

CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT

То:	Chair and Members Emergency & Community Services Committee
From:	Ron D. Smithson, Chair Seniors Advisory Committee
Date:	May 12, 2014
Re:	Seniors Advisory Committee – Motions from February 2014 Meeting (Report SAC14-006)

At the February 7, 2014 meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee discussion took place regarding the strike by elevator maintenance workers in the summer of 2013 and the power outage in December 2013 as a result of the ice storm. The following motions were proposed and passed by the Seniors Advisory Committee and are respectfully submitted to the Emergency & Community Services Committee and Council for consideration.

- That the Seniors Advisory Committee respectfully asks that Council of the City of Hamilton include elevator maintenance in the vital services by-law as quickly as possible so that people with special needs who live in the community do not have to put their lives at risk.
- 2) As a result of the ice storm on December 22, 2013 which left many people without hydro, the Seniors Advisory Committee respectfully asks that Council of the City of Hamilton make it mandatory for landlords, especially those with vulnerable tenants, to maintain an emergency generator to meet those needs, i.e. respirators, dialysis and suction equipment. CARRIED.

James Buffett, Superintendent of Municipal Law Enforcement attended the March 7, 2014 meeting of the Seniors Advisory to discuss various City of Hamilton by-laws.

Also at the February 7, 2014 meeting of the Seniors Advisory, a third motion was passed, as follows:

3) That a letter be sent to Transit (HSR) requesting that the signage on the front of the buses for routes 1 and 5, including the letters indicating the leg of the route, be increased so that they are more visible and compliant with the AODA standards.

A letter was sent from the Chair of the Seniors Advisory Committee to the Director of Transit requesting consideration of the above motion.