EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 16-008

1:30 pm
Monday, September 12, 2016
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor A. Johnson (Vice Chair) – Personal

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THE EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 16-008 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) (CES15056(a)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 5.2)

That Report CES15056(a) respecting Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC), be received.

2. Mayor's Advisory Committee on Syrian Newcomers - Update (CES16023(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

That Report CES16023(a) respecting Mayor's Advisory Committee on Syrian Newcomers - Update, be received.

3. 2016 Municipal Capital Funding Program (Social Housing Repairs and Regeneration (CES16038) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

That Report CES16038 respecting 2016 Municipal Capital Funding Program (Social Housing Repairs and Regeneration), be received.

4. Social Housing Improvement Program (CES16040) (City Wide) (Item 5.5)

That Report CES16040 respecting Social Housing Improvement Program, be received.

5. Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council (CES16041) (City Wide) (Item 5.6)

That Report CES16041 respecting Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council, be received.

6. Survivors of Domestic Violence Portable Housing Benefit Pilot (CES16045) (City Wide) (Item 5.7)

That City Council request the Province of Ontario to commit to sustainable funding for recipients of the Survivors of Domestic Violence Portable Housing Benefit Pilot for a period of time beyond March 31, 2018 to ensure their affordability, safety and housing stability needs are appropriately addressed over the long-term.

7. Use, Renovation and Replacement Study for Hamilton Recreation and Public-Use Facilities (Indoor Study) Phase I Update (ECS07068(d)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

That Report ECS07068(d) respecting Use, Renovation and Replacement Study for Hamilton Recreation and Public-Use Facilities (Indoor Study) Phase I Update, be received.

8. Social Infrastructure Fund (CES16036) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

That the Social Infrastructure Fund (SIF) funding be deposited into Account #000100-23194 “Prov Funding IAH” and allocated in accordance with the Program Delivery & Fiscal Plan.

9. Request for Proposals C5-11-16 New Rental Housing Component of the Investment in Affordable Housing Extension and Social Infrastructure Fund Programs (CES16037) (Wards 2 and 4) (Item 8.2)

(a) That the Minister of Housing be advised that the City of Hamilton recommends that Indwell Community Homes, 205 Melvin Avenue, Hamilton be approved for funding of $5.5 million under the Investment in Affordable Housing Extension Program (IAH-E) – New Rental Housing Component;

(b) That the Minister of Housing be advised that the City of Hamilton recommends that Indwell Community Homes / Hughson Street Baptist Church, 500 James Street North, Hamilton be approved for funding of

$6.3 million under the Social Infrastructure Fund Program (SIF) – New Rental Housing Component; and,

(c) That the Minister of Housing be advised that the City of Hamilton recommends that Sacajawea Non-Profit Housing Inc., 18 West Avenue South, Hamilton be approved for funding of $1.92 million under the Social Infrastructure Fund Program (SIF) – New Rental Housing Component.

10. Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) Insurance Grading Review (CES16042) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(a) That the Fire Chief be authorized to utilize the combined Development Charges funding identified in the 2014 Background study for projects #59 and #60 ($200,000) to fund the updating of the City's Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment relative to Fire Services and the development of a 10 year plan for the delivery of fire services in the City of Hamilton; and,

(b) That the Fire Chief report back to Council on the findings of the updated City's Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment relative to Fire Services and the details of the 10 year plan for the delivery of fire services once it has been completed.

11. Xperience Annex (formerly known as Learning Annex) Update and Registered Trademark (CES15046(a)/CM16014) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

(a) That the Director, Communications and Intergovernmental Affairs be authorized to sign any documentation related to the registration of the Xperience Annex trademark and logo; and,

(b) That all costs related to the registration of the Xperience Annex trademark and branding changes be funded from the Neighbourhood Action Strategy Project #2051255204.

12. Neighbourhood Action Strategy: Resources for Computers for Neighbourhood Community Planning Teams (Item 9.1)

WHEREAS, Hamilton's Neighbourhood Action (NAS) is focused on helping neighbourhoods be great places to live, work, play and learn;

WHEREAS, NAS supports community planning teams as they engage with residents, develop and implement action plans, and build healthier communities;

WHEREAS, modern technology in the form of laptop computers are essential for community planning teams to communicate with each other and broadly across their neighbourhoods;

WHEREAS, laptops were donated to the NAS community planning teams in 2012 through the fundraising efforts of the Municipal Information Systems Association Conference (MISA) and Information Technology Division; and,

WHEREAS, the donated laptops are now four years old and many are not functional;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Neighbourhood Action Strategy fund laptops for the 11 NAS neighbourhood planning teams through the Social Planning and Research Council at a cost of $3,800 in 2016 and develop a plan for sustainable renewal of laptops every three years.

13. Waiving of Fees for HSR services at Hamilton Veterans Committee events (Added Item 9.2)

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Veterans Committee oversees the planning and delivery of military remembrance and commemoration activities on behalf of the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, remembrance is at the forefront of our national consciousness; and,

WHEREAS, the provision of free transportation, by bus, is a service provided by the Hamilton Veterans Committee to ensure that all have access to attend these military remembrances and activities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That any costs for HSR services for Hamilton Veterans Committee events be waived.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

4.3 Added Delegation Request from Erin Moore respecting Concerns regarding Special Needs Resource Funding (for the September 12, 2016 meeting)

10.1 Added Notice of Motion respecting Waiving of Fees for HSR Services at Hamilton Veterans Committee events (for the September 12, 2016 meeting)

10.2 Added Notice of Motion respecting Gateway Arena Purchase (for a future meeting)

The Agenda for the September 12, 2016 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

Councillor Green declared an interest with Items 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4, respecting Child Care System Special Needs Resourcing, as his spouse is an IBI and ABA Behavioural Therapist.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) August 10, 2016 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the August 10, 2016 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting were approved, as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Marie Cantwell, CUPE 5105, respecting Concerns with the Child Care System Special Needs Resourcing report CES16034 (for the September 12, 2016 meeting) (Item 4.1)

The delegation request submitted by Marie Cantwell, CUPE 5105, respecting Concerns with the Child Care System Special Needs Resourcing report CES16034, was approved to appear before the Emergency & Community Services Committee September 12, 2016 meeting.

(ii) Steve Leighfield, St. Matthew's House respecting Child Care System Special Needs Resourcing Award (for the September 12, 2016 meeting) (Item 4.2)

The delegation request submitted by Steve Leighfield, St. Matthew's House, respecting Child Care System Special Needs Resourcing Award, was approved to appear before the Emergency & Community Services Committee September 12, 2016 meeting.

(iii) Erin Moore respecting Concerns regarding Special Needs Resource Funding (for the September 12, 2016 meeting) (Added Item 4.3)

The delegation request submitted by Erin Moore respecting Concerns regarding Special Needs Resource Funding, was approved to appear

before the Emergency & Community Services Committee September 12, 2016 meeting.

(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) Hamilton Veterans Committee Minutes (Item 5.1)

The Hamilton Veterans Committee Minutes dated June 21, 2016, were received.

(ii) Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes (Item 5.8)

(i) May 6, 2016

The Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes dated May 6, 2016, were received.

(ii) July 8, 2016

The Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes dated July 8, 2016, were received.

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS AND DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) William Urie, Hamilton Olympic Club, respecting the 90th Anniversary of the Hamilton Olympic Club (Item 6.1)

William Urie, Hamilton Olympic Club, addressed Committee respecting the 90th anniversary of the Hamilton Olympic Club, with the aid of a video and hand-out. A copy of the hand-out has been retained for the official record.

William Urie's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Who We Are
  - The Oldest Track and Field Club in Canada
- What is our History
  - Helped initiate and host the first British Empire Games (1930)
- What are we doing now
  - Ensure youth, regardless of ability and circumstance, is able to train and compete
- HOC video (www.hamiltonolympicclub.ca)
- Where do we go from here
  - Celebrating our 90th Anniversary

- Goal of obtaining a new MONDO track surface
- Supporting the efforts to build a Multi-Sport Indoor Facility

The presentation by William Urie, Hamilton Olympic Club, respecting the 90th anniversary of the Hamilton Olympic Club, was received.

Councillor Green relinquished the Chair to Councillor Skelly.

(ii) Marie Cantwell, CUPE 5105, respecting Concerns with the Child Care System Special Needs Resourcing report CES16034 (Added Item 6.2)

Marie Cantwell, CUPE 5105, addressed Committee respecting Concerns with the Child Care System Special Needs Resourcing report CES16034, with the aid of a hand-out. A copy of the hand-out has been retained for the official record.

Marie Cantwell's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- City Council's decision to award Special Needs Resource Funding to another agency has eliminated the services from St. Matthew's umbrella
- The funding represents 55% of the funding received by St. Matthew's
- Impact on members of St. Matthew's House CUPE Local 5105 and the quality of service for the centres and children
- Request to refer the decision back to Council for reconsideration to ensure the integrity of the procurement process
- Request for a motion from City Council to ensure employees, during the transition, receive equivalent wages and benefits, without a loss to full-time positions.

The presentation by Marie Cantwell, CUPE 5105, respecting Concerns with the Child Care System Special Needs Resourcing report CES16034, was received.

That staff be directed to respond to all of the concerns outlined by Marie Cantwell, CUPE 5105, respecting concerns with the Child Care System Special Needs Resourcing Report CES16034, including the cost of severance associated with the decision, confirmation that service levels will be maintained and enhanced, an explanation of the RFP/Appeal process and timelines, and details on the job negotiation process, and report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee at the September 26, 2016 meeting.

(iii) Steve Leighfield, St. Matthew's House respecting Child Care System Special Needs Resourcing Award (Added Item 6.3)

Steve Leighfield, St. Matthew's House, addressed Committee respecting Child Care System Special Needs Resourcing Award, with the aid of a hand-out. A copy of the hand-out has been retained for the official record.

Steve Leighfield's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Award of Contract and Clarification of Dispute Process
- Unintended Consequences
    - Effect on Hamiltonians
    - Effect on Employees
- Discussions with City of Hamilton regarding a Need for Urgent Mitigation

The presentation by Steve Leighfield, St. Matthew's House, respecting Child Care System Special Needs Resourcing Award, was received.

(iv) Erin Moore respecting Concerns regarding Special Needs Resource Funding (Added Item 6.3)

Erin Moore addressed Committee respecting Concerns regarding Special Needs Resource Funding.

Erin Moore's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Parents with special needs children rely on the services provided by St. Matthew's House, which have been removed by Council's decision
- Services at St. Matthew's are remarkable and instrumental in child's development, progress and integration
- Concern for reduced quality of services; won't be able to access daycare without those services available
- Support for St. Matthew's and the wonderful staff
- Council needs to protect St. Matthew's and ensure service levels maintained for the children

The presentation by Erin Moore respecting Concerns regarding Special Needs Resource Funding, was received.

Councillor Green assumed the Chair.

(g) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Use, Renovation and Replacement Study for Hamilton Recreation and Public-Use Facilities (Indoor Study) Phase I Update (ECS07068(d)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Dawn Walton, Manager of Business Support, and Steve Langlois, Monteith Brown, addressed Committee regarding Use, Renovation and Replacement Study for Hamilton Recreation and Public-Use Facilities (Indoor Study) Phase I Update with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been retained for the official record.

The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Study Purpose
- Status Report Card (2008 Study)
- Major Accomplishments
- Trend & Policy Scan
- Public Input
- Household Survey
    - Indoor Recreation Facilities
        - Usage and Satisfaction (2015)
        - Funding Priorities (2015)
- Stakeholder Group Survey
- Public Information Sessions
- Arena Needs Assessment
- Emerging Issues
    - Factors supporting a full update on the 2008 study
- Next Steps
    - Conduct additional research on issues that may impact facility usage and demand
    - Begin the Phase 2 analysis (needs assessment, public input, costing, implementation strategy)

The presentation by Dawn Walton, Manager of Business Support, and Steve Langlois, Monteith Brown, regarding Use, Renovation and Replacement Study for Hamilton Recreation and Public-Use Facilities (Indoor Study) Phase I Update, was received.

(h) MOTIONS (Item 9)

(i) Neighbourhood Action Strategy: Resources for Computers for Neighbourhood Community Planning Teams

Councillor Green relinquished the Chair to Councillor Skelly to introduce his Motion.

For disposition of this matter, please see Item 12.

(i) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

Councillor Merulla introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Waiving of Fees for HSR services at Hamilton Veterans Committee events (Added Item 10.1)

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Veterans Committee oversees the planning and delivery of military remembrance and commemoration activities on behalf of the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, remembrance is at the forefront of our national consciousness; and,

WHEREAS, the provision of free transportation, by bus, is a service provided by the Hamilton Veterans Committee to ensure that all have access to attend these military remembrances and activities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That any costs for HSR services for Hamilton Veterans Committee events be waived.

The Rules of Order were waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Waiving of Fees for HSR services at Hamilton Veterans Committee events.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 13.

Councillor Jackson introduced the following Notice of Motion, ***as amended***:

(ii) Gateway Arena Purchase (Added Item 10.2)

WHEREAS, Saltfleet Arena and Stoney Creek Arena are two of the oldest arenas in the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, both of these arenas are significantly beyond their useful life;

WHEREAS, significant cost would be required to bring them up to current standards;

WHEREAS, single pad arenas are not cost effective;

WHEREAS, the Indoor Recreation Facility Review Report directs staff to investigate current private arenas to explore any opportunities to replace current aging infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the Owner of the Stoney Creek Gateway Arena has expressed interest in selling the current 3 pad arena (to be expanded to 4 pads at the current owners cost) to the City;

WHEREAS, the current Private/Public Partnership with Nustadia Recreation Inc. in the operation of the Mohawk 4 Ice Arena Facility, has been very successful over the past 13 years;

WHEREAS, the area Councillors are supportive of this recommendation and both the Stoney Creek Girls Hockey and the Stoney Creek Minor Hockey Associations are supportive of a new Quad pad arena in Stoney Creek to replace the two aging single pads; and,

WHEREAS, in keeping with the Mohawk 4 Ice model, the financing and operation of the new quad pad arena will not have any negative effect on the Operating or Capital Budgets of the City;

THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City Manager be directed to explore the feasibility of the purchase of the Gateway arena (with the addition of the 4th Pad) using the same model as the Mohawk 4 Ice Arena, ***and/or an in-house model or hybrid*****,** and report back to committee prior to the end of January 2017.

(j) GENERAL INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

(i) Outstanding Business List Amendments (Item 11.1)

The following items were considered complete and removed from the Outstanding Business List:

Item N: Pickleball Hamilton – Build, Support and Promote a Pickleball Facility at Confederation Park Sports Complex (addressed as Item 9, Public Works Committee Report 16-013)

(k) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee be adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor M. Green
Chair, Emergency & Community Services Committee

Lisa Chamberlain
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk