

December 19, 2012

Ron Smithson, Chair

City of Hamilton Seniors Advisory Committee

City Hall, Hamilton, ON

Dear Ron:

It is with regret that I submit my resignation from the Seniors Advisory Committee. The reason for my resignation is a rather intractable time conflict. As you may know, I have been very involved in the Hamilton Third Age Learning initiative. I currently serve as Vice-President and Chair of the Registration Committee. Beginning in the spring of 2013, HTAL will mount a series of six presentations each spring and fall. In deciding on which weekday morning to hold these presentations, an effort was made to avoid conflict with other similar programs (e.g. the Burlington Third Age Learning series, Rabbi Baskin's book series). Friday morning emerged as the best time to hold the presentations. Unfortunately, this schedule would mean that I would miss 3 or 4 meetings of the Seniors Advisory Committee each year. When these absences are added to the 2 or 3 meetings I miss because I go away in the winter, it becomes clear that my attendance at the meetings of the Seniors Advisory Committee would be sporadic at best, making it difficult for me to make any meaningful contribution to the committee.

Over the past year and a half, I have found my membership on the SAC to be a rewarding and interesting experience. I think the committee is performing an important role in keeping City Council informed about seniors' issues and in helping to make Hamilton an age-friendly city and I am sure this role will expand in the future. I wish all of you the very best in these endeavours.

With all good wishes for the holiday season and for a very happy and healthy new year.

Sincerely,

Carolyn J. Rosenthal