



Hamilton

**MINUTES: Seniors Advisory Committee
Friday, November 2, 2012
Rooms 192/193, Hamilton City Hall**

Present: Frank Brodnicki, Doug Fraser, Jeanne Mayo, Lorraine Meloche, June Noonan, Penelope Petrie, Shirley Robinson, Mary Sinclair, Ron Smithson, Bob Thomson, Marj Wahlman, John Winslow, Bill Wright

Regrets: Deirdre Chartrand, Carolann Fernandes, Vi Morgan, Bernice Price, Carolyn Rosenthal, Emmy Weisz
Eleanor Morton

Also Present: Carolyn Bish – Corporate Services (Customer Service, Access & Equity)
Vicki Woodcox – Community Services (Macassa Lodge)
Councillors Tom Jackson and Bernie Morelli

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Smithson welcomed the committee members in attendance.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

(M. Wahlman/L. Meloche)

That the November 2, 2012 agenda of the Seniors Advisory Committee be accepted, as circulated. **CARRIED.**

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

4. DELEGATION – Bruce Quinn, Emergency/Disaster PPW Team Coordinator, Canadian Red Cross Society (Hamilton Branch)

Committee members welcomed Bruce Quinn and Waheedul Hoque from the Canadian Red Cross Society (Hamilton Branch) who attended to provide information on how to be prepared in an emergency or disaster. The presentation centered on three key issues, as follows:

(a) Risks

Know the possible risks that could occur in Hamilton, i.e. blizzard, earthquake, tornado, extreme cold/heat wave, flood, power outage, fire, etc.

(b) Plan

Have a plan with emergency exits from home, work, school, neighbourhood; safe meeting place; a list of emergency contacts. Make a photocopy of your important papers, a list of medications and a contact list of your important people and put it in your kit.

(c) Kit

A sample kit available through the Red Cross was shown to the group. As well, a homemade, easy-to-carry bag was shown. Basic items and suggested additional items were pulled from the bags. It is suggested that kits be kept in an easy-to-reach, accessible place such as your front hall closet so it can be grabbed at a moment's notice.

A booklet entitled "Your Emergency Preparedness Guide – 72 Hours" was distributed to members in attendance.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Three corrections to the October 5, 2012 Seniors Advisory Committee minutes were noted. Item 5.2(a) – "doctor" should be replaced with "staff to perform functional assessment". Item 5.2(e) – "post" should be removed and replaced with "bus". Item 6.3 – Chair requires the subcommittees' plans for the upcoming year for his presentation to the Emergency & Community Services Committee as soon as possible.

(P.Petrie/M. Wahlman)

That the October 5, 2012 minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee be approved, as amended. **CARRIED.**

6. BUSINESS / DISCUSSION**6.1 Committee/Subcommittee Updates****(a) ATS Eligibility Project Steering Committee**

Mary Sinclair provided an update on the ATS Eligibility Project Steering Committee meeting. An evaluation of the new criteria will take place in 6 months.

(b) Age Friendly City Subcommittee

Vicki Woodcox advised that she has been involved with the Hamilton Council on Aging and Seniors Advisory Committee representatives on the development of a strategy. There is a need at the City level to have a coordinated response. Many organizations are at the table, such as SPRC, United Way, City Manager's Office, etc. A report has been drafted for the December 10, 2012 Emergency & Community Services Committee. Some recreation dollars have been allocated for this project.

(c) Seniors Groups Subcommittee

Bob Thomson advised that the main focus of the Seniors Groups Subcommittee is to provide input to improving the City's website and they are hoping to meet with the Web Development Team in November. The group is revisiting communicating what SAC does. Ron Smithson mentioned a presentation made by Coralee Secore at a previous SAC meeting regarding the expansion of senior recreation centres.

(d) Housing Subcommittee

Doug Fraser advised that there was no October meeting of the Housing Subcommittee. The next meeting will be November 22, 2012.

Mary Sinclair advised that neither she or Bea McDonough received the notice of the meeting cancellation and met themselves. Mary provided a summary of their discussion. Discussion followed regarding retirement/lodging homes (for profit), adequate & affordable housing, long term care facilities and seniors residing in hospitals.

(e) Transportation Subcommittee

Jeanne Mayo announced that the recommendation for a monthly senior bus pass and a senior ticket fare had been approved to take effect in 2013. She wanted to go on record as thanking Council for their support. Details and a formal announcement will follow. She advised that the Transportation Subcommittee wants to get involved in the 2-way street debate from a "complete street" perspective – driving / walking / cycling. The meeting notes of the October 18, 2012 Transportation Subcommittee are attached as Appendix B.

Discussion turned to snow clearing. Councillor Jackson advised that Public Works will be reviewing their standards for accumulation. After discussion, the following motion was presented.

(J. Mayo/M. Wahlman)

The City of Hamilton Seniors Advisory Committee respectfully requests that the Public Works Department and the Municipal Law Enforcement Section increase snow clearing efforts to ensure that HSR lines, roads, sidewalks, including intersections, at hospitals, seniors buildings, nursing homes and senior recreation centres are cleared as soon as possible following a snow fall. **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

(f) ACPD Transportation Subcommittee

Doug Fraser advised that the October meeting of the ACPD Transportation Subcommittee had been cancelled.

(g) Community Heat Response Committee

No report – Vi Morgan absent from meeting.

6.2 December Luncheon

Arrangements will be made for a luncheon following the December meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Councillor Jackson provided the committee with updates, including:

- (a) KPMG had presented a report of its review of municipal services and their recommendations of where money could be saved. Staff will obtain a copy of this report for distribution.
- (b) a report had been submitted regarding an adult day program for frail/elderly. Staff will obtain a copy of this report for distribution.
- (c) eligibility changes and fare parity for DARTS effective 2013.
- (d) ensured members that senior voices are heard at Council.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATION SHARING

8.1 Councillor Jackson announced that the Sackville Hill Seniors Recreation Centre will be celebrating its 20th anniversary with a dinner at Michelangelo's on Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at 5:00 pm (cost \$35) and an open house on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 11:00 am at Sackville Hill Seniors Centre.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING
Friday, December 7, 2012
10:00 a.m. – Rooms 192/193

Appendix A

**Summary of meeting of
Seniors Advisory Committee – Transportation Subcommittee
October 18, 2012**

Present – Jeanne Mayo (Chair and recorder), John Winslow, Marjorie Wahlman
Regrets – Ron Smithson and Doug Fraser

1. **Senior monthly bus pass** – The senior monthly bus pass and the reduced fare senior single ticket was approved by the Public Works Committee on October 15, 2012. The new fare structure will come into effect in 2013. This committee will continue to monitor this file.
2. **Complete Streets** – it was decided that the SAC Transportation Subcommittee would intervene in the debate of two-way streets by emphasizing the need for changes from a Complete Streets model perspective.

It was noted that the Complete Streets model is in accordance with the City's Strategic Plan for 2012-15, which states under the Strategic Objective 1.4 to improve the City's transportation system to support multi-modal mobility and encourage inter-regional connections,

iii) Develop an integrated, multi-modal, public transportation program, including implementation of rapid transit, conventional transit, active transportation (e.g. pedestrian, cycling) and the associated transportation demand management (TDM) plan.

Two articles regarding Complete Streets were given to committee members. Jeanne will send an email to members when the next meeting regarding two-way streets is fixed.

3. **Snow clearing** – The following resolution is submitted to the SAC for discussion and action. Moved by Marj Wahlman and seconded by John Winslow.

That the Seniors Advisory Committee write a letter requesting that the City increase its efforts to ensure that snow and, in particular, sidewalks and streets, including intersections, be completely cleared (ploughed and carted away) of snow and de-iced in areas surrounding HSR lines, hospitals, major medical buildings, long-term care facilities, senior residences and senior recreation centres.

4. **Next meeting** – Thursday, November 15, 2012 at 3 p.m. in Room 222, City Hall