



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 15-002

1:30 p.m.
Monday, February 23, 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 FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL:

1. Hamilton Fire Department Clothing Items (CES15004) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

(Farr/Green)

- (a) That the Hamilton Fire Department be authorized to access the provisions of the Province of Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services Contract MIN-0058 attached as Appendix "A" to Report CES15004, to single source and negotiate with the Unisync Group Limited who is the successful vendor of Contract MIN-0058 for the Supply and Delivery of Uniform Dress Shirts; and,
- (b) That the Hamilton Fire Department be authorized to access the provisions of the Province of Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services Contract MIN-0058 attached as Appendix "A" to Report CES15004, to single source and negotiate with The Uniform Group Inc. who is the successful vendor of Contract MIN-0058 for the Supply and Delivery of Cargo Pants.

CARRIED

2. Special Needs Resourcing Review (CES15003) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

(Partridge/Duvall)

That Report CES15003 respecting the Special Needs Resourcing Review be received.

CARRIED

3. Ontario Works Organizational Review (CES150011) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

(Green/Merulla)

That Report CES150011 respecting the Ontario Works Organizational Review be received.

CARRIED

**4. Delegated Authority for Recreation Agreements (CES15002) (City Wide)
(Item 7.1)**

(Merulla/Farr)

(a) That the General Manager of Community & Emergency Services or their designate be granted the delegated authority to approve, renew and execute standard forms of license or other agreements related to recreation facilities or programs, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The Agreement being executed does not exceed a total financial value of more than \$10,000 per annum being paid to the City as per the terms of a specific Agreement;
- (ii) The Agreement shall not include the payments of grant monies or the provision of any funding by the City to a third party;
- (iii) The Agreement contains terms and conditions that are satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- iv) The term of the Agreement, or any renewal, shall not exceed five (5) years.

CARRIED

**5. 2015 Increase to Domiciliary Hostel Program Per Diem Rate (CES15007)
(City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

(Green/Farr)

That effective April 1, 2015, the per diem rate paid to Residential Care Facility Operators through the Domiciliary Hostel Program be increased from \$48.25 to \$50 to be funded from the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative funding.

CARRIED

**6. 2015 Changes to the Housing Stability Benefit (CES15008) (City Wide)
(Item 7.3)**

(Merulla/Duvall)

- (a) That effective April 1, 2015, eligible expenses for the Housing Stability Benefit be limited to last month's rent, rent arrears, utility arrears, appliances, moving expenses, mattresses for adults, beds for children and bed bug preparation/prevention;
- (b) That effective April 1, 2015, budgeted funding of \$240,250 for the Rent Bank Program and \$84,080 for Emergency Energy Programs be combined with the Housing Stability Benefit into a single program totalling \$5,522,480;
- (c) That effective April 1, 2015, people with low-income who do not receive social assistance be eligible to apply for the Housing Stability Benefit for assistance with rent and utility arrears;
- (d) That the General Manager of the Community and Emergency Services Department or designate be authorized to implement spending caps, benefit frequency limits, or other controls necessary to ensure costs are contained within the approved budgeted amount.

CARRIED

7. Ontario Works Caseload Contingency Plan (CS09021(e)) (City Wide) (Item 7.4)

(Merulla/Jackson)

That the current temporary staffing level of 30 full time employees hired for the Ontario Works Caseload Contingency Plan be maintained until April 30, 2016 at an estimated cost of \$2,610,000 gross/\$1,305,000 net to be funded through the Ontario Works Stabilization Reserve #110044 and the Grants and Subsidy Reserve #110048.

CARRIED

**8. Neighbourhood Action Strategy Project Update (CES15009) (City Wide)
(Item 7.5)**

(Merulla/Duvall)

- (a) That the General Manager of the Community and Emergency Services Department be authorized and directed to extend the temporary Neighbourhood Action Strategy Project Manager position through to December 2015; and,

- (b) That the temporary Neighbourhood Action Strategy Project Manager position be funded from the existing Employment and Income Support Division budget and/or the Neighbourhood Action Strategy Fund (20551255204) up to the amount of \$52,250.

CARRIED

**9. Affordable Transit Pass Program to Permanent Funding (CES14040(a))
(City Wide) (Added Item 7.6)**

(Merulla/Farr)

That the Affordable Transit Pass (ATP) program including staffing (1 FTE Special Supports Case Aide position in the Benefit Eligibility Division and 0.5 FTE Ticket Agent position in the Transit Division (Public Works)) be made permanent at an estimated \$192,740 (gross) and \$158,580 (net) from June 1 to December 31, 2015 with the annualized cost of \$328,560 (gross) and \$271,080 (net), be referred to the 2015 budget process.

CARRIED

**10. Phase 1 Design – Sir Wilfrid Laurier Recreation Centre Gymnasium
Expansion/Replacement Project (Added Item 10.1)**

(Merulla/Jackson)

That \$100,000 of the Ward 5 Area Rating Reserve be dedicated to the Phase 1 Design – Sir Wilfrid Laurier Recreation Centre Gymnasium Expansion/Replacement project.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CEREMONIAL ACTIVITY (Item A)

The Chair recognized the heroic actions of aquatic staff at the Huntington Recreation Centre for saving the life of a patron, Mr. Drago Tomic. Certificates were presented to: Marianne Gaunt, Adam DeGrow and Katelyn Schram to thank them for their actions.

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following Changes to the Agenda:

- (i) Added as Item 4.4, a Delegation Request from Tom Cooper and Celeste Licorish, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction,

respecting Access to Affordable Child Care Services for a Future Meeting

- (ii) Added as Item 4.5, a Delegation Request from Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting the Affordable Transit Pass Program for Today's Meeting
- (iii) Added to Discussion Item 7.1, Appendix B to Report CES 15-002 respecting Delegated Authority for Recreation Agreements
- (iv) Added Discussion Item 7.6, Report CES 14-040(a), respecting the Affordable Transit Pass Program
- (v) Added Notice of Motion Item 10.1, respecting the Phase 1 Design – Sir Wilfrid Laurier Recreation Centre Gymnasium Expansion/Replacement Project

(Green/Farr)

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(d) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) January 19, 2015 (Item 3.1)

(Merulla/Duvall)

That the Minutes of the January 19, 2015 meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(e) DELEGATIONS REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Request from Jim Davis respecting the Development of Scott Park and Affordable Sports in the City (For a Future Meeting) (Item 4.1)

(Green/Jackson)

That the delegation request from Jim Davis respecting the Development of Scott Park and Affordable Sports in the City be approved, for a future meeting.

CARRIED

(ii) Request from Judith Bishop respecting Childcare, Poverty and Economic Growth in Hamilton (For a Future Meeting) (Item 4.2)

(Green/Partridge)

That the delegation request from Judith Bishop respecting Childcare, Poverty and Economic Growth in Hamilton be approved, for a future meeting.

CARRIED

- (iii) Request from Calvin Cain, Ontario Homes for Special Needs Association, respecting the Domiciliary Hostel Program and Pressures (For Today's Meeting) (Item 4.3)**

(Farr/Green)

That the delegation request from Calvin Cain, Ontario Homes for Special Needs Association, respecting the Domiciliary Hostel Program and Pressures be approved, for today's meeting.

CARRIED

- (iv) Request from Tom Cooper and Celeste Licorish, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting Access to Affordable Child Care Services (For a Future Meeting) (Item 4.4)**

(Farr/Merulla)

That the delegation request from Tom Cooper and Celeste Licorish, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting Access to Affordable Child Care Services be approved, for a future meeting.

CARRIED

- (v) Request from Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting the Affordable Transit Pass Program (For Today's Meeting) (Item 4.5)**

(Farr/Merulla)

That the delegation request from Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting the Affordable Transit Pass Program be approved, for today's meeting.

CARRIED

(f) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

- (i) Various Minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee (Item 5.4)**

(A. Johnson/Partridge)

That the following minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee, be received.

- (i) September 5, 2014
- (ii) October 3, 2014

- (iii) November 7, 2014
- (iv) December 5, 2014
- (v) January 9, 2015

CARRIED

(ii) Various Minutes of the Hamilton Veterans Committee (Item 5.5)

(Merulla/Duvall)

That the following minutes of the Hamilton Veterans Committee, be received.

- (i) October 14, 2014
- (ii) November 4, 2014

CARRIED

(g) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Delegation from Calvin Cain, Ontario Homes for Special Needs Association, respecting the Domiciliary Hostel Program and Pressures (Added Item 6.1)

Mr. Calvin Cain with the Ontario Homes for Special Needs Association addressed the Committee respecting the issue of the Domiciliary Hostel Program and Pressures with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been retained for the official record.

Mr. Cain's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Outline of the Domiciliary Hostel Program (DOM)
- Funding Changes from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Pressures on the DOM Program
- Request for Per-diem increase

(Farr/Green)

That the delegation from Calvin Cain, Ontario Homes for Special Needs Association, respecting the Domiciliary Hostel Program and Pressures, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Delegation from Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting the Affordable Transit Pass Program (Added Item 6.2)

Mr. Tom Cooper with the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction addressed the Committee respecting the Affordable Transit Pass Program.

Mr. Cooper's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Importance of the Affordable Transit Pass Program (ATP) to affordability for low-income residents in Hamilton
- How ATP helps 5,000 individuals access affordable public transit
- Support of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction in the continuation of ATP

(Green/Duvall)

That the delegation request from Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting the Affordable Transit Pass Program, be received.

CARRIED

(h) NOTICES OF MOTIONS (Item 10)

Councillor Merulla introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Phase 1 Design – Sir Wilfrid Laurier Recreation Centre Gymnasium Expansion/Replacement Project (Added Item 10.1)

Whereas, the closure of Bishop Ryan Secondary School on Albright Road resulted in the loss of access to the gymnasium programs at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Recreation Centre; and,

Whereas, the City of Hamilton has purchased nearly 3 acres adjacent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier Recreation Centre to replace the gymnasium lost with the closure of Bishop Ryan Secondary School; and,

Whereas, the Davis Creek Planning Team and surrounding neighbourhood has requested the replacement of the gymnasium and the associated recreation programming;

Therefore be it resolved:

That \$100,000 of the Ward 5 Area Rating Reserve be dedicated to the Phase 1 Design – Sir Wilfrid Laurier Recreation Centre Gymnasium Expansion/Replacement project.

(Merulla/Jackson)

That the rules of order be waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting the Phase 1 Design – Sir Wilfrid Laurier Recreation Centre Gymnasium Expansion/Replacement Project.

CARRIED

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 10.

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

(i) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

(Partridge/Jackson)

That the following changes to the Outstanding Business list be approved:

(a) Items Requiring New Due Dates:

- (i) Item “C” (a) and (b) – Living Wage
New Due Date: May 11, 2015**
- (ii) Item “K” – Urban Fitness Trail in McQuesten
New Due Date: March 9, 2015**

(b) Completed Items to be Removed:

- (i) Item “A” – CPR Training**
- (ii) Item “H” – Powers of Attorney for residents of City Homes
for the Aged**
- (iii) Item “J” – Environmental Roundtable**

CARRIED

(k) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Partridge/Green)

That there being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

T. Whitehead, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Lauri Leduc
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk