



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 10, 2013
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Present: Councillor J. Farr, Vice-Chair
Councillors S. Duvall, T. Jackson, J. Partridge and S. Merulla

**Absent with
Regrets:**

Councillor T. Whitehead (Chair), B. McHattie, Vacation
Councillor B. Morelli, Sick leave

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL:

1. Lake Avenue School Cricket Batting Cages (CS13030) (Ward 5) (Item 5.2)

(Merulla/Duvall)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton enter into a Licence Agreement with the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) to construct two cricket batting cages located at Lake Avenue School;
- (b) That \$5,000 of this project be funded from the Ward 5 Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve # 108055;
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Licence Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board for the construction and use of the Lake Avenue School cricket batting cages, as well as any related or ancillary documentation, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (d) That the General Manager of Community Services or designate be granted the delegated authority to approve any changes to the Licence Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board 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

2. Housing Collaborative Initiative CS13033 (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Jackson/Partridge)

- (a) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into a Consortium Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Cities of London, Windsor, Chatham-Kent, and Ottawa, and the Regional-Municipalities of Waterloo, York and Halton, in a form that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor up to a maximum of \$300,000 for the development of social housing software;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton's share for this project be funded to a maximum of \$300,000 in the amount of \$275,850 from the Social Housing Transition Reserve (#112244) and in the amount of \$24,150 from the Developing Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOOR) Reserve (#112239);
- (c) That subject to the procurement of a suitable software development contract, the General Manager of the Community and Emergency Services Department or designate be authorized to execute the necessary agreements and documents related to the City of Hamilton's continued involvement in the development of a social housing software solution in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

3. Corporate Trunked Radio Upgrade Project - Update (CS13034) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(Jackson/Merulla)

That an additional \$901,300 be budgeted towards the Corporate Trunked Radio Upgrade Project, to be funded from the Radio Communication Systems Maintenance Reserve Account #100032.

CARRIED

4. Ontario Works Caseload Contingency Plan and Participant Ratio to Case Manager (CS09021(d)) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

(Merulla/Partridge)

- (a) That the current temporary staffing level of 30 Full Time Employees hired for Phases 2 and 3 of the Ontario Works Caseload Contingency Plan, approved by Council on November 30, 2011, be maintained until April 2015;

- (b) That the continuation of Phases 2 and 3 of the Ontario Works Plan for the period of January 1, 2013 to April 30, 2015 at an estimated cost of \$5,735,800 gross/ \$2,867,900 net (based upon the current 2013 budgeted amounts) be funded 50% through the Ontario Works Stabilization Reserve #110044 and 50% through the Ontario Works Cost of Administration funding from the Ministry of Community and Social Services.
CARRIED

5. Restructuring to Integrate Neighbourhood Development, Citizen Engagement and the Social Development Team within the Community & Emergency Services Department (CS13035/CM13013) (City Wide) (Item 8.5)

(Duvall/Merulla)

- (a) That the reorganization of Neighbourhood Development, Citizen Engagement and Social Development into one division within the Community and Emergency Services Department be approved; and,
- (b) That the transfer of 3.0 FTE budgeted complement and associated budget from the City Manager's Office to the Community and Emergency Services Department be approved.

CARRIED

6. One-time grant of \$80,000 for the repair of two Air Conditioning units at the Ottawa Street YWCA in order to the mitigate the adverse impact on all programs including seniors' programs (Ward 4) (Item 10.1)

(Merulla/Jackson)

That a one-time grant of \$80,000 be provided to the YWCA Hamilton for the repair of the two air conditioning units at the Ottawa St YWCA and the repairs be funded from reserve 108035 Former City of Hamilton Capital reserve.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

- (i) Added Delegation Request from Charlie Mattina of the Beasley Neighbourhood Association respecting Item 8.2 on the agenda, Report CS13018 Beasley Community Centres Operating Agreement (Item 4.1)
- (ii) Added Notice of Motions:

- (1) One-time grant of \$80,000 for the repair of 2 Air Conditioning units at the Ottawa Street YWCA in order to the mitigate the adverse impact on all programs including seniors' programs (Ward 4)(Item 10.1)
- (2) Living Wage - Part-time/Contract Employees (Item 10.2)

(Partridge/Merulla)

That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were none declared.

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

(Duvall/Jackson)

That the Minutes of the June 10, 2013 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(Merulla/Partidge)

- (i) That the following delegation request be approved and the rules of order waived in order to hear the delegation at today's meeting:

Delegation request from Charlie Mattina of the Beasley Neighbourhood Association respecting Item 8.2 on the agenda, Report CS13018 Beasley Community Centres Operating Agreement (Added Item 4.1)

CARRIED

(e) CONSENT (Item 5)

(i) VARIOUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Item 5.1):

(Merulla/Duvall)

That the following Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes be received:

- (1) Hamilton Veterans Committee meeting of April 9, 2013
- (2) Seniors Advisory Committee meeting of May 3, 2013

CARRIED

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS DELEGATIONS

- (i) Delegation by Charlie Mattina of the Beasley Neighbourhood Association respecting Item 8.2 on the agenda, Report CS13018 Beasley Community Centres Operating Agreement (Added Item 4.1 & 6.1)**

Charlie Mattina of the Beasley Neighbourhood Association addressed the Committee with the aid of a Power Point Presentation. He discussed concerns of the Beasley neighbourhood Association around the proposed Operating Agreement and asked for more consultations prior to entering into the agreement.

(Partridge/Jackson)

That the delegation by Charlie Mattina of the Beasley Neighbourhood Association respecting Item 8.2 on the agenda, Report CS13018 Beasley Community Centres Operating Agreement, be received.

CARRIED

(g) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

- (i) Beasley Community Centres Operating Agreement (CS13018) (Ward 2) (Item 8.2)**

(Farr/Duvall)

- (a) That Report (CS13018) respecting Beasley Community Centres Operating Agreement be referred to staff to allow for more consultation with the Beasley Neighbourhood Association, Wesley Urban Ministries and appropriate City of Hamilton Staff;
- (b) That staff be directed to Report back to the next Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting.

CARRIED

(h) MOTIONS (Item 9)

- (i) Feasibility Study – Mohawk 4 Ice Centre, Indoor Recreation Facilities (Item 9.1)**

(Jackson/Duvall)

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton's Strategic Priority # 2 is to deliver high quality services that meet citizen needs and expectations in a cost effective and responsible manner;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton remains cost conscious and will ensure value for taxpayer dollars spent;

WHEREAS the public, private partnership between the City of Hamilton and Hamilton Arena Partners has been successful in providing residents with additional indoor ice facilities in a cost effective manner at the Mohawk 4 Ice Centre;

WHEREAS there is a growing need within the City of Hamilton to provide indoor recreation facilities to accommodate such sports as basketball, volleyball and floor ball.

Therefore it be resolved:

- (1) That staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of constructing and operating indoor recreation facilities at the Mohawk 4 Ice Centre to accommodate the sports of basketball, volleyball and floor ball and the kind;
- (2) That the goal of any future development is to have no or little impact upon the municipal tax levy.
- (3) That staff report back to Emergency and Community Services Committee with the results of the feasibility study.

CARRIED

(i) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

Councillor Merulla introduced the following Notice of Motion:

- (i) One-time grant of \$80,000 for the repair of two Air Conditioning units at the Ottawa Street YWCA in order to the mitigate the adverse impact on all programs including seniors' programs (Ward 4)(Item 10.1)**

Whereas one of the air-conditioning units has stopped working and the other unit will be in need of repairs in the near future;

And whereas the state of the Air conditioners is having an adverse impact on the YWCA programs including the seniors' programs.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That a one-time grant of \$80,000 be provided to the YWCA Hamilton for the repair of the two air conditioning units at the Ottawa St YWCA and the repairs be funded from reserve 108035 Former City of Hamilton Capital reserve.

(Merulla/Jackson)

That the rules of order be waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting One-time grant of \$80,000 for the repair of two Air Conditioning units at the Ottawa Street YWCA.

CARRIED

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 6.

The following Notice of Motion was introduced on behalf of Councillor McHattie:

(ii) Living Wage - Part-time/Contract Employees (Item 10.2)

Whereas, Hamilton City Council has moved to support the principle of a Hamilton Living Wage at a rate of \$14.95 per hour and;

Whereas, all full-time City of Hamilton staff make a Hamilton Living Wage, and;

Whereas, there needs to be additional work by staff to determine the status of part-time City workers, and contractors to the City, in order to ascertain the gap between their pay and a Hamilton Living Wage; and;

Whereas, as an example, the City of Hamilton hire contractors to clean City Councillor's offices who do not make a Hamilton Living Wage.

Therefore be it resolved:

- (a) That staff prepare an information report outlining the wage status of part-time staff as compared to the Hamilton Living Wage and;
- (b) That staff prepare an information report in partnership with the Corporate Services Department to identify through the City's Purchasing Policy how the procurement of goods and services might support Council's objective of promoting social and economic well-being of the community, including how the City's Purchasing Policy can influence wages paid to contractors, as a first step to identifying strategies to encourage local businesses to play a living wage to their employees.

(j) ADJOURNMENT

(Merulla/Partridge)

There being no further business, that the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor J. Farr, Vice-Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Andy Grozelle
Legislative Co-ordinator
Office of the City Clerk