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of social development in Hamilton

2006-2007 Annual Report

A United Way Agency

Through our research and social planning services, the Social Planning and Research Council is committed to ensuring that Hamilton is the best community it can be for all who live here and that no one is left out of the benefits and opportunities Hamilton has to offer.

REPORT of the PRESIDENT and EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It has been said that Canada's prosperity depends on the success of Canadian cities. At the same time, Canadian cities face critical social challenges that need to be addressed. Hamilton is no exception. The Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton continues to work to make this a more prosperous community by investing effort and working along with others on initiatives that create a more equitable and socially cohesive community. To be more successful Hamilton must enable all of its' residents opportunities to participate fully in community life.

We have contributed to this effort by partnering with others on initiatives that will create affordable housing for low income members of our community, 'make Hamilton the best place to raise a child', advocate for action on poverty as well generate new projects that create and test solutions that will increase opportunities for people to lead meaningful and productive lives. The result of these efforts has led us to a wide variety of projects that are often ambitious, inventive and complex. Early in the year we released the Women and Poverty in Hamilton report providing a stark analysis of the inequities experienced by women in our local economy. Response to that report continues to reverberate and stimulate new economic development initiatives that we anticipate will have a significant impact in the years ahead. We have also contributed to development and implementation of local strategies to create more affordable housing in Hamilton by taking a leadership role with the Affordable Housing Flagship of Hamilton. The result is that our city is

having greater success at initiating new housing projects for low income families and increasing targets for additional affordable housing in the future. Our Community Action Program for Children and CATCH programs continue to develop innovative programs for families with children in east Hamilton that provide after school programs, parental support and community development that will increase parent involvement in the community, particularly for culturally diverse families in that area of the city. We also continue to deliver a granting program to schools and neighbourhood groups throughout the city that supports more than eighty-five nourishment programs for students. Other emerging projects have been providing increased support to the planning and development of services for street involved youth, the aboriginal community and members of the immigrant communities. There are other projects that demonstrate the ability of the SPRC to work along with others to make change and these are referenced elsewhere in this annual report and on our website. We invite you to explore this work further and find a way to actively participate in it with us. In each case although the impacts may not be immediate, we anticipate that these advancements lay a foundation for social change that will greatly improve conditions for many people and improve the prospects for success of our City in the long term.

In every case, it is important to note that our service could not be successful without the extensive leadership and support provided by our Board of Directors, the efforts of numerous volunteers and community advocates that contribute their energy generously to make a difference and the dedication and commitment of

our highly skilled staff team. And finally, the support of our members, donors, supporters and funders all complete the formula for success by adding their contributions to this process of change and betterment that ultimately attends to the best interests of everyone in our community and the country. Thank you to all.

Mary Meyer
President

Don Jaffray
Executive Director

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

The Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton is a diverse team of staff and volunteers that provides independent research, social planning and community development service to the Hamilton community. Our goal is to promote positive social change and improve the quality of life in our community.

The SPRC is committed to the principle that the most effective responses to community problems arise from the development of an informed consensus among the various sectors that make up the community about both the nature of the problems and the most appropriate responses.

The SPRC also believes that the most effective responses to community problems are based upon the organization of people and resources in community-based organizations.

The SPRC acts as a resource to investigate social trends and issues, develop innovative solutions, and collaborate with others to solve problems and pilot test new services. The SPRC is also prepared to advocate with others for change where needed. The SPRC operates in accordance with anti-racist and anti-discriminatory policies and practises.

This statement of philosophy has a number of important implications with respect to SPRC actions:

1) That priority will be given to assisting community-based (non-governmental) organizations.
2) That priority will be given to working with groups rather than individuals.

3) That adversarial responses to community problems would only be supported after extensive efforts at mediation and consensus-building has proved to be ineffective.
4) That the SPRC would not assist any groups who are not committed to the philosophy of equal participation among all citizens in community affairs.

The following intercultural values and policies further explain SPRC's perspective.

1. The SPRC, realizing that all groups require consensus around core values to provide cohesion, affirms its belief in the dynamic and creative power of diversity. To say you are just like me is failure to recognize and acknowledge the unique persona of each individual. The recognition of uniqueness and diversity in all forms of life is reflected in the respect and nurturing expressed in our social biosphere.

2. Therefore, the SPRC affirms its commitment to foster the dynamic creativity inherent in our cultural mosaic. To the extent possible, SPRC will commit resources to respect the diversity of our community. In so doing, the SPRC affirms its belief in the wholeness and inter-relatedness of all life in the biosphere.

3. The SPRC recognizes the right of all people to enjoy the benefits of our democratic society. However, people have a responsibility to participate in a positive way in our community. It is only by giving and sharing that the true nature of wellness can be realized. Rights and responsibilities are essential parts of the

equation for a full life in a democratic society. Thus, it is incumbent upon all organizations to encourage full participation in the leadership roles of their organizations.

Thus

a) SPRC believes people are inherently different and these differences should be respected.

b) SPRC believes that every person in Hamilton is entitled to equal access to all social and health services that are available in our community.

c) The SPRC believes that all people have a right and a responsibility to participate in decision-making that concerns their personal wellness.

d) SPRC recognizes that multiculturalism is a fundamental characteristic of our community and that people in our Region are entitled to preserve, enhance and/or share their cultural heritage as long as this does not infringe on the rights or dignity of others in the community.

e) SPRC believes every person has the right to live free of racial discrimination and harassment.

f) SPRC believes it should serve equitably, the diversity of races and cultures which comprise the population of Hamilton.

g) SPRC believes in order to adequately assist community groups, it must be broadly reflective of the Hamilton community.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Directors and Members of
Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton

We have audited the balance sheet of Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton as at March 31, 2007 and the statements of accumulated net assets and financial activities for the operating fund, statements of financial activities and accumulated net assets for the capital and stabilization reserve funds and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Council's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Council as at March 31, 2007 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

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Chartered Accountants
Hamilton, Ontario - May 10, 2007

NOTE: The information given in this Annual Report is an extract from the financial statements. The complete financial statements, including all related notes to the financial statements, are available on request.

SOCIAL PLANNING AND RESEARCH COUNCIL OF HAMILTON

(INCORPORATED WITHOUT SHARE CAPITAL UNDER THE LAWS OF ONTARIO)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND ACCUMULATED NET ASSETS
OPERATING FUND

	Year ended March 31, 2007			Year ended March 31, 2006		
	Core Operations	Funded Projects	Total	Core Operations	Funded Projects	Total
Revenue						
Support from public	$ 220,059	$ 633,733	$ 853,792	$ 213,134	$ 639,921	$ 853,055
Support from governments	37,636	973,066	1,010,702	36,540	774,373	810,913
Operating revenue	286,885	—	286,885	249,482	—	249,482
Total Revenue	$ 544,580	$1,606,799	$2,151,379	$ 499,156	$1,414,294	$1.913,450
Expenses						
Salaries and consultant fees	335,136	802,341	1,137,477	314,739	625,533	940,272
Employment health and retirement benefits	69,007	117,453	186,460	73,103	89,203	162,306
Professional fees	3,138	12,375	15,513	3,378	25,129	28,507
Service contracts	—	441,349	441,349	—	535,906	535,906
Supplies	12,298	27,742	40,040	10,800	25,024	35,824
Telephone	9,755	5,865	15,620	9,810	6,628	16,438
Postage and shipping	5,338	819	6,157	5,979	751	6,730
Rent and insurance	33,166	27,233	60,399	31,456	28,810	60,266
Public relations	1,309	668	1,977	—	301	301
Staff transportation	2,165	13,176	15,341	1,604	10,173	11,777
Conferences	2,556	4,524	7,080	4,069	1,103	5,172
Volunteer expenses	5,047	14,032	19,079	4,508	9,354	13,862
Organization dues & periodicals	2,709	—	2,709	1,492	1,000	2,492
Equipment and maintenance contracts	22,568	26,857	49,425	14,109	10,533	24,642
Other administration	2,212	112,365	114,577	1,326	44,846	46,172
	506,404	1,606,799	2,113,203	476,373	1,414,294	1,890,667
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	38,176	—	38,176	22,783	—	22,783
Accumulated net assets at beginning of the year	444	—	444	661	—	661
Transfer to Capital Fund	(14,565)	—	(14,565)	(13,000)	—	(13,000)
Transfer to Stabilization Reserve Fund	(24,000)	—	(24,000)	(10,000)	—	(10,000)
Accumulated net assets at end of the year	$ 55	$ —	$ 55	$ 444	$ —	$ 444

2006/2007 SPRC PRIORITIES & PROJECTS

Equity and Diversity

Family and Child Well-Being

- Community Action Program for Children (CAPC)
- Riverdale Childcare Outreach
- Healthy Babies Healthy Children
- Baby's Best Start
- Community Access to Child Health (CATCH)
- Kids and Community - A Parent Readiness Project
- Best Start Network
- Recreation Access for Children and Youth of Hamilton's Diverse Community
- Family Home Visitors (Parents Helping Parents Program)
- Hamilton Chinese Community Services Centre
- National Child Benefit Supplement Clawback
- Hamilton Police Service - Neighbourhood Safety Project
- Assessment of Child Care Services in the Dundas Community

Housing and Homelessness

- Affordable Housing Flagship Initiative
- Street Involved and Homeless Youth
- Woman Abuse Working Group
- Photovoice Hamilton
- Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee
- Housing Emergency Loan Program (HELP)
- Solutions for Housing Action Committee (SHAC)
- Hamilton Executive Directors' Aboriginal Coalition (HEDAC)
- Tenant Education Project
- Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness–Community Advisory Group
- Trends in Homelessness in Hamilton

Equity and Diversity

Impacts of Poverty

- Hamilton Workforce Integration Network (HIWIN)
- Income Security Working Group (ISWG)
- Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits
- Social Justice Strategic Group
- Barton Street Crime Prevention Project
- Youth Dating Violence
- Facilitating Inclusion
- Khmer Association of Hamilton
- Hamilton Partners in Nutrition (PIN)
- Women and Poverty in Hamilton
- School Board Opportunities Fund
- Sex Trade Task Force
- Hamilton Civic Centre for Inclusion
- Hepatitis C Prevention and Research Program Support
- Skills Development Flagship Initiative
- Assessment of Emergency Food System
- Growing School Nutrition Programs
- Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction
- HTAB Women's Reference Group

Resource Development and New Issues

- Tracking Trends
- Social Planning Network of Ontario
- Community Social Data Strategy
- Social Data Mapping
- National Food Security Project
- Community Based Research Training – St. Joseph Immigrant Women's Centre
- Hamilton Pride Festival Needs Assessment
- Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Diversity Audit

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ADVISORY COMMITTEES

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Riverdale CAPC Council
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STAFF MEMBERS

Executive Director:
Don Jaffray

Senior Social Planner:
Mark Fraser

Senior Social Planner:
Sandy Shaw

Senior Social Planner:
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Executive Assistant/Office Manager:
Sally Quider*

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Tammy McDonald*

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Jodi Solomon*, Christina Walters

Community Action Program for Children Project Staff

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SPRC Summer Career Placement Students

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SPRC Student Placement Staff

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Research Volunteers

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The Social Planning and Research Council would like to thank its major funders: the United Way of Burlington & Greater Hamilton and the City of Hamilton for their continued support of the work of the Council.

We acknowledge the support of Public Health Agency of Canada, Service Canada, the Hamilton Community Foundation, Ontario Trillium Foundation, Department of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada, the Freeman Foundation, Sport Hamilton, Haldimand-Norfolk R.E.A.C.H., Community Development Halton, and Ministry of Health & Long Term Care.

A special thanks goes to the friends of the SPRC for their donations in 2006/07.

During the past twelve months, we have enjoyed the opportunity of working with the Housing Help Centre, Community Centre for Media Arts, the Solutions for Housing Action Committee, Street Involved and Homeless Youth Managers, Street Involved Youth Network, Hamilton Executive Directors' Aboriginal Coalition, Community Consultation Committee on Social Housing, Woman Abuse Working Group, Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits, Hamilton Sex Trade Task Force, Khmer Association of Hamilton, Freedom House, Sexual Assault Centre of Hamilton and Area, Breakfast for Learning, Intercultural Community Centre, St. Joseph Immigrant Women's Centre, Volunteer Hamilton, Living Rock Ministries, Settlement and Integration Services Organization (SISO), Youth Employment Network, Income Security Working Group, Hamilton Housing Corporation, Hamilton Civic Coalition, Hamilton Training Advisory Board,

Hamilton's Centre for Civic Inclusion, St. Matthew's House, McQuesten Legal and Community Services, Hamilton Independent Living Program, Supported Housing Coordination Network, Social Planning Network of Ontario, Canadian Council on Social Development, City of Hamilton, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, Hamilton's Centre for Civic Inclusion, YMCA, YWCA, Mohawk College, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, Hamilton Chinese Community Services, Wesley Urban Ministries, Today's Family, Canadian Mental Health Association, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hamilton and Burlington, Hamilton Pride Festival Inc., Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), Affordable Housing Flagship of Hamilton and Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction. Also the citizens of Hamilton who participated in SPRC events and consultations.

The Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) continues to be successful largely as a result of the important work done through our partners in this project. These partners are: the Public Health Services and the Community Services Department of the City of Hamilton, STAR Hamilton, the CATCH Committee, St. Joseph's Centre for Ambulatory Health Services, Today's Family, babyshowers and the Hamilton Public Library. We would also like to thank and acknowledge the committed volunteers who have made CAPC so successful.

The support and involvement of education institutions in the community work of SPRC continues to be a success. We would like to acknowledge McMaster University School of Social Work for their contribution.

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