



Hamilton

MINUTES: **Status of Women Committee**
Thursday, January 23, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.
Room 193, Hamilton City Hall

PRESENT: Denise Doyle, Catherine Hughes, Myra James, Katherine Kalinowski, Patti McNaney, Denise Spoelstra, Basharat Tayyab, Baldeep Virk

REGRETS: Linda Gill, Amirah Hassan, Michelle Poirier
Adele Alfano – Leave of Absence

ALSO PRESENT: Maxine Carter, City of Hamilton
Angelina Vacarro – McMaster Masters Student

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

All were welcomed.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

B. Tayyab and M. James added items to the agenda.

(P. McNaney/B. Tayyab)

That the January 23, 2014 agenda for the Status of Women Committee be approved, as amended. **CARRIED**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of October 24, 2013

(K. Kalinowski/B. Tayyab)

That the minutes of October 24, 2013 meeting of the Hamilton Status of Women Committee be approved, as circulated. **CARRIED**

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Item 6.1 – Employment Systems Review

Maxine Carter updated the committee on the progress of the Employment

Systems Review. The expected completion date is March 31, 2014. Staff are asked to keep the committee updated.

6. BUSINESS / DISCUSSION

6.1 Elect More Women Conference – Follow up

Denise Doyle provided an overview of the conference. Feedback received has been extremely positive. Keynote speaker was excellent; breakout groups were well received – women were enthused; format was great – people were engaged; food was excellent. St. Joseph's Immigrant Women's Centre had 20 participants registered. D. Doyle has a digital version of the graphic facilitation and will have them submitted to the Status of Women Committee for record keeping and use by organizations and committee members. It is believed that there will be a few women who have shown a desire to run in the upcoming municipal elections.

6.2 Work Plan Ideas for 2014

1. Budget Presentation – February 25, 2014
2. Ottawa Inclusion Lens - Angelina Vacarro will send a copy of the evaluation report to committee members. May use some of the criteria lens in the development of the presentation.
3. A. Vacarro, P. McNaney, D. Doyle, B.Tayaab and K. Kalinowski will work on the budget presentation.
4. M. Carter will bring updated reserve budget and operational funding to be next meeting.

The 2014 Work Plan discussion will continue at the February 2014 Status of Women Committee meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION SHARING

8.1 Myra James announced that the Women in Law, Habitat for Humanity Hamilton and Women Build are raising funds to build a home for a family and hosting a **"Vegas Meets Hamilton" event** on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at Carmen's.

(K. Kalinowski/D. Spoelstra)

That the Status of Women Committee purchase two tickets for the Vegas Meets Hamilton event sponsored by the Women in Law, Habitat for Humanity Hamilton and Women Build.

CARRIED

Patti McNaney and a guest will be attending the event.

8.2 Muslim Women's Association Event

B. Tayaab and D. Doyle provided an overview of the event. The food was good; the hall was excellent and the attendance was more than expected.

9. ADJOURNMENT

On motion, the meeting adjourned

**NEXT MEETING
Thursday, February 27, 2014
5:30 p.m. – Room 193, City Hall**