



Hamilton

Revised

MINUTES: Status of Women Committee
Thursday, October 23, 2008 – 5:30 p.m.
Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre

PRESENT: Denise Doyle, Jan Lukas, Souhad Masri,
Thelma McGillivray, Patti McNaney, Shanine Mohebat,
Joanne Ruggieri, Pat Saunders, Denise Spoelstra,
Basharat Tayyab

REGRETS: Jennifer Aggus, Lenore Lukaski-Foss, Peggy-Anne
Mansfield, Alex Weaver

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Rose McAleer

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Status of Women Committee minutes of September 25, 2008 were approved as circulated.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Elect More Women Subcommittee

Planning meeting scheduled for November 18, 2009 at the Workers Arts & Heritage Centre, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Next conference scheduled for May 30, 2009.

Budget Review

Budget Review Subcommittee met and had some general questions for staff on the budget process. Document will be available in November. Subcommittee will need to review issues that pertain to women in the budget. Subcommittee to review what our communities have done in the past to review women's issues in their city's budgets.

Process for Contributions from Status of Women Committee
Subcommittee has not yet met. Group to get together before the November Status of Women Committee meeting.

Committee Membership

Denise S. advised that women should continue to seek new members for the committee. Bourinot's Rules of Order have been copied and are available through Bev at all meetings.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Survey

Bev emailed survey to IT Division. It has been uploaded and is now on the City's website. Available by clicking on Corporate Services; Access & Equity; Committees; Status of Women.

<http://www.myhamilton.ca/myhamilton/CityandGovernment/CityDepartments/CorporateServices/AccessEquity/VolunteerAdvisoryCommittees/StatusOfWomen/Hamilton+Status+of+Women+Committee+Survey.htm>

Discussion followed.

Methods of disseminating survey:

- **Hot Topic** on city website
- press release
- community fax service
- printed copies at various city locations:
 - Municipal Service Centres
 - midwifery clinics
 - doctor's offices
 - women's studies at McMaster
 - hospitals
 - retired teachers
 - marginalized women
 - St. Joseph's Immigrant Women's Centre
 - YWCA
 - SISO

Need to write out goal for this survey and document that it is a qualitative survey.

Keep count of paper copies that may provide us with some statistics. Patti to complete a description of the survey to be incorporated in the next minutes.

Possibly colour code the survey.

Web application to be submitted for **Hot Topic** next week. It will be removed January 31, 2009.

Patti will complete the categories and submit them to Bev for colour coding by Monday.

End of January deadline.

Press Release – Patti & subcommittee.

5.2 Brochure

Discussion on the brochure, i.e. branding, past logo, concerns.
Denise and Shanine to seek three quotes for branding and design of a new logo and circulate to the committee.

5.3 PETITION to Amend the Ontario Health and Safety Act

Thelma discussed petition to amend the Ontario Health & Safety Act – Bill 29 to include a personal safety clause that would offer protections from emotional or psychological harm as well as from physical harm.

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes taken by: D. Doyle

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, November 28, 2008
5:30 pm – Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre

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