



## **EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT 15-003**

1:30 p.m.  
Monday, March 9, 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, J. Farr, S. Merulla, T. Jackson, S. Duvall,  
J. Partridge

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### **THE EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 15-003 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

**1. 20,000 Homes Campaign (CES15012) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

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

**2. Ontario Seniors Secretariat Grant (CES15013) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)**

That Report CES15013 respecting the Ontario Seniors Secretariat Grant be received.

**3. Urban Fitness Trail in McQuesten Neighbourhood (CES15005) (Ward 4) (Item 8.1)**

- (a) That the Landscape Architectural Services Section, Corporate Assets and Strategic Planning Division of the Public Works Department be authorized and directed to proceed with the implementation of Phase 1 of the Urban Fitness Trail in the McQuesten Neighbourhood, as shown on Appendix "A" to E&CS Report 15-003.
- (b) That the funding source for Phase 1 of the Urban Fitness Trail be allocated, in the amount of \$27,000 from Ward 4 area rating account 3301409400.

- (c) That Phase 2, as shown in Appendix “B” to E&CS Report 15-003, of the McQuesten Urban Fitness Trail, be included in the Open Space Development Capital Program, tentatively shown for design in 2016 and construction in 2018, to be reviewed for approval through the capital budget process for each year respectively.

**4. Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario (IAH) Program Extension (CES14059(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

That Report CES14059(a) respecting the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario (IAH) Program Extension be received.

**5. Neighbourhood Action Strategy Project Fund (CES15014) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

That the Neighbourhood Action Strategy Fund balance, be allocated as set out in the following process to support the planning and implementation of the 11 neighbourhood action plans:

- (i) That project funding below \$10,000 be approved by the Neighbourhood Action Strategy Manager, in consultation with the Neighbourhood & Community Initiatives Director, to an annual maximum of 60,000 from #2051255204.
- (ii) That project funding above \$10,000 will be approved through a report to the Emergency and Community Services Committee with approval by Council.

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:**

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

The Clerk advised of the following Change to the Agenda:

- (i) Added as Item 7.1, a Presentation respecting the 20,000 Homes Campaign

The agenda was approved as amended.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

**(i) February 23, 2015 (Item 3.1)**

The Minutes of the February 23, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

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

**(i) Delegation from Jim Davis respecting the Development of Scott Park and Affordable Sports in the City (Item 6.1)**

Mr. Jim Davis addressed the Committee respecting the issue of the Development of Scott Park and Affordable Sports in the City. Mr. Davis distributed handouts to the Committee which have been retained for the official record.

Mr. Davis feels that Ward 3 is in need of more recreational opportunities for youth as well as programs that are affordable. Mr. Davis also discussed his ideas for re-developing the Scott Park land.

The delegation from Jim Davis respecting the Development of Scott Park and Affordable Sports in the City was received.

**(ii) Delegation from Judith Bishop respecting Childcare, Poverty and Economic Growth in Hamilton (Item 6.2)**

Ms. Judith Bishop addressed the Committee respecting Childcare, Poverty and Economic Growth in Hamilton with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been retained for the official record.

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

- Benefits of Child Care
- Provision of Child Care in Hamilton
- Licensed Spaces in Hamilton by locality
- Total Expenditures and Local Tax Supported Children's Services

The delegation from Judith Bishop respecting Childcare, Poverty and Economic Growth was received.

Whereas, Hamilton has a smaller percentage of child care spaces available than most other municipalities; and,

Whereas, child care may not be equally distributed across the City and there are fewer child care spaces in low income areas and rural areas;

Therefore be it resolved:

- (a) That staff be directed to report to the Emergency and Community Services Committee on the current programs in place that provide and support child care in Hamilton and identify possible enhancements to these programs in order to close the gap of inequality in child care services.

**(iii) Delegation from Tom Cooper and Celeste Licorish, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting Affordable Childcare Services (Item 6.3)**

Mr. Tom Cooper, Ms. Celeste Licorish and Ms. Jodi Dean with the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction addressed the Committee respecting Affordable Childcare Services.

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

- Difficulties in finding Affordable Childcare Spaces (especially in the lower City)
- Existence of Long Waiting Lists
- Finding Child Care for Children with Special Needs

The delegation from Tom Cooper, Celeste Licorish and Jodi Dean, with the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting Affordable Childcare Services was received.

Whereas, child care in Canada falls primarily under provincial jurisdiction with minimal federal involvement; and,

Whereas, child care is a vital component in the development of the Canadian and provincial legacy;

Therefore be it resolved:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton lobby the federal and provincial government to establish a national Day Care Strategy; and,

- (b) That staff report to the Emergency and Community Services Committee on options and a plan of action to accommodate children with special needs in day care centres in Hamilton.

**(e) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) 20,000 Homes Campaign (Added Item 7.1)**

Ms. Amanda DiFalco, Manager, Homelessness Policy and Programs, addressed the Committee respecting the 20,000 Homes Campaign with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been retained for the official record.

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

- Benefits of Participation
- How the Campaign Works
- Registry Week Approach
- Next Steps

The presentation from Ms. Amanda DiFalco, Manager, Homelessness Policy and Programs, respecting the 20,000 Homes Campaign was received.

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

**(i) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)**

The following changes to the Outstanding Business list be approved:

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

- (i) Item "A" – Mohawk 4 Ice Centre  
Due Date: Q1 2015  
Proposed New Due Date: June 8, 2015
- (ii) Item "J" – Agreement with National Slo-Pitch Enterprises  
Due Date: March 9, 2015  
Proposed New Due Date: June 8, 2015

**(b) Completed Items to be Removed:**

- (i) Item "C" – Affordable Transit Pass Program
- (ii) Item "G" – McQuesten Fitness Trail
- (iii) Item "K" – Age Friendly Community Grant

**(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Whitehead, Chair  
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Lauri Leduc  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk