



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT 16-005

**1:30 pm
Monday, June 6, 2016
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West**

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor J. Partridge – Personal

THE EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 16-005 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Recreation Designations: HIGH FIVE Accreditation and Youth Friendly Community (Platinum) (CES16025) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

The Report CES16025, respecting Recreation Designations: HIGH FIVE Accreditation and Youth Friendly Community (Platinum), was received.

2. Recreation Concessions at City Operated Facilities (CES14014(c)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.1)

The Report CES14014(c)) respecting Recreation Concessions at City Operated Facilities, was received.

3. Neighbourhood Engagement Matching Grant Program Extension (CES14026(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

- (a) That the Neighbourhood Engagement Matching Grant Pilot Program be extended 18 months to December 2017; and

- (b) That staff report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee with an update on the Neighbourhood Engagement Matching Grant Pilot Program extension prior to December 2017.

4. Macassa Lodge - Long Term Care Quality Inspection (CES16027) (Ward 6) (Item 8.3)

The Report CES16027 respecting Macassa Lodge – Long Term Care Quality Inspection, was received.

5. Rosedale Community Garden Fence (Item 9.1)

That a fence for the Rosedale Community Garden be installed at an estimated cost of \$7,500.00 and funded from the Ward 5's Area Rating Reserve (Account #108055).

6. Ontario Autism Program Changes (Added Item 10.1)

WHEREAS, Our vision to make Hamilton the best place to raise a child includes ensuring that every child in Hamilton has equal opportunity to grow and develop to meet his or her full potential;

WHEREAS, The Liberal government has introduced a new Ontario Autism program which will now only provide limited access to Intensive Behaviour Intervention (IBI) for Ontario children with autism aged five or older who no longer qualify for government-funded intensive therapy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff identify existing opportunities in recreation programs, as well as, individual support resources, including access to the innovative sensory room space, in order to better serve autistic children and provide respite services for parents.
- (b) That Children's and Home Management Services Division identify support options for school age children through children's services as an alternative for families affected by the recent changes to the Ontario Autism Program.
- (c) That staff be directed to report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee on how Community & Emergency Services Department programs and services are meeting the needs of this demographic.
- (d) That staff be directed to report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee regarding the financial impact on the City to fill the void, brought on by the Province's abandonment of parents and children affected by Autism, to provide programs and resources to these families.

- (e) That the Mayor, on behalf of Council, send a letter to the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Helena Jaczek, Minister of Community and Social Services, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities in Ontario, to advocate for additional funding for programs and resources for individuals of all ages with Autism and their families.

7. 2016 National Aboriginal Awareness and Celebrations (Added Item 10.2)

WHEREAS, The Government of Canada on May 10th, 2016, formally adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

WHEREAS, The 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada report contained 94 Calls to Action, many of which speak to the importance of recognizing, appreciating and promoting Canada's indigenous cultures.

WHEREAS, The 25-year Our Future Hamilton Community Vision adopted by City Council in February 2016 specifically contained, as one of its key directions, to "Recognize and celebrate indigenous traditions".

WHEREAS, The City of Hamilton has formally constituted the Hamilton Aboriginal Advisory Committee, which demonstrates the commitment of the City to understanding and supporting Aboriginal issues in Hamilton.

WHEREAS, Canada celebrates National Aboriginal History Month in June of every year to honour the heritage, contributions and cultures of First Nation, Inuit and Métis communities across the country,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That City Council support the Intergenerational Trauma Awareness Campaign launch on June 30th, taking place at Hamilton City Hall, aimed at disseminating information, describing impacts and educating the general public about the intergenerational trauma caused by the Canadian Indian Residential School System.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

1. ADDED NOTICE OF MOTION (Item 10)

- 10.1 Ontario Autism Program Changes
- 10.2 2016 National Aboriginal Awareness & Celebrations

Item 10.1, a Notice of Motion respecting Ontario Autism Program Changes, was moved up in the agenda to follow Item 4.2, a delegation respecting Ontario Autism Program Changes.

The Agenda for the June 6, 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 6.1 and 10.1, respecting Ontario Autism Program Changes, as his spouse is an IBI and ABA Behavioural Therapist.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) April 25, 2016

The Minutes of the April 25, 2016 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting were approved.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Brian Sibley, Executive Director, Hamilton East Kiwanis Non-Profit Homes Inc. respecting a Proposal to Leverage Section 95 Properties to Create New Affordable Housing (for a future meeting) (Item 4.1)

The delegation request submitted by Brian Sibley, Executive Director, Hamilton Kiwanis Non-Profit Homes Inc., respecting a Proposal to Leverage Section 95 Properties to Create New Affordable Housing, was approved to appear before the Emergency & Community Services Committee at a future meeting.

(ii) Nancy Silva Khan respecting concerns regarding Ontario Autism Program changes and the needs of parents and children with Autism (for the June 6, 2016 meeting) (Item 4.2)

The delegation request submitted by Nancy Silva Khan respecting concerns regarding Ontario Autism Program changes and the needs of parents and children with Autism, was approved to appear before the Emergency and Community Services Committee at the June 6, 2016 meeting.

(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) Minutes of Advisory Committee Meetings (Item 5.1)

The following Advisory Committee meeting Minutes, were received:

- (a) Hamilton Veterans Committee, January 20, 2015
- (b) Hamilton Veterans Committee, April 12, 2016
- (c) Seniors Advisory Committee, April 1, 2016

(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

Councillor Green relinquished the Chair to Councillor A. Johnson.

(i) Nancy Silva Khan respecting concerns regarding Ontario Autism Program changes and the needs of parents and children with Autism (Item 6.1)

Nancy Silva Khan addressed Committee regarding the recent changes to the Ontario Autism Programs and reduced funding. Ms. Khan was joined by other parents and children affected by Autism. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- An explanation of the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) program, which focuses on the parent.
- An explanation of the Intensive Behavioral Intervention (IBI) program, which focuses on the child and teaching self-care, as a comprehensive therapy with many goals, which has long-lasting effects on the child.
- Liberal government changes have resulted in reducing the IBI program to children aged five and under
- A request for help from the City to provide services and advocate to the Province

The presentation by Nancy Silva Khan respecting Ontario Autism Program Changes, was received.

Councillor Green resumed the Chair.

(g) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

Councillor Whitehead introduced the following Notice of Motion:

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The Rules of Order were waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Ontario Autism Program Changes.

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

Councillor A. Johnson introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(ii) 2016 National Aboriginal Awareness and Celebrations (Added Item 10.2)

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For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 7.

(h) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Green announced that he was the emcee at the recent Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) Learning Symposium (May 29-31, 2016) and congratulated the following City of Hamilton employees for their awards:

- Gillian Hendry, Director of Housing Division – Winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award 2016
- Bill Atanas, Senior Advisor, Business Transformation Team – Winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award 2016
- Joe-Anne Priel, General Manager of Community and Emergency Services – Patti Moore Human Services Integration Award 2016

The Committee moved into Closed Session respecting Item 12.1 – Ontario Works Program Review, pursuant to Section 8.1 Sub-sections (b) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (b) and (f) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to: Personal matters about an identifiable individual(s), including City employees; and, the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

(i) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)

(iii) Ontario Works Program Review (Item 12.1)

There was nothing to report in Open Session.

(j) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor M. Green
Chair, Emergency & Community
Services Committee

Lisa Chamberlain
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk