



## **EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT 15-004**

1:30 p.m.  
Monday, April 13, 2015  
Council Chambers  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West

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**Present:** Councillor T. Whitehead, Chair  
Councillor M. Green, Vice-Chair  
Councillors A. Johnson, S. Merulla, T. Jackson, J. Partridge

**Regrets:** Councillor J. Farr – Personal  
Councillor Duvall – Personal

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### **THE EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 15-004 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

1. **Seniors Advisory Committee - 2015 Annual Presentation (SAC15001) (Item 5.4)**  
  
That the Report SAC15001 respecting the Seniors Advisory Committee – 2015 Annual Presentation, be received.
2. **2014 Changes to the Rental Housing Market (CES15018) (City Wide) (Item 5.5)**  
  
That the Report CES15018 respecting 2014 Changes to the Rental Housing Market, be received.
3. **Capital Projects' Status Report as of December 31, 2014 (CES14038(b)) (City Wide) (Item 5.6)**  
  
That the Report CES14038(b) respecting Capital Projects' Status Report as of December 31, 2014, be received.

**4. Fairness to Hamilton Sub-Committee (Report 15-001) (Item 8.1)**

That the following recommendations from Report 15-001 respecting the Fairness to Hamilton Sub-Committee be approved, as amended:

**1. Appointment of a Chair and Vice Chair (Item 1)**

- (i) That Mayor Eisenberger be appointed Chair of the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee for the 2014-2018 Term of Council.
- (ii) That Councillor Merulla be appointed Vice Chair of the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee for the 2014-2018 Term of Council.

**2. Renaming of the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee and the approval of priority items for government relations advocacy efforts (CM15003) (City Wide)) (Item 7.1)**

- (a) That the name of the Fairness to Hamilton Sub-Committee be changed to the Government Relations Sub-Committee;
- (b) That the Terms of Reference, ***as amended***, and attached as Appendix A to the Emergency and Community Services Report 15-004 be adopted;
- (c) That the following priorities be identified as areas of government relations advocacy efforts:
  - (i) Infrastructure
  - (ii) Transportation
  - (iii) Housing
  - (iv) US Steel bankruptcy process
  - (v) Other areas which may also require attention include, but are not limited to, addressing the additional social services and housing responsibilities managed by the City of Hamilton, poverty, additional revenue tools for municipalities, economic development opportunities, **long-term care facilities (including Wentworth and Macassa Lodge) and funding of emergency medical services;**
- (d) That on a more regular basis (yearly) Council may debate and approve a list of municipal priorities for discussions with both levels of government;

(e) That a Government Relations Strategy be developed by staff.

3. That staff be directed to report back to the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee with a revised list of Official Advisors from throughout the City of Hamilton.
5. **Conventional Transit (HSR) Bus Route/Destination Signs (PW15025) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**
  - (a) That the HSR route/destination sign display format continue as per current practice, in accordance with Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) requirements;
  - (b) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized to direct staff to continue the incorporation of white, 24 dot matrix LED technology when specifying front and side route/destination sign requirements for future conventional transit vehicle purchases;
  - (c) That the Outstanding Business List item related to signage on the front of buses - motion from the Seniors Advisory Committee be identified as complete and removed from Emergency & Community Services Committee list.
6. **Neighbourhood Engagement Matching Grant Pilot Program (CES14026(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

That \$25,000 be approved from the Neighbourhood Action Strategy Fund (Project # 2051255204) to pilot the Neighbourhood Engagement Matching Grant Program for one year beginning June, 2015.
7. **2015 Funding for Emergency Food System (CES15006) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)**

That effective April 1, 2015, \$350,000 in 100% provincial Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) funding be allocated to the emergency food system on an annual basis.
8. **2015 Provincial Child Care Funding Allocation for the City of Hamilton (CES15015) (City Wide) (Item 8.5)**
  - (a) That the City of Hamilton accept the additional 2015 Child Care base funding in the amount of \$2,076,899 (100% Provincial) from the Ministry of Education; and,
  - (b) That the General Manager of Community & Emergency Services Department be authorized to execute the 2015 Child Care Service

Agreement with the Ministry of Education in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

**9. 2015 Child Care Wage Enhancement (CES15016) (City Wide) (Item 8.6)**

- (a) That the City of Hamilton accept the new 2015 Child Care Wage Enhancement funding in the amount of \$3,464,880 (100% Provincial) from the Ministry of Education;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton accept the new Wage Enhancement Administration Grant in the amount of \$346,488 (100% Provincial) from the Ministry of Education; and,
- (c) That the General Manager of Community & Emergency Services Department be authorized to execute the 2015 Wage Enhancement Service Agreements with child care operators in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

**10. Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative Housing with Related Supports Standards Framework (CES15021) (City Wide) (Item 8.7)**

- (a) That the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Standards Framework for Housing with Related Supports be approved for the Domiciliary Hostel Program effective April 1, 2015, and;
- (b) That the Monthly Allowance for Personal Use for Domiciliary Hostel Residents be increased from \$138 to \$150 effective June 1, 2015.

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:**

**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

There were no changes to the agenda.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

**(i) March 9, 2015 (Item 3.1)**

The Minutes of the March 9, 2015 meeting were approved, as presented.

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

**(i) Request from Joseph DiFrancesco respecting the Suicide Awareness (For a Future Meeting) (Item 4.1)**

The delegation request from Joseph DiFrancesco respecting Suicide Awareness was approved, for a future meeting.

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

**(i) Minutes of Various Sub-committees (Items 5.1-5.3)**

The following sub-committee minutes, were received:

- Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (February 17, 2015) (Item 5.1)
- Seniors Advisory Committee (February 6, 2015) (Item 5.2)
- Tenants Advisory Committee (Item 5.3):
  - (a) April 3, 2014
  - (b) May 1, 2014
  - (c) June 5, 2014
  - (d) July 3, 2014
  - (e) December 4, 2014
  - (f) February 12, 2015

**(e) PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)**

**(i) 2014 Changes to the Rental Housing Market (Added Item 6.1)**

Ms. Kirstin Maxwell, Policy and Program Specialist, Housing Services, addressed the Committee respecting the 2014 Changes to the Rental Housing Market with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been retained for the official record.

Ms. Maxwell's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Average market rent
- Distribution of rental costs and vacancy rates across the city
- Management of gentrification
- Promotion of homeownership
- Current strategies being employed through Hamilton's 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan to mitigate increasing rental costs and decreasing vacancy

The presentation from Ms. Kirstin Maxwell, Policy and Program Specialist, Housing Services, respecting the 2014 Changes to the Rental Housing Market, was received.

**(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Whitehead, Chair  
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Tristin McCredie  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk