

# INFORMATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b> Chair and Members Emergency & Community Services Committee	<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b> WARD 12
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b> June 11, 2012	
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b> Response to Ancaster Seniors Achievement Centre Advisory Board (CS12025) (Ward 12)	
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## Council Direction:

Committee of the Whole (COW), at its meeting of June 2011, directed Recreation staff to respond to a letter received from the Ancaster Seniors Achievement Centre Advisory Board. The letter requested that the City of Hamilton engage in discussions regarding the needs of the Ancaster Seniors Achievement Centre and the potential for capital expansion.

## Information:

### Letter from Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre Advisory Board

The ASAC Advisory Board requested that the City of Hamilton “engage in discussions regarding the needs of the Centre, and make recommendations to the Board regarding changes required to meet the current and future needs of Centre members.”

The ASAC Advisory Board requested that the City of Hamilton “enter into discussions ... to expand the existing Centre to meet the shifting needs of the population of 55+ in the Hamilton region in general, and Ancaster in particular.”

Recreation staff conducted preliminary discussions with the ASAC Advisory Board with regard to their future needs at the Centre. The ASAC Advisory Board has engaged the services of an architect to produce design concepts and budget estimations. This preliminary work will serve as a guide for potential Capital projects and budget forecasting. The ASAC needs and proposal will be included in the scope of the Recreation Division's planned senior's strategy.

### **Recreation Seniors Strategy**

As the 55+ market is continues to grow exponentially, it is critical that the City has a plan in place to enable service to this demographic. There is currently \$150,000 available in the capital budget to plan and engage seniors within all of Hamilton's communities in the development of a strategy to meet their recreational needs including proposed expansions to existing facilities, clubs or programming. Recreation staff are currently developing the scope of the project and will then engage a consultant to begin the work. The Seniors Strategy should take 10-12 months for completion once the project has been awarded to a consultant.

The needs identified by the Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre Board will be addressed within the context of this broader Seniors Strategy.