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# CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT

<b>To:</b>	Chair and Members Emergency & Community Services Committee
<b>From:</b>	Ron D. Smithson, Chair Seniors Advisory Committee
<b>Date:</b>	March 1, 2013
<b>Re:</b>	<b>Seniors Advisory Committee – Fire Compliance at Long Term Care Facilities and Accessible Washroom Listing for Special Events (Report #SAC13003)</b>

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

### 1. Fire Compliance at Long Term Care Facilities

That the City of Hamilton advocate to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) regarding staffing requirements for all Long Term Care facilities and Retirement Homes to include adequate staffing for compliance with fire regulations.

### 2. Accessible Washroom Listing for Special Events

That the Seniors Advisory Committee respectfully requests that future City of Hamilton publications, such as Experience Hamilton, Discover Hamilton and special event brochures, highlight a listing of accessible washrooms, specifically noting those with the ability to accommodate people with personal mobility devices.

## BACKGROUND:

At the January 2013 meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee, members welcomed John Verbeek, Assistant Chief Fire Prevention Officer who attended to discuss fire safety and prevention. During the presentation, it was mentioned that new fire guidelines were being developed for long term care facilities and that the Fire Prevention Office was proposing to run fire drills at long term care facilities to determine level of staffing & the availability of staff to assist during an evacuation.

At the January 2013 meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee Housing Subcommittee members discussed the fire safety and prevention presentation and prepared the above motion to bring to the Seniors Advisory Committee for discussion and consent at the February 2013 meeting.

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Also at the February 2013 Seniors Advisory Committee meeting it was noted that many publications by the City of Hamilton, i.e. Experience Hamilton, Discover Hamilton, special event brochures, do not provide a listing of accessible washrooms for people with personal mobility devices.