



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

1:30 p.m.
Monday, December 9, 2013
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Present: Councillor T. Whitehead, Chair
Councillors S. Duvall, T. Jackson, B. McHattie, S. Merulla and
B. Morelli

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor J. Farr, Vice-Chair, Personal
Councillor J. Partridge, Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL:

1. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

(a) Appointment of Chair

(McHattie/Duvall)

That Councillor Farr be appointed Chair of the Emergency and
Community Services Committee for 2014.

CARRIED

(b) Appointment of Vice Chair

(Jackson/Morelli)

That Councillor Merulla be appointed Vice-Chair of the Emergency and
Community Services Committee for 2014.

CARRIED

2. Group Purchasing Service for Food and Related Supplies (Lodges) (CS13003(a)) (Wards 6 and 13) (Item 5.2)

(Jackson/McHattie)

- (a) That Complete Purchasing Services Inc. be approved as the single
source purchasing agent for group purchasing services for food and

related supplies for the food service and nutrition programs at Macassa and Wentworth Lodges for a period of five years;

- (b) That the vendors used in conjunction with the Complete Purchasing Services Inc. group purchasing program for food and related supplies for the food service and nutrition programs at Macassa and Wentworth Lodges be approved as single source vendors;
- (c) That Macassa and Wentworth Lodges increase the proportion of purchases of local products through the approved suppliers in the Complete Purchasing Services Inc. program.

CARRIED

3. Hamilton Jewish Social Services Elderly Persons Centre (EPC) Funding (CS13044) (Ward 13) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 5.3)

(Jackson/McHattie)

- (a) That a funding increase in the amount of \$7,930 be approved in 2013 for the Jewish Social Services for the operation of their Elderly Persons Centre in Dundas, to be absorbed within the 2013 Recreation Division Operation Budget or from departmental surplus;
- (b) That the funding increase in the amount of \$7,930 for the Hamilton Jewish Social Services for the operation of their Elderly Persons Centre in Dundas, be included in the 2014 Recreation Division Operation Budget with a corresponding reduction.

CARRIED

4. 2014 Budget Request - Seniors Advisory Committee (FCS13094) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

(Jackson/McHattie)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee's (SAC) 2014 base budget submission in the amount of \$1,500 be approved and forwarded to the 2014 budget process (General Issues Committee (GIC)).

CARRIED

5. Hamilton Veterans Committee 2014 Volunteer Budget Submission (PED13203) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Jackson/Duvall)

- (a) That the Hamilton Veterans Committee 2014 base budget submission in the amount of \$20,000, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED13203,

be approved and forwarded to the 2014 budget process General Issues Committee (GIC);

- (b) That in addition to the base funding, that a budget allocation of \$5,000, funded by an increase to the tax levy, be approved and forwarded to the 2014 budget process General Issues Committee (GIC).

CARRIED

6. Food and Shelter Advisory Committee 2014 Budget Submission (CS13048) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

(Jackson/Duvall)

That the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee 2014 base budget submission in the amount of \$500, be approved and forwarded to the 2014 budget process (GIC).

CARRIED

7. Food and Shelter Advisory Committee Membership

(McHattie/Jackson)

That Councillor Merulla be appointed to the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee for the balance of this term of Council ending 2014.

CARRIED

8. Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) 2014 Budget Submission (CS13052) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

(Jackson/McHattie)

- (a) That the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) 2014 base budget submission in the amount of \$3,890, be approved and forwarded to the 2014 budget process (GIC);
- (b) That in addition to the base funding, that a one-time budget allocation for 2014 of \$2,500, funded by the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Reserve, be approved and forwarded to the 2014 budget process (GIC).

CARRIED

9. Tenant Advisory Committee 2014 Budget Submission (CS13049) (City Wide) (Item 7.4)

(Morelli/McHattie)

That the Tenant Advisory Committee's 2014 base budget submission in the amount of \$1000, be approved and forwarded to the 2014 budget process (GIC).

CARRIED

10. Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (CS11017(c)) (City Wide) (Item 7.5)

(Duvall/Morelli)

- (a) That Hamilton's 10-year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan attached as Appendix B to Report CS11017(c) be endorsed by City Council and forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for consideration;
- (b) That staff be directed to continue discussions with the Federal and Provincial governments within the context of Hamilton's Government Relations Strategy to seek funding opportunities to address affordable housing and homelessness needs as outlined in the 10 year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan.

CARRIED

11. Snow Angels Program (CS13058) (City Wide) (Item 7.6)

(Jackson/McHattie)

That Report CS13058 respecting Snow Angels Program be received.

CARRIED

12. Waiving the Fees for the Allan Cup (Item 9.1)

(Jackson/Merulla)

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton will be hosting the Allan Cup – Canadian Men's Senior AAA Hockey Championship from April 14 to April 19, 2014 in the Community of Dundas and;

WHEREAS the Canadian Men's Senior AAA Hockey Championship returns to the City of Hamilton since last hosted in 2003 and;

WHEREAS the Dundas Real McCoy's Senior Hockey Club will be hosting teams and their supporters from all over Canada as they compete for the Allan Cup and;

WHEREAS a tremendous amount of financial resources and support are required to ensure that the Championships are a success.

THEREFORE be it resolved:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton waive all fees associated with ice rental for the J.L. Grightmire Memorial Arena and the Olympic Ice Surface for the purpose of hosting this tournament;

- (b) That the City of Hamilton waive all fees associated with the rental of the Dundas Lions Memorial Community Centre for events associated with hosting the championship;
- (c) That staff be directed to prepare all necessary rental applications and permits to reflect that all fees have been waived for this event.

CARRIED

13. Extension of Service Contract for Management of the Hamilton Farmers' Market (CS12045(b)) (Ward 2)

(Merulla/McHattie)

- (a) That staff be directed to renew the current employment contract for management of the Hamilton Farmers' Market for an additional six-month period to June 30, 2014;
- (b) That Report CS12045(b) respecting the Extension of Service Contract for Management of the Hamilton Farmers' Market remain confidential and not be released as a public document as the information relates to identifiable individuals.

CARRIED

14. Restructuring within the Community and Emergency Services Department (CS13053) (City Wide) (Deferred from the November 25, 2013 meeting) (Item 12.3)

(Jackson/Duvall)

That the recommendations in Report CS13053 respecting Restructuring within the Community and Emergency Services Department be approved and remain confidential until Council's final approval.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

Chair Whitehead thanked the Committee members for the opportunity of being Chair of the Emergency and Community Services Committee and recognized staff for all of their hard work.

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

ADDED DELEGATION REQUESTS

The following delegation requests wish to address Committee at the next meeting when the Report respecting the treatment of undocumented individuals in the City of Hamilton is on the agenda:

- 4.1 Christopher Cutler, regarding making Hamilton a Sanctuary City
- 4.2 Karol Johana Pulgarin Velazquez, regarding making Hamilton a Sanctuary City
- 4.3 Blake McCall, regarding making Hamilton a Sanctuary City
- 4.4 Ines Rios, from the Immigrant Women's Shelter, regarding making Hamilton a Sanctuary City
- 4.5 Nora Melara-Lopez, from the Ecumenical Support Committee for Refugees, respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City
- 4.6 Pauline Kajiura, from Community Information Hamilton, respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City
- 4.7 Scott Jones, from Micah House Refugee Reception Services, respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City
- 4.8 Sandra Lemus, from Sexual Assault Centre of Hamilton & Area, respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City
- 4.9 Omselama Abdul Sied, Andrew Amoah, James Puok and Shamso, from The Canadian African Multicultural Association (CAMA), respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City
- 4.10 Hodan Ali, from Refugee Hamilton Centre for Newcomer Health, respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City
- 4.11 Maria Antelo, from the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic/Hamilton Sanctuary Coalition respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City
- 4.12 Gary Warner, respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City
- 4.13 Krista D'Aoust, from the Neighbour to Neighbour Centre, respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City

UPDATES TO THE OUTSTANDING BUSINESS LIST

- 11.1 Outstanding Business List

- (a) Added proposed New Due Dates that were provided after the printing of the agenda:
 - (i) Item "A" - Recreation Centre in Winona
Due date: December 9, 2013
Proposed New Due Date: Q1 2015
 - (ii) Item "B" - Follow-up report re: HHS ABC Program pre and post conditions after one year.
Due date: December 9, 2013
Proposed New Due Date: January 20, 2014
 - (iii) Item "D" - Neighbourhood Down Payment Assistance Program
Due date: December 9, 2013
Proposed New Due Date: June 9, 2014
 - (iv) Item "E" - Staff to consider the information provided regarding the Food4Kids program and report back to Committee.
Report back on Universal School Program
Due date: December 9, 2013
Proposed New Due Date: March 24, 2014
 - (v) Item "G" - Staff to report back re: options for updating the City of Hamilton's existing fee waiver policy to further clarify fee waiver policies and related authorities.
Due date: December 9, 2013
Proposed New Due Date: January 20, 2014
 - (vi) Item "I" - Staff to report results of the Request for Proposal and a recommendation for a not for profit provider to operate the identified City owned facility
Staff to report back on status of investigation into the feasibility of transferring the operation of concession stands at City operated facilities to volunteer organizations.
Due date: December 9, 2013
Proposed New Due Date March 24, 2014
 - (vii) Item "L" - Staff to undertake feasibility study of constructing & operating indoor recreation facilities at the Mohawk 4 Ice Centre and report back.
Due date: December 9, 2013
Proposed New Due Date: March 24, 2014

(Jackson/Morelli)

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/Merulla)

That the Minutes of the November 25, 2013 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(McHattie/Merulla)

That the following delegation requests be approved to address Committee at the next meeting when the Report respecting the treatment of undocumented individuals in the City of Hamilton is on the agenda:

- (i) Christopher Cutler, regarding making Hamilton a Sanctuary City (Item 4.1)
- (ii) Karol Johana Pulgarin Velazquez, regarding making Hamilton a Sanctuary City (Item 4.2)
- (iii) Blake McCall, regarding making Hamilton a Sanctuary City (Item 4.3)
- (iv) Ines Rios, from the Immigrant Women's Shelter, regarding making Hamilton a Sanctuary City (Item 4.4)
- (v) Nora Melara-Lopez, from the Ecumenical Support Committee for Refugees, respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City (Item 4.5)
- (vi) Pauline Kajiura, from Community Information Hamilton, respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City (Item 4.6)
- (vii) Scott Jones, from Micah House Refugee Reception Services, respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City (Item 4.7)
- (viii) Sandra Lemus, from Sexual Assault Centre of Hamilton & Area, respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City (Item 4.8)
- (ix) Omselama Abdul Sied, Andrew Amoah, James Puok and Shamso, from The Canadian African Multicultural Association (CAMA), respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City (Item 4.9)

- (x) Hodan Ali, from Refugee Hamilton Centre for Newcomer Health, respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City (Item 4.10)
- (xi) Maria Antelo, from the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic/Hamilton Sanctuary Coalition respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City (Item 4.11)
- (xii) Gary Warner, respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City (Item 4.12)
- (xiii) Krista D'Aoust, from the Neighbour to Neighbour Centre, respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City (Item 4.13)

CARRIED

(e) CONSENT (Item 5)

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

(Jackson/McHattie)

That the Minutes of the October 8, 2013 Hamilton Veterans Committee Meeting be received.

CARRIED

(f) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Hamilton Veterans Committee 2014 Volunteer Budget Submission (PED13203) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Robert Fyfe, Chair of the Hamilton Veterans Committee made a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the Advisory Committee's achievements over the past year and copies of the hand-out were distributed and a copy has been uploaded onto the City's website.

Chair Fyfe covered the following topics:

- 2011 -2014 Committee Membership;
- Mandate;
- Remembrance Day & Memorial Services;
- Assistance to other veterans events;
- Previous and ongoing projects;
- 2013 initiatives;
- Future goals;
- To succeed.

Chair Fyfe responded to questions from Committee.

Councillor Morelli expressed appreciation for the work of the Committee members and also of the support staff.

(Morelli/Merulla)

That the presentation from the Veterans Committee be received.

CARRIED

For disposition respecting the budget refer to Item 5.

**(ii) Food and Shelter Advisory Committee 2014 Budget Submission
(CS13048) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

Medora Uppal, Chair of the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee made a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of what the Committee has accomplished this year and copies of the hand-out were distributed and a copy has been uploaded onto the City's website.

The topics covered by Medora Uppal included the following:

- Overview;
- Why does the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee exist?
- Mandate;
- Membership;
- 2013 Activities;
- 2013 Acknowledgments;
- Interests for 2014, including having a Councillor sit as a member on the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee.

Chair Uppal responded to questions from Committee.

(Jackson/Merulla)

That the presentation from the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee be received.

CARRIED

Committee appointed Councillor Merulla to the Advisory Committee and approved the Committee's budget.

For disposition of this matter refer to Items 6 & 7.

(iii) Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) 2014 Budget Submission (CS13052) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

Jackson Virgin-Holland, who is a member of the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee, made a PowerPoint presentation respecting the achievements of the Committee over the past year and copies of the hand-out were distributed and a copy has been uploaded onto the City's website.

He spoke to the following topics:

- Multi-purpose youth worker;
- Building a graduation nation - Pathways to Education;
- Hamilton Public Library;
- Youth Week 2013;
- Certificate of Recognition presented to the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee;
- Leadership Quest VI;
- Wesley Urban Ministries – buy a toque;
- Recreation Hamilton;
- Support;
- Future Focus.

Jackson Virgin-Holland responded to questions from Committee.

(Jackson/Morelli)

That the presentation from the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee be received.

CARRIED

For disposition respecting the budget refer to Item 8.

(iv) Tenant Advisory Committee 2014 Budget Submission (CS13049) (City Wide) (Item 7.4)

John Hawker, the out-going Chair of the Tenant Advisory Committee and Connie Bellamy, the incoming Chair addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and copies of the hand-out were distributed and a copy has been uploaded onto the City's website.

The following are the topics covered in the presentation:

- Mandate;
- Objectives;

- Membership;2013 Focus Areas;
- Renters as voters;
- Tenant access to City Hall;
- Rental Housing Licensing & Proactive Enforcement;
- 2013 Milestones Presentation;
- Education and Community Connection;
- 2014 Focus Areas.

They responded to questions from Committee.

(Duvall/Morelli)

That the presentation from the Tenant Advisory Committee be received.

CARRIED

For disposition regarding the budget refer to Item 9.

(Morelli/Merulla)

That Senior Clerk's staff be directed report back to Committee with finalized answers respecting what Council can and cannot do with respect to the Elections, particularly if it is feasible to approve the costs to allow the establishment of a polling station in a rental building.

CARRIED

**(v) Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (CS11017(c)) (City Wide)
(Item 7.5)**

Gillian Hendry and Larry Huibers (Executive Director of the Housing Help Centre) made a presentation as Co-Chairs of the Housing & Homelessness Planning Group. Copies of the hand-out were distributed and a copy has been uploaded onto the City's website.

They provided an overview of the report, specifically on the following topics:

- Why Hamilton needs an Action Plan;
- Qualities of the Action Plan;
- Action Plan – The Costs;
- Government Investments in Housing and Homelessness – 2012 Snapshot;
- Government Relations;
- Getting started – In 2014;
- Getting started – Work Underway;
- Getting started – New Work in 2014;
- Action Plan – Timelines;

- An Action Plan that works.

They responded to questions from Committee.

(Morelli/McHattie)

That the staff presentation be received.

CARRIED

Committee approved sub-sections (c) and (d) of the staff report as follows:

(Duvall/Morelli)

- (c) That staff be directed to report back to Emergency & Community Services Committee in the second quarter of 2014 with a detailed plan to use existing housing related reserve accounts and approved capital budget accounts for initial implementation of the 10 year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan.
- (d) That staff be directed to report back to Emergency & Community Services Committee in 2015 with a detailed financial strategy in partnership with the federal and provincial governments and other key stakeholders to address funding commitments based on targets identified in the 10-year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan.

CARRIED

Committee also approved the following additional direction to staff:

(Merulla/Morelli)

Whereas Canada is the only G8 Country to not have a national housing strategy;

And Whereas there is an active Charter of Rights and Freedom challenge in the courts based on the premise that every Canadian has a right to security of the person and the right to equality;

And Whereas both the Federal Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario are challenging the premise;

And Whereas this conflicts with their stated priorities;

Therefore, be it resolved that staff be directed to report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee with an assessment and response from the Provincial and Federal Governments (to Item 10 (b)) to reconcile this discrepancy.

CARRIED

For the balance of the recommendations refer to Item 10.

Committee recessed from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

(vi) Snow Angels Program (CS13058) (City Wide) (Item 7.6)

(Jackson/McHattie)

That the staff presentation respecting the Snow Angels Program be waived.

CARRIED

For disposition of this matter refer to Item 11.

(g) GENERAL INFORMATION (Item 11)

(i) Outstanding Business List

(Merulla/McHattie)

That the new proposed due dates of the following outstanding business list items, as amended, be approved as indicated:

(a) Proposed New Due Date:

- (i)** Item "A" - Recreation Centre in Winona
Due date: December 9, 2013
Proposed New Due Date: Q1 2015
- (ii)** Item "B" - Follow-up report re: HHS ABC Program pre and post conditions after one year.
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- (iii)** Item "D" - Neighbourhood Down Payment Assistance Program
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- (iv)** Item "E" - Staff to consider the information provided regarding the Food4Kids program and report back to Committee.
Report back on Universal School Program
Due date: December 9, 2013
Proposed New Due Date: March 24, 2014
- (v)** Item "F" - That staff report back to E&CS on a collaborative plan, following a review of activities by HCCI, the City of

Hamilton Access and Equity Office, the City of Hamilton's Anti-Racism Committee, and other organizations involved in civic inclusion activities.

Due date: December 9, 2013

Proposed New Due Date: March 24, 2014

- (vi) Item "G" - Staff to report back re: options for updating the City of Hamilton's existing fee waiver policy to further clarify fee waiver policies and related authorities.

Due date: December 9, 2013

Proposed New Due Date: January 20, 2014

- (vii) Item "I" - Staff to report results of the Request for Proposal and a recommendation for a not for profit provider to operate the identified City owned facility

Staff to report back on status of investigation into the feasibility of transferring the operation of concession stands at City operated facilities to volunteer organizations.

Due date: December 9, 2013

Proposed New Due Date March 24, 2014

- (viii) Item "J" - Staff to engage with Public Health staff and local agencies to investigate how undocumented individuals are treated in Hamilton, and report to the E&CS Committee.

Due date: December 9, 2013

Proposed New Due Date: January 20, 2014

- (ix) Item "L" - Staff to undertake feasibility study of constructing & operating indoor recreation facilities at the Mohawk 4 Ice Centre and report back.

Due date: December 9, 2013

Proposed New Due Date: March 24, 2014

- (b) That the following outstanding business list item be identified as being completed and removed from the list:

- (i) Item "K" - Letter from the Hamilton Jewish Social Services requesting change to City's funding of EPC – staff to report back.

CARRIED

(h) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

(i) Private and Confidential Minutes of the November 25, 2013 meeting (Item 12.1)

(Jackson/Duvall)

- (a) That the Private and Confidential Minutes of the November 25, 2013 meeting be approved as presented;
- (b) That the Private and Confidential Minutes of the November 25, 2013 meeting remain private and confidential and restricted from public disclosure.

CARRIED

(Jackson/McHattie)

That Committee move into Closed Session at 4:48 p.m. pursuant to Section 8.1(b) of the Procedural By-law and Section 239 of the Municipal Act to deal with personal matters about identifiable individuals, including City employees.

CARRIED

Committee reconvened in Open Session at 5:21 p.m.

(ii) Extension of Service Contract for Management of the Hamilton Farmers' Market (CS12045(b)) (Ward 2) (Item 12.2)

For disposition of Item 12.2 respecting Extension of Service Contract for Management of the Hamilton Farmers' Market (CS12045(b)) refer to Item 13.

Item 12.2 was approved on the following votes:

Yeas:	Merulla, McHattie, Duvall
Total:	3
Nays:	Jackson, Whitehead
Total:	2
Absent:	Farr, Partridge, Morelli
Total:	3

- (iii) **Restructuring within the Community and Emergency Services Department (CS13053) (City Wide) (Deferred from November 25, 2013 meeting) (Item 12.3)**

For disposition of Item 12.3 respecting Restructuring within the Community and Emergency Services Department (CS13053) refer to Item 14.

(i) ADJOURNMENT

(Duvall/McHattie)

There being no further business, that the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor T. Whitehead, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Ida Bedioui
Legislative Co-ordinator
Office of the City Clerk