



## Hamilton

**MINUTES:           Status of Women Committee**  
**Thursday, February 28, 2013 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Room 193, Hamilton City Hall**

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**PRESENT:**           Denise Doyle, Linda Gill, Amirah Hassan, Catherine Hughes,  
Myra James, Katherine Kalinowski, Patti McNaney, Michelle  
Poirier, Denise Spoelstra

**REGRETS:**         Adele Alfano, Jeannie Howe, Heather Judson, Nashwa Khan,  
Uzma Qureshi, Basharat Tayyab, Baldeep Virk

**ALSO PRESENT:**   Maxine Carter, City of Hamilton

**1.    WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

All were welcomed.

**2.    DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**3.    APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The following additions were made to the agenda under Item 7 – New  
Business:

7.1   Request for Leave of Absence

7.2   SACHA – International Women’s Day

**4.    APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Denise Spoelstra indicated that she had sent regrets for the January 2013  
meeting.

**(M. James/D. Spoelstra)**

That the minutes of January 31, 2013 meeting of the Hamilton Status of  
Women Committee be approved, as amended.                   **CARRIED**

**5.    BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**5.1**   The Human Resources report “2012 Demographic Profile Gender &  
Employment” is ready for review. Maxine Carter will forward the report to  
committee members.

**6.    BUSINESS / DISCUSSION**

**6.1**   Committee Co-Chair

Amirah Hassan has tendered her resignation as Co-Chair. Discussion followed regarding going forward. This item was referred to the March 2013 meeting for further discussion.

**K. Kalinowski/M. James**

That the discussion regarding election of a co-chair be brought back on the agenda at the next meeting.

**CARRIED.**

**6.2 WHY Gender Conference**

**6.2.1** The event has been sold out.

Michelle Poirier volunteered to manage the Status of Women table at the conference. Denise Doyle will arrange for volunteers to pick up the Status of Women banner, copies of the survey results, brochures, book marks and pins from Maxine Carter. Katherine Kalinowski, Michelle Poirier, Linda Gill and Denise Doyle will be participating and/or presenting at the conference on behalf of the committee.

Committee members requested that the survey results be forwarded to the Mayor and Councillors and advise that this material will be released to the public on March 7, 2013.

**6.2.2** The Gender Analysis document will be distributed at the conference. The McMaster student is Felicia Rahaman.

Status of Women will be on the agenda following the keynote speaker, Beth Jordon. The results of the survey will be shared, Felicia Rahaman will speak about her paper "Why Gender Matters"; Linda Gill will provide an overview of the film "Status Quo".

Status of Women Committee to have 100 red folders stuffed with Status of Women material (postcard, bookmark, button, Why Gender working document, survey). Patti McNaney and Denise Doyle will send the final documents to Maxine Carter by the end of the day on Friday, March 1, 2013 for printing.

There will be a focus on the YWCA Canada Campaign at the March 7<sup>th</sup> event.

The YWCA will partner with The Factory on March 8, 2013 during the Art Crawl.

"She in All Her Guises" film will also be shown at the Grace Lutheran Church on Friday, March 8, 2013.

Events regarding International Women's Day are on the YWCA website. Denise Doyle will email a list of the events.

**6.3 Muslim Women Council of Hamilton**

B. Tayyab is unable to attend to provide an update on the success of the event.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**7.1 Request for Leave of Absence**

A request for a leave of absence has been received from Basharat Tayyab.

**(M. James/M. Poirier)**

That the request from Basharat Tayyab for a leave of absence from the Status of Women Committee be received and granted. **CARRIED**

Denise Doyle will confirm with Basharat Tayyab how long she expects to be on a leave of absence.

**7.2 SACHA – International Women's Day**

A letter was received from SACHA (Sexual Assault Centre) requesting Status of Women Committee support towards the luncheon at the International Women's Day event on March 8, 2013. Discussion followed. Committee members are very keen in supporting this event but were disappointed that they were not part of the planning for the event.

**(D. Doyle/L. Gill)**

That the Status of Women Committee support the SACHA and the International Women's Day event on Friday, March 8, 2013 and contribute towards the luncheon and rental of chairs and tables, not to exceed \$500.00. **CARRIED**

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION SHARING**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING**

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