EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT 17-002
1:30 pm
Monday, February 6, 2017
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Councillors A. Johnson (Chair), S. Merulla (Vice Chair), J. Farr, C. Collins, D. Skelly, T. Whitehead, J. Partridge

Absent: Councillors Green and Jackson – Personal

THE EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 17-002 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Co-ordinated Access System for Social Housing (CES14052(c)) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

(a) That Procurement Policy 11 be approved for a single source contract with Del Management Solutions Inc. (DMS) for the administration of the centralized wait list for social housing applicants in the annual amount of $358,280, effective to March 31, 2018 to be charged to Dept. ID and account 624200-57010;

(b) That the City of Hamilton enter into an Agreement amending the terms of the current Agreement between the City of Hamilton and DMS for the continued operation of Access to Housing from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018; and,

(c) That the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services be authorized and directed to execute the Amending Agreement referred to in recommendation (b), in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

2. Community and Emergency Services Work Environment Survey Update (CES15062(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

That report CES15062(a) respecting Community and Emergency Services Work Environment Survey Update, be received.

3. Neighbourhood Action Strategy Funding for 2017 (CES17004) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

That the existing funding agreement with the Hamilton Community Foundation for the Neighbourhood Leadership Institute, be extended until December 31, 2017, in the amount of $20,000 funded from the Neighbourhood Action Strategy Capital Fund (#20551255204).

4. Standardization of Adult Incontinent Products (Lodges) (CES17005) (Wards 6 and 13) (Item 8.2)

That Council approve the standardization of TENA® adult incontinent products for use in Macassa and Wentworth Lodges, pursuant to Procurement Policy #14 – Standardization, until February 8, 2022.

5. 2017 – Ward 6 Area Rating Funded Project (Item 9.1)

WHEREAS, the Mohawk Sports Park Athletic Track is home to the Hamilton Olympic Club;

WHEREAS, the Mohawk Sports Park Athletic Track hosts a variety of amateur and high performance track and field events each year;

WHEREAS, the current synthetic track surface has come to the end of its useful life;

WHEREAS, the approved 2017 Capital Budget has allocated $650,000.00 for the replacement of the track surface this summer;

WHEREAS, in consultation with the user groups, additional funding for the project would allow for a high performance competition grade poured in place synthetic track to be procured and additional renovations to the park originally planned as phase two of the capital project to proceed; and,

WHEREAS, the installation of the high performance grade poured in place synthetic track and the additional renovations for the Mohawk Sports Park Athletic Track requires additional funding to the approved capital budget in the amount of $200,000.00;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the additional funding in the amount of $200,000.00 for the Mohawk Sports Park Athletic Track Replacement Project No. 7101554509 be approved from Ward 6 Area Rating Special Capital Reinvestment Reserve No. 108056.

6. Housing First Services Funding (Item 9.2)

WHEREAS, ending chronic homelessness has been identified as a community priority in Hamilton;

WHEREAS, research has shown that Housing First is a proven housing intervention for addressing chronic homelessness;

WHEREAS, studies regarding Housing First interventions demonstrate that 80% - 85% of program participants remain housed after one year;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has demonstrated success in reducing chronic homelessness through the use of Housing First strategies;

WHEREAS, in 2016, Hamilton exceeded our target by housing 200 chronically homeless individuals;

WHEREAS, 92% of these individuals have remained housed;

WHEREAS, in February 2016, Hamilton identified through our Point-in-Time Count approximately 350 individuals experiencing chronic homelessness;

WHEREAS, it is more cost effective to provide permanent housing to someone who is experiencing chronic homelessness than to manage their homelessness through emergency shelters or hospitals;

WHEREAS, studies show that savings come in the form of the foregone emergency, crisis or specialized services (hospitals, shelters, jails etc.) no longer utilized by people once they are housed and their lives are stable;

WHEREAS, the savings can range anywhere from $17,000 to $80,000 per person, per year if they are permanently housed;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the average cost of housing an individual through Housing First interventions is $27,000; and,

WHEREAS, the funding available to support Housing First services in the community falls short of what is required to fully address chronic homelessness in Hamilton;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Employment and Social Development Canada requesting the Government of Canada to adequately fund the City of Hamilton to deliver the Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) program. The letter shall request an annual funding enhancement in the amount of $1M until March 31, 2019 which is over and above the $4,228,254 already being granted to the City to provide homelessness programs and services through the Homelessness Partnering Strategy; and,

(b) That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Housing requesting the Government of Ontario to adequately fund the City of Hamilton as Service Manager to deliver the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) program. The letter shall request an annual funding enhancement in the amount of $3M which is over and above the $19,073,700 already being granted to the City to provide homelessness programs and services through the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the Agenda:

1. PRESENTATIONS

Item 5.2 – Community and Emergency Services Work Environment Survey Update moved to Presentations as Item 7.1.

2. WITHDRAWN ITEMS

Item 9.1, a Motion respecting 2017 – Ward 6 Area Rating Funded Project, will remain Tabled due to Councillor Jackson's absence.

The Agenda for the February 6, 2017 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None declared.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) January 23, 2017 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the January 23, 2017 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting were approved, as presented.

(d) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Angela Pugliese respecting a Lack of Support Services for Teens with Autism (Item 6.1)

Angela Pugliese addressed Committee respecting a Lack of Support Services for Teens with Autism.

The delegation from Angela Pugliese respecting a Lack of Support Services for Teens with Autism, was received.

(e) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Community and Emergency Services Work Environment Survey Update (CES15062(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Linda Button, Senior Project Manager, and Kristy Tadeson, Ontario Works Team Lead, addressed the Committee respecting the Community and Emergency Services Work Environment Survey Update, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been retained for the official record.

The presentation respecting Community and Emergency Services Work Environment Survey Update, was received.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

(f) MOTIONS (Item 9)

(i) 2017 – Ward 6 Area Rating Funded Project (Item 9.1)

During the meeting, notice was received from Councillor Jackson requesting that the Motion be moved in his absence.

The Motion respecting 2017 – Ward 6 Area Rating Funded Project was lifted from the Table.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 5.

(g) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

(i) Removal of Outstanding Business List items (Item 11.1)

Item “G” to remain on the Outstanding Business List and to be assigned a new Due Date.

The following changes to the Emergency & Community Services Committee Outstanding Business List, were approved, as amended:

(a) Items Requiring New Due Dates:

(1) Item "G" – Co-ordinated Access System for Social Housing
Current Due Date: January 2017
Proposed New Due Date: June 2017

(2) Item “EE” – Gateway Arena Purchase
Current Due Date: January 2017
Proposed New Due Date: April 10, 2017

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor A. Johnson
Chair, Emergency & Community Services Committee

Lisa Chamberlain
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk