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**MINUTES: Seniors Advisory Committee  
Friday, February 4, 2011  
Council Chambers, Hamilton City Hall**

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**Present:** Carolann Fernandes, Margo Kirkpatrick, Thelma McGillivray, Vi Morgan, Shirley Robinson, Mary Sinclair, Ron Smithson (Chair), Ly Minh Trinh

**Regrets:** Lorraine Meloche, Bernice Price  
Councillor T. Jackson  
Vicki Woodcox

**Also Present:** Bev Neill, Carolyn Bish – Corporate Services, Customer Service, Access & Equity  
Maureen Harmer – Public Health Services, Healthy Living  
Coralee Secore – Recreation Division  
Councillor Morelli

### **1. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

The following additions were made to the agenda:  
- Video (T. McGillivray)

The agenda was accepted as amended.

### **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None declared.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mary Sinclair noted that in Item 7.2 of the January 7, 2011 minutes, that McMaster has **not** conducted a study for the safety protocol for rescues in the event of assistive device breakdowns.

**(T.McGillivray/S.Robinson)**

That the January 7, 2011 minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee be approved as amended. **CARRIED.**

#### 4. DELEGATION

**Dr. Margaret Denton, President, Hamilton Council on Aging**

The Committee welcomed Dr. Margaret Denton, President of the Hamilton Council on Aging (HCoA). Dr. Denton attended to obtain the support of the Seniors Advisory Committee in a partnership to make Hamilton an age friendly city. Her presentation consisted of a history of the HCoA; its mission, vision and values; a list of the current Board of Directors and staff; ongoing activities; and current areas of focus.

She also outlined a list of the current projects being worked on by the HCoA, one of them being the Age Friendly Hamilton Initiative.

The HCoA has applied to the Trillium Foundation for a further grant for this project. A first grant resulted in the publication of a report entitled "Hamilton: A City for All Ages – First Report to our Community, January 2010".

The HCoA now wants to expand through partnership by having membership at other tables, i.e. Poverty Roundtable and to move forward on its strategic plan by developing a Seniors Planning Collaborative, developing a 3-year action plan to make Hamilton age friendly and applying to the World Health Organization (WHO) for designation as an age friendly city. The application to WHO must be done by the Mayor and supported by various levels of staff indicating a commitment to the four stages of a 5 year plus cycle – planning; implementation; progress evaluation and continual improvement.

It is felt by HCoA that the Seniors Advisory Committee can take the lead on this at City Hall through a delegation to Committee and Council.

Discussion followed and it was determined that HCoA needs to provide more detail on what's involved and the number of pieces in each stage of the cycle to let the City know what they're getting into and the impacts this would have on City departments.

Chair Smithson informed Dr. Denton that this is the last meeting of the current Seniors Advisory Committee and that a new committee would be taking over in the next couple of months. It was suggested that the HCoA come back to the new committee with the additional information required.

#### 5. BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

There was no new business of the committee.

## 6. UPDATES

### 6.1 ACPD Transportation Subcommittee

Ron Smithson provided an update on the last meeting of the ACPD Transportation Subcommittee consisting of:

- a presentation by Jillian Stephens regarding the Light Rapid Transit project
- discussion regarding cameras on DARTS buses
- discussion on the first draft of a policy regarding carry-on items on DARTS buses

### 6.2 Strategic Road Safety Program Subcommittee

No report. Next meeting to be held April 13, 2011.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### 7.1 Seniors' Video

Thelma McGillivray expressed her wishes that the new committee will continue to work on educating members of the community about pedestrian safety and the promoting the Senior's Heads Up video. She expressed her disappointment that members of Council have not taken up this cause to make Hamilton a safer place for pedestrians.

## 8. INFORMATION SHARING

**8.1 Councillor Morelli** addressed the committee and commented about the many challenges facing Council this term. Discussion touched on snow removal, tax credit applications, Light Rapid Transit, the stadium, social inclusion, safety on buses, accessibility features.

**8.2** The Chair thanked the members of the 2006-2010 term of the Seniors Advisory Committee for their service.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.