



## **EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 17-003**

**1:30 pm  
Monday, April 10, 2017  
Council Chambers  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West, Hamilton**

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

**Absent:** Councillor J. Partridge - City Business

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### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**1. Report 17-001 of the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund  
Sub-committee – February 14, 2017 (Item 5.2)**

**(Skelly/Green)**

**(a) Appointment of the Chair (Item A)**

That Councillor VanderBeek be appointed as the Chair of the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Sub-committee.

**(b) Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund – Financial Status (CES17007)  
(Ward 13) (Item 4.1)**

That Report CES17007 respecting Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund - Financial Status, be received.

**(c) Wentworth Lodge Courtyard Renovations (CES17008) (Ward 13)  
(Item 5.1)**

That costs for the Wentworth Lodge Courtyard Renovations in the amount of up to \$100,000 be funded from the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund.

**(d) Wentworth Lodge Heart and Home Pet Program (CES17009) (Ward 13) (Item 5.2)**

That the Wentworth Lodge Heart and Home Pet Program annual costs be increased by up to \$1,000 for a maximum of \$7,000 yearly, be approved and funded from the Heritage Trust Fund.

**(e) Terms of Reference (Item 6.1)**

That the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Sub-committee's Terms of References, attached as Appendix "A" to Report 17-001, be amended as follows:

- (a) Committee Membership to consist of:
  - The Ward 13 Councillor
  - One Resident Member
  - One appointee from the Family Council
  - One appointee from the Dundas Senior Citizens' Club
- (b) The Seniors Advisory Committee member appointee is removed from the Committee Membership; and,
- (c) Meeting Times: Contingent on available funds, the Committee will meet at least twice a year, in Spring and Fall, with additional meetings at the call of the Chair.

**CARRIED**

**2. Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centre Planning (CES16029(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.5)**

**(Merulla/Skelly)**

That Report CES16029(a) respecting Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centre Planning, be received.

**CARRIED**

**3. Nicole Pollice, Stoney Creek Rugby Football Club, respecting a lack of a home field and facilities (Added Item 6.1)**

**(Farr/Skelly)**

- (a) That the Director of Recreation be directed to meet with Nicole Pollice, of the Stoney Creek Rugby Football Club, and other Club members as required, to determine if the City can assist the Club in accessing playing time on City playing fields, specifically including the Sackville Recreation Centre site; and,

- (b) That if, as a result of the meeting(s) between staff and the Stoney Creek Rugby Football Club, the matter needs further follow-up that it be brought forward to the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Liaison Committee for consideration.

**CARRIED**

**4. McQuesten Urban Farm Farming and Community Engagement for the 2017 Season (CES17011) (Ward 4) (Item 8.3)**

**(Merulla/Jackson)**

That the scope of Contract C5-23-15 Farming Services for McQuesten Urban Farm with Plan B Organic Farms for the term February 7, 2017 to February 6, 2018 be expanded and the value of the contract increased from \$96,000 to \$144,480 to be funded from the Maple Leaf Centre Action on Food Security grant in the amount of \$119,480 and \$25,000 from the Neighbourhood Action Strategy Capital Fund (#20551255204).

**CARRIED**

**5. Denise Christopherson and Medora Uppal, YWCA Hamilton, respecting Transitional Living Program (Added Item 6.3)**

**(Green/Farr)**

- (a) That senior staff in the Community and Emergency Services Department be directed to meet with senior representatives of the YWCA Hamilton and report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee, by June of 2017, with a report outlining the following information: what meetings took place between staff and the YWCA during the last year, who attended those meetings, what was discussed at those meetings and what, if any, results came from those meetings; and,
- (b) That the report also include information about any available funds and/or opportunities for funding the Transitional Living Program that may be available including funding from, but not limited to, the recently approved Poverty Reduction Investment Plan.

**CARRIED**

**6. Recommendation for Program Changes to the Recreation Affordable Access Strategy (CS10047(c)) (Item 8.1)**

**(Farr/Jackson)**

- (a) That the Recreation Access Program Policy attached as Appendix A to Report CS10047(c) be amended to include the following program changes:

- (i) 90% subsidy to a maximum of \$150 per child per year for City operated recreation programs
  - (ii) Provide a discounted camp option
  - (iii) Provide a discounted pass option for Adults and Seniors without dependents;
- (b) That the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services, or designate, be authorized to implement spending caps, program changes, or other controls necessary to ensure costs are contained within the approved budget amounts.

**CARRIED**

**7. Neighbourhood Action Strategy Funding for Community Development (CES15058(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

**(Farr/Merulla)**

That the \$25,000 shortfall in funding for Community Development as a result of reduced funding from the Best Start Reserve be funded from the Neighbourhood Action Strategy Capital Fund (#20551255204).

**CARRIED**

**8. Interview Sub-committee of the Emergency & Community Services Committee – Report 17-001 (Item 12.1)**

**(Jackson/Farr)**

That the recommendations of Report 17-001 of the Interview Sub-committee of the Emergency & Community Services Committee respecting committee appointments to the Housing & Homelessness Advisory Committee and the Seniors' Advisory Committee be approved and remain confidential until Council's approval.

**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. ADDED DELEGATION REQUEST**

- 4.4 Shalem Mental Health Network respecting the Wrap Around Process for single mothers living in poverty (for a future meeting)

**2. ADDED NOTICE OF MOTION**

10.1 I AM AFFECTED Poster Campaign on HSR Bus Shelters

**(Skelly/Farr)**

That the Agenda for the April 10, 2017 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)**

**(i) February 6, 2017 (Item 3.1)**

**(Whitehead/Farr)**

That the Minutes of the February 6, 2017 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)**

**(i) Nicole Pollice, Stoney Creek Rugby Football Club, respecting a lack of a home field and facilities (for the April 10th meeting) (Item 4.1)**

**(Farr/Green)**

That the Delegation Request from Nicole Pollice, Stoney Creek Rugby Football Club, respecting a lack of home field and facilities, be approved for the April 10, 2017 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) Patricia Reid, McQuesten Urban Farm, respecting an update on the progress of the McQuesten Urban Farm and the future vision (for the April 10th meeting) (Item 4.2)**

**(Farr/Green)**

That the Delegation Request from Patricia Reid, McQuesten Urban Farm, respecting an update on the progress of the McQuesten Urban Farm and the future vision, be approved for the April 10, 2017 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

**CARRIED**

- (iii) Denise Christopherson and Medora Uppal, YWCA Hamilton, respecting Transitional Living Program (for the April 10th meeting) (Item 4.3)**

**(Farr/Green)**

That the Delegation Request from Denise Christopherson and Medora Uppal, YWCA Hamilton, respecting Transitional Living Program, be approved for the April 10, 2017 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

**CARRIED**

- (iv) Shalem Mental Health Network respecting the Wrap Around Process for single mothers living in poverty (for a future meeting) (Added Item 4.4)**

**(Farr/Green)**

That the Delegation Request from the Shalem Mental Health Network respecting the Wrap Around Process for single mothers living in poverty, be approved for a future meeting.

**CARRIED**

**(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)**

- (i) Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes (Item 5.1) (a) and (b)**

**(Jackson/Whitehead)**

That the Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes dated January 6, 2017 and February 3, 2017, be received.

**CARRIED**

- (ii) Housing & Homelessness Advisory Committee Minutes – January 3, 2017 (Item 5.3)**

**(Whitehead/Merulla)**

That the Housing & Homelessness Advisory Committee Minutes dated January 3, 2017, be received.

**CARRIED**

- (iii) Hamilton Veterans Committee Minutes – November 29, 2016 (Item 5.4)**

**(Skelly/Merulla)**

That the Hamilton Veterans Committee Minutes dated November 29, 2016, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 6)**

- (i) Nicole Pollice, Stoney Creek Rugby Football Club, respecting a lack of a home field and facilities (for the April 10th meeting) (Item 6.1)**

Nicole Pollice with the Stoney Creek Rugby Football Club addressed the Committee respecting a lack of home field and facilities.

**(Farr/Skelly)**

That the Delegation from Nicole Pollice, Stoney Creek Rugby Football Club, respecting a lack of home field and facilities, be received.

**CARRIED**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 3.

- (ii) Patricia Reid, McQuesten Urban Farm, respecting an update on the progress of the McQuesten Urban Farm and the future vision (for the April 10th meeting) (Item 6.2)**

Patricia Reid, McQuesten Urban Farm, addressed the Committee respecting an update on the progress of the McQuesten Urban Farm, with the aid of speaking notes. A copy of the notes has been retained for the official record and are available at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca).

**(Merulla/Skelly)**

That the Delegation from Patricia Reid, McQuesten Urban Farm, respecting an update on the progress of the McQuesten Urban Farm and the future vision, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(Merulla/Jackson)**

That Item 8.3 (Report CES17011 respecting the McQuesten Urban Farm Farming and Community Engagement for the 2017) be moved up in the agenda to be considered at this time.

**CARRIED**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 4.

- (iii) Denise Christopherson and Medora Uppal, YWCA Hamilton, respecting Transitional Living Program (for the April 10th meeting) (Item 6.3)**

Denise Christopherson and Medora Uppal, YWCA Hamilton, addressed the Committee respecting Transitional Living Program, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been retained for the official record and is available at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca).

**(Skelly/Farr)**

That the Delegation Request from Denise Christopherson and Medora Uppal, YWCA Hamilton, respecting Transitional Living Program, be received.

**CARRIED**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 5.

Councillor Whitehead requested to be recorded as being OPPOSED to sub-section (a) of the motion shown as Item 5.

**(g) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) Seniors Advisory Committee – 2016 Annual Presentation (Item 7.1)**

Mr. Bob Thomson, Chair, Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC), made the SAC's Annual Presentation for 2016 to the Emergency and Community Services Committee. A copy of the presentation has been retained for the official record and is available at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca).

**(Merulla/Skelly)**

That the presentation respecting Seniors Advisory Committee – 2016 Annual Presentation, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(Skelly/Merulla)**

(a) That staff be directed to investigate the technology known as a "Hearing Loop" and report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee on ways to encourage private sector use of this technology as well as exploring available options for use in City facilities; and,

(b) That the issue of how to promote the use of "Hearing Loop" technology be referred to the Seniors Advisory Committee for a discussion.

**CARRIED**

**(h) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)**

**(i) I AM AFFECTED Poster Campaign on HSR Bus Shelters (Added Item 10.1)**

Councillor A. Johnson relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Merulla in order to introduce the following Notice of Motion:

(a) That staff be directed to work with the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic's Indigenous Outreach Coordinator to investigate the possibility of installing posters in HSR bus shelters as part of the I AM AFFECTED Poster Campaign; and,



- (b) That any funding sources that may be available to complete the project be examined.

Councillor A. Johnson assumed the Chair.

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

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

**(Skelly/Merulla)**

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

**(a) Items Requiring New Due Dates:**

1. Item "K" - Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC)  
Current Due Date: TBD  
Proposed New Due Date: June 12, 2017
2. Item "O" - Rolston Neighbourhood Action Plan  
Current Due Date: TBD  
Proposed New Due Date: May 8, 2017
3. Item "P" - Ambulance Communications and Dispatch  
Services Advocacy  
Current Due Date: TBD  
Proposed New Due Date: May 8, 2017
4. Item "W" - Proposal to Leverage Section 95  
Properties to Create Affordable Housing  
Current Due Date: April 10, 2017  
Proposed New Due Date: June 12, 2017
5. Item "BB" - Residential Care Facilities Subsidy  
Program  
Current Due Date: February 2017  
Proposed New Due Date: June 12, 2017
6. Item "CC" - Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS)  
Insurance Grading Review  
Current Due Date: 2017  
Proposed New Due Date: Q2 2018

7. Item "FF" - Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing re: Re-Introduction of the Promoting Affordable Housing Act, 2016 (Bill 7)  
Current Due Date: TBD  
Proposed New Due Date: May 18, 2017
8. Item "GG" - Housing Stability Benefit Shortfall  
Current Due Date: February 2017  
Proposed New Due Date: May 8, 2017
9. Item "HH" - Mayor's Advisory Committee on Syrian Newcomers - Update  
Current Due Date: TBD  
Proposed New Due Date: June 12, 2017

**CARRIED**

**(j) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)**

**(i) Interview Sub-committee of the Emergency & Community Services Committee – Report 17-001 (Item 12.1)**

The Committee determined that no discussion was required on Item 12.1 (being Report 17-001 of the Interview Sub-committee of the Emergency and Community Services Committee), so the Report was approved in Open Session.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 8.

**CARRIED**

**(k) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

**(Skelly/Farr)**

That, there being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee be adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor A. Johnson  
Chair, Emergency & Community  
Services Committee

Lauri Leduc  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk