carolyn Bish – Corporate Services Department  
Maureen Harmer – Public Health Services Department

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**
   Additions to agenda:  
   - reapplying for volunteer committees (Ron)  
   - announcements (Thelma)

   (Price/Sinclair)  
   That the agenda be approved as amended.  
   CARRIED.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
   None declared.

3. **CONSULTATION – Matt Lawson, Public Health Services Department re Heat Alert Protocol**
   The Committee welcomed Matt Lawson. He informed the members that the City of Hamilton is developing a heat protocol and he is seeking input on the location of seniors in the city who we need to be concerned about and suggestions on how to communicate with these groups.

   Suggestions from the members included:  
   - developing cooling standards similar to those for heat requirements  
   - advance education (i.e. through media, brochures) in multiple languages  
   - utilize multi-purpose rooms in housing complexes, malls and churches  
   - obtain feedback from Heart & Stroke and Lung Associations  
   - work with DARTS / HSR for transportation to/from cool facilities  
   - enforce non-idling bylaw  
   - use SISO, Community Fax Service, health service providers, churches to get message out  
   - involve LHINs and CCAC  
   - need to target people who live over businesses  
   - need to obtain a level of trust  
   - cost of hydro to run air conditioners / fans  
   - create a slogan or “buzz” word

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- have a buddy system
- put pressure on provincial and federal governments

The Committee requested to see and be able to provide feedback on a draft flyer prior to distribution.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 3, 2006**

(Smithson/Meloche)
That the minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee dated November 3, 2006 be approved as circulated. **CARRIED.**

5. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

5.1 **December 2006 Presentation**
Shirley Glauser extended her thanks to the presenters and staff involved in the 2006 presentation. The consensus of the verbal feedback received was very good.

Bev Neill advised that the presentation is on the City’s website. [http://www.myhamilton.ca/myhamilton/CityandGovernment/CityDepartments/CorporateServices/AccessEquity/VolunteerAdvisoryCommittees/Seniors/](http://www.myhamilton.ca/myhamilton/CityandGovernment/CityDepartments/CorporateServices/AccessEquity/VolunteerAdvisoryCommittees/Seniors/)

Thelma McGillivray suggested that there is a need to analyze what the committee has done and to determine the committee’s focus.

Shirley Glauser advised that a summary is being developed of what the Seniors Advisory Committee has accomplished this term.

The presentations by Ron Smithson, Mary Sinclair & Thelma McGillivray will be distributed to committee members and placed on the City’s website.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 **Reapplying to Volunteer Committees**
It is expected that the call for applicants will be issued in February or March 2007. It was felt that there is a need for greater diversity on the committee.

7. **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Thelma McGillivray reported that a group of dentists are raising money for dental care for children/seniors living in poverty and that the Council on Ageing is looking into this. Maureen Harmer advised that the City currently has CINOT (Children in Need of Treatment) for dental services as well as the health bus. Dr. Peter Wiebe is the Manager of the Dental Program for this City of Hamilton.

Thelma advised that a Social Trends Survey had been issued by Stats Canada and she read out some of the findings to the members.

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Thelma met with the Ontario Senior Secretariat on December 18, 2006. A study on retirement homes will be conducted. The issue of the return of daily care hours to people at home is still outstanding.

In response to a problem with her application for a renovation loan, Shirley Robinson was provided with some contact information.

It was proposed that LHINs be invited to a future meeting. Compilation of questions will be discussed at the February meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT
On motion, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.