

EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT 13-001

1:30 p.m. Thursday, January 17, 2013 Council Chambers Hamilton City Hall 71 Main Street West

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

THE EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 13-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Seniors Advisory Committee Report 13-001 – Increased Snow Clearing Efforts (Added Item 5.3)

That the Public Works Department and the Municipal Law Enforcement Section increase snow clearing efforts to ensure that HSR lines, roads, sidewalks, including intersections at hospitals, seniors buildings, nursing homes and senior recreation centres are cleared as soon as possible following a snow fall.

2. Domiciliary Hostel Re-Investment Reconciliation (CS11095(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

That Report CS11095(a) respecting Domiciliary Hostel Re-Investment Reconciliation be received.

3. 2013 Community Services Business Plan (CM12017) - (Referred from the November 27, 2012 General Issues Committee meeting) (Item 7.1)

That the 2013 Community Services Business Plan be approved.

4. Group Purchasing Service for Food and Related Supplies (Lodges) (CS13003) (Wards 6 and 13) (Item 8.1)

- (a) That Complete Purchasing Services Inc. be approved as the single source vendor 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 one year;
- (b) That Sysco Canada Inc., GFS Canada Company Inc., Agropur Cooperative (Division of Natrel), Canada Bread Company Ltd., Sammons Preston Canada and Hendrix Food Service Equipment be approved as single source vendors to be 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 for a period of one year.

5. City of Hamilton Early Years Community Plan (CS13002) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

That Report CS13002 respecting City of Hamilton Early Years Community Plan be received.

6. Petition respecting "Opposite Biological Gender Usage of Washrooms, Change Rooms and Shower Facilities in the City of Hamilton" (Added Item 11.2)

That the letter from Jim Enos, President of the Hamilton-Wentworth Family Action Council be received and the additional 163 signatures be added to the petition submitted on December 10, 2012 respecting "Opposite Biological Gender Usage of Washrooms, Change Rooms and Shower Facilities in the City of Hamilton".

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes:

- (i) Added Item 5.3 Seniors Advisory Committee Report 13-001;
- (ii) Added Communication 11.2 from Mr. Jim Enos with an additional 163 signatures to the petition with 336 signatures he submitted at the December 10, 2012 meeting respecting "Opposite Biological Gender usage of washrooms, change rooms and shower facilities in the City of Hamilton".

Recommendation: That the letter be received and the additional signatures be added to the petition submitted on December 10, 2012 respecting "Opposite Biological Gender usage of washrooms, change rooms and shower facilities in the City of Hamilton".

The agenda was approved as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were none declared.

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

That the Minutes of the December 10, 2012 meeting were approved as presented.

(d) CONSENT (Item 5)

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

1. Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes of November 2, 2012 meeting

On a motion the Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes of November 2, 2012 were received.

Committee requested that the Chair and Staff Liaison of the Seniors Advisory Committee be advised that they are welcome to provide input to the Two Way Street Conversion Task Force.

2. Seniors Advisory Committee Report 13-001 – Increased Snow Clearing Efforts (Added Item 5.3)

On a motion Committee approved the Seniors Advisory Committee Report 13-001.

Committee requested that Public Works staff be advised to pay particular attention to the snow clearing around bus stops in order to avoid piling up snow which interferes with pedestrian circulation and creates a hazard.

(e) **PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)**

(i) Lena Bassford, Food4Kids Hamilton Halton Niagara, to provide general information about the Food4Kids Program. (Item 6.1)

Lena Bassford, Executive Director of Food4Kids, addressed Committee. She submitted brochures respecting the Food4Kids program which were **Council – January 23, 2013** distributed and a copy was included in the Clerk's record and will be uploaded onto the City's website.

Her comments included but were not limited to the following:

- How was Food4Kids started?
- Food4Kids provides backpacks of healthy food for children aged 5 14 years with limited or no access to food each and every weekend;
- It is volunteer driven with the help of donations;
- Hamilton School Priority List 2012 2013
- Food4Kids Hamilton Halton Niagara 2012 2015 Projected Budget

Lean Bassford responded to questions from Committee.

On a motion Committee received the delegation and referred the information to staff for consideration in the broader plan on how to best support student nutrition and report back to Committee.

(f) **PRESENTATIONS** (Item 7)

(i) 2013 Community Services Business Plan (CM12017) – (Item 7.1)

A copy of the companion report (CM12017) which was on the November 27 GIC agenda and which was approved by Council on November 28 was distributed for background information.

Joe-Anne Priel addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and copies of the hand-out were distributed. Copies of the Community Services *People Practices Program* were also distributed to the Councillors. The topics covered by Joe-Anne Priel included but were not limited to the following:

- Community Services Department;
- Relationship of Business Planning with Strategic Planning and Budgets;
- Community Services;
- Community Services SDR Summary;
- 2012 Accomplishments;
 - A Prosperous & Healthy Community Strategic Priority #1;
 - Valued & Sustainable Services Strategic Priority #2;
 - Leadership & Governance Strategic Priority #3;
- 2013 Business Plan Highlights;
 - A Prosperous & Healthy Community Strategic Priority #1;
 - Valued & Sustainable Services Strategic Priority #2;
 - Leadership & Governance Strategic Priority #3.

Staff responded to questions from the Committee.

Joe-Anne Priel noted that she has excellent staff. The Committee thanked her and her staff for their incredible work.

On a motion, Committee received the presentation and approved the Community Services Business Plan.

Committee approved the Community Services Business Plan as outlined in Item 3 of this Report.

(g) GENERAL INFORMATION (Item 11)

Outstanding Business List

(i) The following New Due Dates were approved:

Item "C" – Needs Assessment – Ice Rinks in the Stoney Creek Area Due dated: January 17, 2013 Proposed New Due Date: February 11, 2013

Item "F" – Follow-up report re: HHS ABC Program pre and post conditions after one year Due dated: February 11, 2013 Proposed New Due Date: March 25, 2013

Item "G" – Report back re: CPR training for members of the community and the frequency of CPR performance. Due dated: January 17, 2013 Proposed New Due Date: February 11, 2013

Item "H" – Neighbourhood Down Payment Assistance Program. Due dated: January 17, 2013 Proposed New Due Date: February 11, 2013

(ii) The following item was identified as completed and removed from the Outstanding Business List:

Item "E" – How Allocation for Domiciliary Hostel Funding was spent

(h) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 11)

On a motion, Committee approved the Private and Confidential Minutes of the December 10, 2012 meeting in Open Session and directed that they remain private and confidential and restricted from Public Disclosure.

(i) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor T. Whitehead, Chair Emergency & Community Services Committee

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