



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 17-001

1:30 pm

Monday, January 23, 2017

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West, Hamilton

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

Absent: Councillor J. Partridge – City Business

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Wesley Community Homes Incorporated (CES14046(a)) (Ward 2) (Item 5.1)

(Skelly/Merulla)

That Report CES14046(a) respecting Wesley Community Homes Incorporated, be received.

CARRIED

2. Social Housing Apartment Retrofit Program (CES17003) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

(Farr/Whitehead)

That the Social Housing Apartment Retrofit Program (SHARP) funding be deposited into Account #000100-23194 "Prov Funding SHARP" and allocated in accordance with the SHARP guidelines and Transfer Payment Agreement.

CARRIED

3. **Consideration of User Fees for Rope Rescue Calls (CES17002) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That Report CES17002 respecting Consideration of User Fees for Rope Rescue Calls, be received.

CARRIED

4. **Syrian Newcomers and Ontario Works (CES17006) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

(Farr/Skelly)

That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada requesting one-time funding in the amount of \$90,205 (representing 2.8% of the cost to administer Ontario Works exclusive of staffing costs) to the City of Hamilton to offset the increase to the 2017 Ontario Works caseload as a result of the services provided to the Syrian newcomers.

CARRIED

5. **Resolution from the Township of Madawaska Valley respecting Bill 7, Promoting Affordable Housing Act, 2016 (Item 8.3)**

(Whitehead/Skelly)

That the Resolution from the Township of Madawaska Valley respecting Bill 7, Promoting Affordable Housing Act, 2016, be referred to Staff in the Planning and Economic Development – Municipal Law Enforcement Division for consideration.

CARRIED

6. **Mayor's Advisory Committee on Syrian Newcomers – Update (CES16023(b)) (City Wide) (Moved from Item 5.2 to Item 8.4)**

(Skelly/Green)

- (a) That the Mayor correspond with the Federal Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, **and the Provincial Minister of Education**, requesting an increase in funding for English as a Second Language (ESL) and Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) program for newcomers;
- (b) That the Mayor correspond with the Federal Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship and the Provincial Minister of Education, requesting an increase in childcare spaces for parents attending ESL and LINC language classes;
- (c) That the Mayor correspond with the Federal Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship and Federal Minister of Health, requesting the broadening of the Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP) dental coverage for newcomers; and,

(d) That the Mayor's office correspond with the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Director, Hospitals, and the Director, Emergency Health Services Branch, requesting that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care develop a provincial health language interpreter training program or expand provincial funding for:

(i) Health language training for interpreters in healthcare settings and emergency services settings; and,

(ii) Increased funding for interpreter services.

MOTION, AS AMENDED, CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

1. DELEGATIONS – Deferred Item

- 6.1 Angela Pugliese respecting a lack of support services for teens with Autism (deferred to the February 6, 2017 meeting at the request of the Delegate)

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS – Moved from Consent Items

- 8.4 Mayor's Advisory Committee on Syrian Newcomers – Update (CES16023(b)) (City Wide) – Moved from Consent Items (was Item 5.2)

(Farr/Whitehead)

That the Agenda for the January 23, 2017 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None declared.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) December 12, 2016 (Item 3.1)

(Green/Merulla)

That the Minutes of the December 12, 2016 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee Minutes – November 1, 2016 (Item 5.4)

(Green/Whitehead)

That the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee Minutes – November 1, 2016, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes – December 2, 2016 (Item 5.5)

(Jackson/Skelly)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes – December 2, 2016, be received.

CARRIED

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(i) Consideration of User Fees for Rope Rescue Calls (CES17002) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Merulla/Jackson)

That staff be directed to draft a direction to assess the mapping of the escarpment and trails system for discussion at a future Roundtable meeting being arranged through Councillor Jackson's office.

CARRIED

Councillor Jackson noted the Hamilton Council on Ageing has produced a booklet about safe hiking and recommended Staff compare those illustrations with their mapping exercise.

For disposition of this item, please refer to Item 3.

(ii) **Mayor's Advisory Committee on Syrian Newcomers – Update (CES16023(b)) (City Wide) (Moved from Item 5.2 to Item 8.4)**

(Skelly/Farr)

That Report CES16023(b), respecting Mayor's Advisory Committee on Syrian Newcomers – Update, sub-section (a) be amended to insert the words "and the Provincial Minister of Education" before the words "requesting an increase", and to add a new sub-section (d) to read:

(a) That the Mayor correspond with the Federal Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, **and the Provincial Minister of Education**, requesting an increase in funding for English as a Second Language (ESL) and Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) program for newcomers.

(d) ***That the Mayor's office correspond with the Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Director, Hospitals, and the Director, Emergency Health Services Branch, requesting that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care develop a provincial health language interpreter training program or expand provincial funding for:***

(i) ***Health language training for interpreters in healthcare settings and emergency services settings; and,***

(ii) ***Increased funding for interpreter services.***

AMENDMENT CARRIED

(Merulla/Green)

(a) That staff be directed to report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee subsequent to discussion with the Provincial and Federal governments on a plan of action regarding financial sustainability of Syrian and other newcomers to Hamilton; and,

(b) That the plan of action include the process of fully integrating newcomers to Hamilton, and throughout Ontario, to prevent isolation and segregation, and provide better integration.

CARRIED

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 6.

(f) MOTIONS (Item 9)

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

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That the motion be tabled to the February 6, 2017 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

CARRIED

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

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

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That Item (c) (3) – Item “EE” – Gateway Arena Purchase remain on the Emergency & Community Services Committee Outstanding Business List.

CARRIED

(Whitehead/Skelly)

That the following amendments to the Emergency & Community Services Committee Outstanding Business List, be approved, as amended:

(a) Items to be Removed:

- (1) Item "X" - Operating Hours of City of Hamilton Outdoor Swimming Pools**
(Addressed as Item 5.2, Board of Health, December 5, 2016)

(b) Proposed New Due Dates:

- (1) Item "G" - Co-ordinated Access System for Social Housing**
Current Due Date: January 23, 2017
Proposed New Due Date: February 6, 2017
- (2) Item "K" - Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee**
Current Due Date: January 2017
Proposed New Due Date: TBD
- (3) Item "O" - Rolston Neighbourhood Action Plan**
Current Due Date: January 23, 2017
Proposed New Due Date: TBD
- (4) Item "W" - Proposal to Leverage Section 95 Properties to Create New Affordable Housing**
Current Due Date: January 2017
Proposed New Due Date: April 10, 2017

(c) Items to be Referred to the General Issues Committee:

- (1) Item "E" - Potential Housing Options and Alternatives for Housing in the West Harbour/Setting Sail Area
- (2) Item "J" - Motion regarding West Harbour City Owned Lands (funds for affordable housing)

CARRIED

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Farr/Green)

That, there being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee be adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor A. Johnson
Chair, Emergency & Community
Services Committee

Lisa Chamberlain
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk