MINUTES: SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Friday, April 1, 2005 – 10:00 a.m.
City Hall, 71 Main Street West, Room 219

Present: Isabella Brearley, Carolann Fernandes, Shirley Glauser, Al Gordon, Ann Karow, Kay Lodge, Thelma McGillivray, Lorraine Meloche, Bernice Price, Shirley Robinson, Ron Smithson, Mary Sinclair, Bob Slattery

Also Present: Bev Neill, Carolyn Bish – Corporate Services, Customer Service
Angela Frisina – Public Health & Community Services

PRESENTATION – Rev. Canon Wendy Roy

Kay Lodge introduced Rev. Canon Wendy Roy, Executive Director of St. Matthew’s House, who attended to speak to the committee regarding the Homelessness Intervention Project and to raise awareness of this issue and support from the Seniors Advisory Committee. A copy of her presentation was distributed at the meeting. Currently, they have about 200 individuals in their caseload. Older adults are at risk for homelessness. When asked what the Seniors Advisory Committee could do, the response was to share this information to raise awareness; to write/speak to policy makers; to be attentive to one another – listen – take what’s said seriously. Shirley Glauser suggested that she consider writing an article for inclusion in the Older Adult Network newsletter.

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
None declared.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of March 4, 2004

(McGillivray/Price)
That the minutes of March 4, 2005 be approved as circulated. CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ITEMS

3.1 Review Draft Presentations

Presenters verbally gave a brief outline of the points they plan to raise in their 10 minute presentation.

All presenters will bring a draft copy of their final presentation to the May meeting.
It is expected that minimal changes will be made to these presentations and this will allow staff time to prepare the highlights into powerpoint slides & copy the presentations.

3.2 Review Draft Invitation

It was agreed that invitations would be sent to the Mayor and members of Council, Provincial members of parliament and City department heads. Other suggested venues for advertising were the Senior Carousel, City website, media release by Communications, Community Fax Service, YWCA. Light refreshments will be available.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Bob Slattery
- distributed a letter from Philip Coburn regarding Ontario Patient Transfer. A letter will be sent to Mr. Coburn acknowledging receipt of the letter and advising that the Seniors Advisory Committee will extend an invitation to a future meeting.

Thelma McGillivray
- suggested that Dr. Malloy of St. Peter’s be invited to a future meeting to talk about living wills.
- advised the committee of a study being conducted by Dr. Sheila Neysmith of the University of Toronto regarding older women’s responsibilities. A copy of the flyer will be distributed with the minutes.

Kay Lodge
- requested that in future, guest speakers be provided with a parking permit.

Mary Sinclair
- in reference to letter regarding Ontario Patient Transfer, Mary feels this will have big financial implications on seniors and requested that SAC look into having the “comfort allowance” increased.

(Sinclair/McGillivray)
That Thelma McGillivray investigate the details surrounding “comfort allowance” and draft a letter to Ministry of Health & Long Term Care for review by the Seniors Advisory Committee. CARRIED

5. ADJOURNMENT

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

ATTACHMENTS (Committee members only)
  i) Older Women's Responsibilities