



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 15-006

1:30 p.m.
Monday, June 22, 2015
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Present: Councillor T. Whitehead, Chair
Councillor M. Green, Vice-Chair
Councillors A. Johnson, S. Merulla, J. Partridge, J. Farr and
S. Duvall

Also Present: Councillor A. VanderBeek

Regrets: Councillor T. Jackson - Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL:

1. 20,000 Homes Campaign (CES15012(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

(Merulla/Green)

That Report CES15012(a) respecting the 20,000 Homes Campaign, be received.

CARRIED

**2. Expenditures from the Social Housing Reserve Fund (Account #122248)
(CS13004(b)) (Ward 3) (Item 5.5)**

(Green/Merulla)

That the General Manager, Community & Emergency Services Department, be authorized and directed to amend the existing Funding Agreement with McGivney Community Homes Inc., previously approved from the Social Housing Reserve Fund (#122248), to re-allocate \$82,761 for repairs and renovations from 204 Wentworth Street North, Hamilton, Ontario to 61 Arthur Street North, Hamilton, Ontario.

CARRIED

**3. Renewal of Ontario's Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy (CES15032)
(City Wide) (Item 5.6)**

(Merulla/Farr)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton's submission, as outlined in Appendix "A" attached to Report CES15032 regarding the renewal of the Provincial Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy, be endorsed; and,
- (b) That the Mayor correspond with the Honourable Ted McMeekin, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to request that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing take full consideration of the City of Hamilton's position on renewal of the Provincial Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy.

CARRIED

**4. National Slo-Pitch Athletics Enterprises of Canada (CES15031) (Ward 7)
(Item 5.7)**

(Duvall/Merulla)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton enter into a five (5) year Contribution Agreement with the National Slo-Pitch Athletics Enterprises of Canada (NSA Canada) that will result in NSA Canada hosting three national championships per year in the City of Hamilton for the next five years;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton provide reduced field rental fees to NSA Canada over the five-year Agreement totalling an estimated \$82,750, which will result in an additional pressure on the Recreation Division's budget from 2015 to 2019. The reduced field rates will be contingent on the following:
 - (i) NSA Canada will reinvest a total of \$64,000 from the \$82,750 in fee reductions to offset costs associated with capital upgrades at eight ball diamonds in Turner Park, and,
 - (ii) NSA Canada will receive a 10% reduction from the total field permit fees paid over the five-year Agreement, estimated at \$18,750;
- (c) That the proposed 2015 fee reduction in the amount of \$19,750 be funded from Community Services departmental surplus;
- (d) That the proposed fee reductions in the amount of \$63,000 total for years 2016 to 2019 be incorporated into the Recreation Division Operating Budget;

- (e) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute a Contribution Agreement between the City of Hamilton and NSA Canada in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and
- (f) That the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services or her designate be granted the delegated authority to approve any changes to the Contribution Agreement between the City of Hamilton and NSA Canada and to execute any related or ancillary documentation as may be required to give effect thereto, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

5. Housing and Homelessness Action Plan – 2014 Report to the Community (CES15033) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Merulla/Farr)

That Report CES15033 and Appendix “A” to Report CES15033, respecting Housing and Homelessness Action Plan – 2014 Report to the Community, be received.

CARRIED

6. Co-ordinated Access System for Social Housing (CES14052(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Merulla/Partridge)

- (a) That the transfer of the Access to Housing (ATH) social housing waitlist service from a third-party delivery agent to direct service delivery by Housing Services Division effective April 1, 2016 be approved in principle;
- (b) That Housing Services Division staff be directed to report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee in October 2015 with a detailed implementation plan including costs for such a transition for consideration; and,
- (c) That Procurement Policy 11 be approved for a single source contract with Del Management Solutions Inc. (DMS) for the administration of the centralized waitlist for social housing applicants in the annual amount of \$335,198, effective to March 31, 2016 to be charged to Dept. ID and account 625010-571010.

CARRIED

7. Recreation Concessions at City-Operated Facilities (CES14014(b)) (Wards 5, 7, 12) (Item 8.2)

(Farr/Partridge)

That Report CES14014(b)), respecting Recreation Concessions at City-Operated Facilities, be received.

CARRIED

8. Guiding Principles for Recreation User Fees (CES15029) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(Merulla/Duvall)

That the Recreation User Fee Guiding Principles as detailed in Appendix "A" attached to Report CES15029, be approved as the basis for harmonizing user fees and maintained for establishing new user fees in future within the Recreation Division.

CARRIED

9. Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) Update (CES15020) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

(Green/Farr)

(a) That the Mayor forward a copy of Report CES15020 to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Community and Social Services, the Executive Director of the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) and the Executive Director of the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) to apprise said parties of the impacts of the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) implementation in the City of Hamilton; and,

(c) That the transfer of existing budgeted staff between the Employment & Income Support and the Benefit Eligibility Divisions to accommodate the implementation of a transition plan that increases focus on case management, be approved.

CARRIED

10. Province Wide, Person-Centered Residential Pilot Program Supporting Persons with Disabilities (Item 10.1)

(Green/Whitehead)

(a) That the Mayor, on behalf of Council, be directed to write a letter of support to the Premier of Ontario, respecting that individuals with

disabilities have the right to live where, with whom and how they wish, and that families be given options, choices, and supports for housing;

- (b) That should the Province of Ontario be willing to provide a pilot program respecting the above, the City of Hamilton be ready and willing to host a Program such as the Dundas Living Centre; and
- (c) That copies of the letter, respecting that individuals with disabilities have the right to live where, with whom and how they wish, and that families be given options, choices, and supports for housing, be sent to the Honourable Helena Jaczek, Minister of Community and Social Services, AMO, and local area MPPs.

CARRIED

11. Zac Rinaldo “Fight for a Cause” Ball Hockey Tournament – Floor Rental Rates (Item 10.2)

(Merulla/Duvall)

That the floor rental at the Chedoke Twin Pad arena be given a 50% discount for the floor rental space associated with the Zac Rinaldo “Fight for a Cause” Ball Hockey tournament in 2015, and for as long as the tournament continues to be held in municipally operated arenas in Hamilton.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk indicated that there were four changes to the agenda:

- (i) Added as Item 5.8 – Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes, dated May 1, 2015.
- (ii) Added as Item 10.1 – Notice of Motion respecting Zac Rinaldo “Fight for a Cause” Ball Hockey Tournament – Floor Rental Rates.
- (iii) Item 6.2 – Delegation from Alfredine Plourde, Protecting Canadian Children was deferred to a future E&CS Committee meeting.
- (iv) Item 7.2 – Presentation from Deputy Chief Russell Crocker, Hamilton Paramedic Service was deferred to a future E&CS Committee meeting.

(Partridge/Merulla)

That the Agenda for the June 22, 2015 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 OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) May 22, 2015 (Item 3.1)

(A. Johnson / Duvall)

That the Minutes of the May 22, 2015 meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Request from Martha Fox, Dundas Living Centre and Unshippable.ca, respecting the efforts of Dundas Living Centre Board and Families of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities (Item 4.1)

(Green/Merulla)

That the delegation request from Martha Fox, Dundas Living Centre and Unshippable.ca, respecting the efforts of Dundas Living Centre Board and families of individuals with developmental disabilities be approved, for today's meeting.

CARRIED

(ii) Request from Mary Sinclair, respecting the Need for Accessible, Affordable, and Assisted Housing in the City of Hamilton (Item 4.2)

(Green/Merulla)

That the delegation request from Mary Sinclair, respecting the need for accessible, affordable, and assisted housing in the City of Hamilton be approved, for today's meeting.

CARRIED

(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

- (i) Minutes of the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (Item 5.1 (a) - (d))**

(Merulla/Partridge)

That the March 17, April 21, May 5, and June 16, 2015 Minutes of the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee, be received.

CARRIED

- (ii) Minutes of the Hamilton Veterans Committee (Item 5.2 (a) - (c))**

(Merulla/Duvall)

That the February 10, March 10, and April 14, 2015 Minutes of the Hamilton Veterans Committee, be received.

CARRIED

- (iii) Feasibility of Mohawk 4Ice Centre Expansion (CES15017) (Ward 6) (Item 5.3)**

(Duvall/Farr)

That staff be directed to investigate and report back to Emergency & Community Services Committee on the feasibility of constructing and operating indoor recreation facilities at the Mohawk 4Ice Centre to accommodate the sports of basketball, volleyball and floor ball and the kind, with a that the goal of any future development is to have no or little impact upon the municipal tax levy.

CARRIED

- (iv) National Slo-Pitch Athletics Enterprises of Canada (CES15031) (Ward 7) (Item 5.7)**

(Duvall/Merulla)

That the outstanding business item identified as National Slo-Pitch Athletics Enterprises of Canada be removed from the Outstanding Business List.

CARRIED

(v) Minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee (Item 5.8)

(Merulla/Partridge)

That the May 1, 2015 Minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee, be received.

CARRIED

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Delegation from Joseph DiFrancesco, respecting Suicide Awareness (Item 6.1)

Mr. Joseph DiFrancesco was not in attendance to speak.

(ii) Delegation Request from Martha Fox, Dundas Living Centre and Unshippable.ca, respecting the efforts of Dundas Living Centre Board and families of individuals with developmental disabilities (Added as Item 6.3)

Ms. Martha Fox, Dundas Living Centre and Unshippable.ca, addressed the Committee respecting the efforts of Dundas Living Centre Board and Families of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities.

Ms. Fox's comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Introduction of the work being done by The Dundas Living Centre and Unshippable.ca
- Public policy and legislative change required that should be in alignment with Canada's commitment, through its support of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, that individuals with disabilities have the right to live where, with whom and how they wish, as do others without disabilities.
- Seeking option of having direct, individualized funding for residential options for adults with developmental disabilities; change from vacancy-filling housing system to a Province-wide person-centred planning and individual choice system.
- Opportunities and support models that are built upon public/private and community partnerships.

- The Dundas Living Centre is an innovative, cost-effective residential model borne of grass-roots, family and community need. Like Elmira, the City of Hamilton can become a leader in piloting creative, inclusive and cost-effective residential models for adults with developmental disabilities.

(Partridge/A. Johnson)

That the Presentation from Martha Fox, Dundas Living Centre and Unshippable.ca, respecting the efforts of Dundas Living Centre Board and families of individuals with developmental disabilities, be received.

CARRIED

(iv) Delegation from Mary Sinclair, respecting the Need for Accessible, Affordable, and Assisted Housing in the City of Hamilton (Added as Item 6.4)

Ms. Mary Sinclair addressed the Committee respecting the need for accessible, affordable, and assisted housing in the City of Hamilton, with the aid of notes. A copy of the notes have been retained for the official record.

Ms. Sinclair's comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Alternative arrangements that are often sought as a result of a change in medical needs, and an increased need in affordable housing for those persons with accessibility issues.
- Requests that the City of Hamilton investigate partnership opportunities with Hamilton Health Sciences or the Hamilton Community Foundation, respecting utilization of current buildings at the Chedoke site to provide affordable housing for people with special needs.
- Importance of this opportunity to meet the needs of people who require alternative levels of care to maintain their independence.

(Green/Merulla)

That the delegation from Mary Sinclair, respecting the need for accessible, affordable, and assisted housing in the City of Hamilton, be received.

CARRIED

(g) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

Councillor M. Green introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Province Wide, Person-Centered Residential Pilot Program Supporting Persons with Disabilities (Item 10.1)

- (a) That the Mayor, on behalf of Council, be directed to write a letter of support to the Premier of Ontario, respecting that individuals with disabilities have the right to live where, with whom and how they wish, and that families be given options, choices, and supports for housing;
- (b) That should the Province of Ontario be willing to provide an pilot program respecting the above, the City of Hamilton be ready and willing to host a Program such as the Dundas Living Centre; and
- (c) That copies of the letter be sent to the Honourable Helena Jaczek, Minister of Community and Social Services, AMO, and local area MPPs.

(Green/Whitehead)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Province Wide, Person-Centered Residential Pilot Program Supporting Persons with Disabilities.

CARRIED

The main motion CARRIED unanimously, by all in attendance, on the following Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas:	Whitehead, Duvall, Merulla, Green, Farr, A. Johnson, Partridge
Total:	7
Absent:	Jackson
Total:	1

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 10.

Councillor S. Merulla introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(ii) Zac Rinaldo “Fight for a Cause” Ball Hockey Tournament – Floor Rental Rates (Item 10.2)

WHEREAS, the Zac Rinaldo “Fight for a Cause” Ball Hockey Tournament was founded in 2013 by the National Hockey League player, Zac Rinaldo and now consists of many volunteers from the City of Hamilton and

surrounding areas and attracts large corporate sponsorships each year;
and

WHEREAS, the ball hockey tournament was founded for the specific purpose of fundraising for the Juravinski Cancer Centre and the McMaster Children's Centre; and

WHEREAS, the tournament freely registers over 300 children ranging from 4 to 14 years of age to participate in the 3v3 tournament; and

WHEREAS, the ball hockey tournament donated over \$20,000 to Juravinski Cancer Centre and McMaster Children's Centre from the 2014 tournament;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the floor rental at the Chedoke Twin Pad arena be given a 50% discount for the floor rental space associated with the Zac Rinaldo "Fight for a Cause" Ball Hockey tournament in 2015 and for as long as the tournament continues to be held in municipally operated arenas in Hamilton.

(Merulla/Duvall)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Zac Rinaldo "Fight for a Cause" Ball Hockey Tournament – Floor Rental Rates

CARRIED

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 11.

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Duvall/Farr)

That there being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

T. Whitehead, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Denis Farr
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk