



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT 15-001

1:30 p.m.
Monday, January 19, 2015
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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

THE EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 14-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Arena Advertising Request for Proposal (CES15001) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

That Report CES15001 respecting the Arena Advertising Request for Proposal be received.

2. Housing First and Homelessness Prevention Call for Applications Update (CES14005(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

- (a) That effective April 1, 2015, \$757,950 in one-time funding for Homelessness Prevention programs, previously funded through the Homelessness Partnering Strategy and the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative, be funded from the Delivering Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOOR) Reserve (#112239);
- (b) That the Mayor correspond with the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Community and Social Services to request that the Province adequately and appropriately fund services for people experiencing homelessness in Hamilton; and,

- (c) That the Mayor correspond with the Prime Minister of Canada and the Minister of Employment and Social Development to request that the Federal government adequately and appropriately fund the City of Hamilton to deliver the Homelessness Partnering Strategy.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following Change to the Agenda:

- (i) Added as Item 11.1 - A Verbal Update from Joe-Anne Priel, General Manager, Community and Emergency Services, respecting the Ontario Works Social Assistance Management System (SAMS)

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) December 15, 2014

The Minutes of the December 15, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.

(d) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

(i) Verbal Update from Joe-Anne Priel, General Manager, Community and Emergency Services, respecting the Ontario Works Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) (Added Item 11.1)

Ms. Joe-Anne Priel, General Manager, Community and Emergency Services, provided the Committee with a verbal update respecting the Ontario Works Social Assistance Management System (SAMS).

Ms. Priel reported that staff continues to work through the challenges presented by SAMS. The department continues to operate in a "recovery state" which involves sixty-four staff being deployed from other areas to the Case Management area.

Ms. Priel reported that staff is still processing Ontario Works applications manually and they anticipate that electronic submissions might be able to resume in March. Ms. Priel estimated that the “recovery state” may last up to 12-18 months.

That the Verbal Update from Joe-Anne Priel, General Manager, Community and Emergency Services, respecting the Ontario Works Social Assistance Management System (SAMS), be received.

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Whitehead, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Lauri Leduc
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk