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**MINUTES: Seniors Advisory Committee  
Friday, January 6, 2012  
Room 192, Hamilton City Hall**

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**Present:** Frank Brodnicki, Deirdre Chartrand, Carolann Fernandes, Doug Fraser, John Kennard, Jeanne Mayo, Lorraine Meloche, Vi Morgan, June Noonan, Penelope Petrie, Bernice Price, Shirley Robinson, Carolyn Rosenthal, Mary Sinclair, Ron Smithson, Bob Thomson, Marj Wahlman, Emmy Weisz, John Winslow, Bill Wright

**Regrets:** May Ferguson, Carolyn Rosenthal, Bill Wright  
Councillors Tom Jackson and Bernie Morelli  
Jill Laskey – Community Services, Recreation

**Also Present:** Jane Lee, Carolyn Bish – Corporate Services, Customer Service, Access & Equity  
Bea McDonough – Public Health Services  
Vicki Woodcox – Community Services (Macassa Lodge)

**1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Smithson welcomed the committee members in attendance.

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

The following items were added to the agenda:

7.1 New Horizon Grant

8.1 Government Books

The agenda was accepted as amended.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**4. DELEGATION – Gillian Hendry, Director, Housing Services Division and Shabbir Muhammad, Community Developer – BedBug Prevention Program, Housing Help Centre**

The committee welcomed Gillian Hendry, Director, Housing Services Division and Shabbir Muhammad, Community Developer – BedBug Prevention Program, Housing Help Centre.

Gillian provided an update on the Hamilton Housing & Homelessness Action Plan (HHHAP) and distributed an FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) sheet, a document entitled Age Friendly Communities – Tools for Building Strong Communities and a publication regarding an environmental scan of housing issues. A consultant was retained who conducted a community engagement (interviewed individuals, focus groups, conducted a survey) which resulted in 70 issues being identified. Strategies are being developed to deal with these issues over a 10-year period. A report with the recommendations should be ready in May or June of 2012. Gillian indicated that she would be happy to return to a future meeting to share these results.

A brief Q&A period followed.

Shabbir discussed the bedbug prevention program with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. Handouts included a brochure and DVD entitled “Everything You Wanted to Know About Bedbugs”, a Bedbug Fact Sheet and a Session Evaluation & Feedback Form. Bedbugs are a serious problem in Hamilton and dollars have been invested to address the problem. Progress is being made but we’re not there yet. Greater education is needed – that is part of Shabbir’s job.

The committee thanked Gillian & Shabbir for their informative presentations.

## **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **(C. Fernandes/B. Price)**

That the December 2, 2011 minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee be approved as circulated. **CARRIED.**

## **6. BUSINESS / DISCUSSION**

### **6.1 Subcommittee Updates**

No updates were provided as no December meetings of the subcommittees were held.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1 New Horizon Grant**

Mary Sinclair suggested that the committee apply for a New Horizon Grant to develop an information brochure. It was suggested that this

issue be referred to one of the subcommittees (i.e. the Seniors Group Subcommittee).

### **7.2 Elder Abuse**

It was suggested that someone come to a future meeting to talk about elder abuse. Marj Wahlman indicated that she sits on the Elder Abuse Committee and perhaps the Chair would attend.

#### **(D. Chartrand/S. Robinson)**

That staff extend an invitation to the Elder Abuse Committee to appear as a delegate at a future Seniors Advisory Committee meeting.

**CARRIED**

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATION SHARING**

### **8.1 Publications**

Mary Sinclair brought 3 publications to the meeting to share with committee members. Staff will send an email to committee members to determine who wants copies of which publication.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.