



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT 16-011

1:30 pm

Monday, November 21, 2016

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West, Hamilton

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor A. Johnson – Personal

THE EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 16-011 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. 2017 Budget Submission – Seniors Advisory Committee (FCS16095) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC) 2017 base budget submission in the amount of \$1,500 be approved and forwarded to the 2017 budget process (General Issues Committee (GIC)).

2. Autism Advocacy Update (CES16063) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List) (Item 5.5)

That Report CES16063 respecting Autism Advocacy Update, be received.

3. Standardization of Ambulance Fleet Purchases (CES16058) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

- (a) That the Demers Ambulance Manufacturer Inc. (Demers) Type III ambulance be designated a standardized Good pursuant to City Procurement Policy, Section 4.14, Policy #14 Standardization, with this designation to be reviewed in 2022;

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- (b) That ambulance vehicles and original equipment ambulance repair parts be obtained on a single-source basis from Demers and its authorized agents for a six (6) year time period extending through to December 31, 2022; and,
- (c) That the Chief of the Hamilton Paramedic Service, or his designate, be authorized and directed to enter into and sign, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, all negotiated agreements and all necessary associated documents with the Demers Ambulance Manufacturer Inc., with content acceptable to the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor for the purchase of ambulance vehicles and related original equipment ambulance repair parts.

4. Emergency Management Program 2016 Update (CES16048) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

That Report CES16048, respecting Emergency Management Program 2016 Update, be received.

5. Hallway Renovations at 185 Jackson Street East, Hamilton (Item 9.1)

WHEREAS, CityHousing Hamilton owns the independent living apartment project at 185 Jackson Street East, Hamilton;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is committed to ensuring the success and feasibility of CityHousing Hamilton's mission to "provide affordable housing that is safe, well maintained, cost effective and that supports the diverse needs of our many communities";

WHEREAS, there are many required renovations and repairs required in the hallways of 185 Jackson Street East, Hamilton, including removal and replacement of existing carpet/flooring and baseboards, painting of all walls, installation of new ceiling tiles on all floors, and removal and replacement of light fixtures;

WHEREAS, the cost of the renovations is projected to range from \$52,000 to \$75,000; and,

WHEREAS, the Property Manager has advised that there are not enough funds in the budget to complete these necessary renovations and repairs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That \$30,000 from the Ward 2 Area Rating Account (#108052) be approved for hallway renovations to 185 Jackson Street East, Hamilton (CityHousing Hamilton).

6. Mahoney Baseball Association – 2017 Field Rental Fees (Item 9.2)

WHEREAS, the Mahoney Baseball Association has been in operation since 1943 in the east end of Hamilton, serving its youth, aged 5 – 17 years old;

WHEREAS, this past summer, 16 teams and over 250 players, coaches and volunteers participated in baseball at Mahoney Park;

WHEREAS, the Mahoney Baseball Association is affiliated and in good standing with Baseball Ontario, the Hamilton & District Baseball Association and the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, the Mahoney Baseball Association fundraises \$2,600 through a food concession at the park to offset their seasonal field rental fee;

WHEREAS, the food concession will be out of operation and undergoing renovations for the 2017 season; and,

WHEREAS, there will be no fundraising revenue generated from the food concession for the 2017 season;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City of Hamilton, Recreation Division waive the 2017 season field rental fee, up to \$2,600, for the Mahoney Baseball Association.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

ADDED CONSENT ITEMS

- 5.6 Housing & Homelessness Advisory Committee Minutes – September 26, 2016

ADDED DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 8.3 Correspondence from the Minister Chris Ballard, Ministry of Housing, respecting the re-introduction of the *Promoting Affordable Housing Act, 2016* (Bill 7) which if passed, would include a stronger emphasis on the role that private sector housing can play in providing a mix and range of affordable housing choices in Ontario. (Referred to the Committee from November 9, 2016 Council, Item 5.6)

ITEM TO BE REMOVED

5.4 2017 Budget Submission – Hamilton Veterans Committee (PED16245) – for the December 12, 2016 E&CS meeting

The Agenda for the November 21, 2016 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

Councillor Green declared an interest with Item 4.1, a delegation request respecting a lack of support services for teens with Autism, and 5.5, a report respecting Autism Advocacy Update, as his spouse is an IBI and ABA Behavioral Therapist.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) October 24, 2016 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the October 24, 2016 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting were approved, as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Angela Pugliese regarding a lack of support services for teens with Autism (Item 4.1)

The delegation request by Angela Pugliese regarding a lack of support services for teens with Autism was approved for the December 12, 2016 meeting.

(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes – October 7, 2016 (Item 5.1)

The Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes – October 7, 2016, were received.

(ii) Hamilton Veterans Committee Minutes – September 27, 2016 (Item 5.3)

The Hamilton Veterans Committee Minutes– September 27, 2016, were received.

(iii) **Housing & Homelessness Advisory Committee Minutes – September 26, 2016 (Added Item 5.6)**

The Housing & Homelessness Advisory Committee Minutes– September 26, 2016, were received.

(f) **DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)**

- (i) **Correspondence from the Minister Chris Ballard, Ministry of Housing, respecting the re-introduction of the *Promoting Affordable Housing Act, 2016* (Bill 7) which if passed, would include a stronger emphasis on the role that private sector housing can play in providing a mix and range of affordable housing choices in Ontario (Added Item 8.3)**

Councillor Green relinquished the Chair to introduce the following motion:

That staff be directed to investigate if Bill 7, *Promoting Affordable Housing Act, 2016*, will affect existing Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) funding and shift existing dollars to private sector entities, or if Bill 7 will be tied to a new announcement of provincial funding for housing, with a report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

Councillor Green assumed the Chair.

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

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

The following items were removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee Outstanding Business List:

- (a) Item "C" - Childcare, Poverty & Economic Growth in Hamilton (addressed as Item 7.1 at the October 24, 2016 E&CS meeting)
- (b) Item "T" - Ontario Autism Program Changes (addressed as Item 5.5)
- (c) Item "U" - Vital Signs: Poverty and Employment Indicators (addressed as Item 8.2 on the November 21, 2016 AF&A agenda)

(ii) Housing Stability Benefit Shortfall (Added Item 11.2)

General Manager, Joe-Anne Priel, provided an update to the committee on the Housing Stability Benefit Shortfall. Councillor Skelly introduced the following motion:

- (a) That staff be directed to report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee regarding the City of Hamilton's Housing Stability Benefit shortfall for 2016, due to a high level of demand on the benefit, in part due to rising utility costs and utility arrears; and,
- (b) Should the cause of the pressure clearly point to rising Hydro costs, that the City of Hamilton request that the Province provide funding to cover the shortfall of the Housing Stability Benefit.

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor M. Green
Chair, Emergency & Community
Services Committee

Lisa Chamberlain
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Office of the City Clerk