



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT 13-003

AS AMENDED BY COUNCIL ON MARCH 27, 2013

1:30 p.m.
Monday, March 25, 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 13-003 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Update on CPR Training and Bystander CPR in Hamilton (CS13013) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business Item) (Item 5.2)

That Report CS13013 respecting Update on CPR Training and Bystander CPR in Hamilton be received.

2. Dedicated Offload Nurses to Receive Ambulance Patients in Hospital Emergency Departments (CS13014) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

(a) That the General Manager or designate be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, to receive a grant which will fund the staffing of nurses that will be dedicated to receiving and managing the care of ambulance patients in the local hospital emergency departments to reduce the ambulance wait times, for the period of April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 or such longer or shorter period as agreed to by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care;

(b) That the General Manager or designate be authorized and directed to negotiate and enter into the necessary agreements between the City of Hamilton and Hamilton Health Sciences and St. Joseph's Hospital, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to reimburse those organizations for

the payment of staffing the nursing hours dedicated to receiving and managing the care of ambulance patients in the emergency departments;

- (c) That the Hamilton Paramedic Service Division be directed to utilize the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care grant to pay for all direct and supporting costs for staffing of nurses that will be dedicated to receiving and managing the care of ambulance patients in the local hospital emergency departments to reduce the ambulance wait times, for the period of April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 or such longer or shorter period agreed to by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in accordance with the terms set out in the agreement with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

3. Renewal of Funding from Citizenship and Immigration Canada for the Immigration Strategy (CS10043(c)) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton accept \$261,266 from Citizenship and Immigration Canada for the purpose of supporting the Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council and the continued implementation of the Immigration Strategy;
- (b) That the General Manager of Community Services be authorized to execute the renewed Contribution Agreement attached as Appendix A to Report CS10043(c), between the City of Hamilton and Citizenship and Immigration Canada, subject to any amendments approved by the General Manager of Community Services and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

4. Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) Review (CS13017) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

That Report CS13017 respecting Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) Review be received.

5. Update on the Emergency Food System - Strategic Directions (CS13015) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

That Report CS13015 respecting Update on the Emergency Food System - Strategic Directions be received.

6. Procurement Policy 11 Approval of the Extension of the Contract with Del Management Solutions Inc. (CS13020) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

That a one year extension of the Procurement Policy 11 for a single source contract with Del Management Solutions Inc. (DMS) for the administration of the centralized wait list for social housing applicants in the annual amount of \$304,538 plus HST, to be charged to Account 57010-625010, be approved.

7. Expenditures from Social Housing Reserve Fund (Account #112248) (CS13004) (Wards 2, 3 & 7) (Item 8.4)

- (a) That the General Manager, Community Services Department be authorized and directed to enter into a funding agreement with Halam Park Co-operative Homes Inc. for a total of \$500,000 to create eight accessible, single semi-detached units at 85 Halam Avenue, Hamilton from the Social Housing Reserve Fund (#112248);
- (b) That the General Manager, Community Services Department be authorized and directed to enter into a funding agreement with McGivney Community Homes Inc. for a total of \$300,000, for repairs and renovations to four units in Hamilton at 59 Arthur Avenue North; 200 Grosvenor Avenue North; 204 Wentworth Street North; and 460 Charlton Avenue from the Social Housing Reserve Fund (#112248).

8. Social Housing Reserve Fund (Account #112248)

WHEREAS \$500,000 in the 2013 Capital Funding is insufficient when considering the needs of all social housing providers; and

WHEREAS the need for renovations and rehabilitations exceeds the approved Capital Funding;

THEREFORE be it resolved:

- (a) That an additional \$400,000 be allocated from the Social Housing Capital Reserve Fund (Account #112248) for a total of \$900,000;
- (b) That staff be directed to issue a communiqué to all Social Housing providers to submit business cases for the funding.

The following Item was amended by deleting the words "at a General Issues Committee meeting" to read as follows:

9. Request to CityHousing Hamilton

That CityHousing Hamilton be requested to make a formal presentation and annual report to the Shareholders ~~at a General Issues Committee meeting~~ before the end of June 2013.

10. Ministry of Education Early Years and Child Care Policy and Funding Announcements (CS13016) (City Wide) (Item 8.5)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton accept the additional 2013 Child Care base funding in the amount of \$3,343,306 from the Ministry of Education;
- (b) That the General Manager of Community Services be authorized to execute the 2013 Child Care Service Agreement with the Ministry of Education, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

11. Seniors Advisory Committee – Fire Compliance at Long Term Care Facilities and Accessible Washroom Listing for Special Events (Report #SAC13003) (Item 8.6)

(a) Fire Compliance at Long Term Care Facilities

That the City of Hamilton advocate to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) regarding staffing requirements for all Long Term Care facilities and Retirement Homes to include adequate staffing for compliance with fire regulations.

(b) Accessible Washroom Listing for Special Events

That future City of Hamilton publications, such as Experience Hamilton, Discover Hamilton and special event brochures, highlight a listing of accessible washrooms, specifically noting those with the ability to accommodate people with personal mobility devices.

12. Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Sub-Committee Report 13-001 (Item 8.7)

(a) Projects - Update 2012 (CS13006) (Ward 13)

That Report CS13006, respecting the 2012 Wentworth Lodge Projects update, be received.

(b) Investment Strategy for the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund (CS13005) (Ward 13)

That an investment strategy for the Heritage Trust Fund in the amount of \$250,000 in Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GIC's) that is consistent with the Statement of Investment Policy for the Heritage Trust Investment Fund for Wentworth Lodge, be approved.

(c) 2013 Health and Home (Pet) Program

That \$6,000, to be funded from the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund, for the 2013 Heart and Home (Pet) Program at Wentworth Lodge, be approved.

13. The East Mountain Baseball Association (EMBA) – Field Rental Rates (Item 9.1)

WHEREAS the East Mountain Baseball Association (EMBA) has a long history of providing organized instruction baseball at the Mohawk Sports Park on diamonds numbered two and three;

WHEREAS diamonds two and three at the Mohawk Sports Park were originally constructed to be the permanent home for the EMBA;

WHEREAS the EMBA has contributed a total of approximately \$40,000.00 for capital upgrades to diamonds two and three at the Mohawk Sports Complex;

WHEREAS the reclassification of those diamonds from Class C fields to Class B fields has created an economic hardship for the EMBA;

WHEREAS the long term viability of the EMBA is dependant upon the ability of the association to afford field rental rates;

THEREFORE be it resolved:

- (a) That the East Mountain Baseball Association EMBA be charged the Council approved Class C field rental for diamonds two and three at the Mohawk Sports Park;
- (b) That the rental rate charged to the EMBA as outlined in subsection (a) may be changed in the future subject to Council's discretion;
- (c) That staff be directed to provide options for updating the City of Hamilton's existing fee waiver policy to further clarify fee waiver policies and related authorities;
- (d) That staff provide a report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee by the fall of 2013 with respect to subsection (c).

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CEREMONIAL ACTIVITY

Chair Terry Whitehead, Joe-Anne Priel, General Manager of Community Services, and Dave Donais, Operations Supervisor of the West District assisted Brent Browett, Paramedic Chief in presenting the following awards:

(i) The Governor's General Award:

The following three medics received the Governor's General Award and also bars/pins for their 30 years of service:

Scott F. Bird
Blake C. Mills
Mark W. Nelles
Mike North

Brent Browett, Paramedic Chief also presented Mike North with a Governor General Commendation for risking his life on December 26th, 2006 to rescue a woman from a badly damaged car that was on fire.

Chair Terry Whitehead was joined by Ward Councillor Jason Farr, Joe-Anne Priel, General Manager of Community Services, Brent Browett, Paramedic Chief, and Jack Brown, Director of Recreation in presenting the following awards:

(ii) Certificate of Recognition Awards for saving the life of swimmer Ronald Tebbutt at the Bennetto Community Centre on December 28, 2012 were presented to:

Instructor Guards - Lorraine Green and Adam Freeman
Recreation Co-ordinator - Carrie Stonehouse
City of Hamilton Firefighter - Mark Fingland (who was off duty)

The Hamilton Paramedics who attended the call:

Bob Orchard - ACP
Dave Goveia - PCP
Patrick O'Neil – PCP

Ronald Tebbutt was presented with a Certificate of Re-birth award and briefly addressed the Committee.

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised that copies of Item 5.4, the staff report respecting Renewal of Funding from Citizenship and Immigration Canada for the Immigration Strategy were distributed.

The agenda was approved as presented.

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

Councillor Farr declared an interest with respect to Item 5.4 respecting renewal Funding from Citizenship and Immigration Canada for the Immigration Strategy as his wife is an employee of Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

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

The Minutes of the February 11, 2013 meeting were approved as presented.

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) The following delegation request was approved:

Louise Rogers, from the former Voice of Women organization respecting the effects of Federal Military spending on municipalities. (Item 4.1)

(ii) The following delegation request was approved and the rules of order waived in order to hear the delegation at today's meeting:

Carmen Saliccioli & Denise Arkell, Emergency Food Strategic Planning Committee, respecting the stakeholders' commentary regarding the Emergency Food System – Strategic Directions update. (Item 4.2)

(f) CONSENT (Item 5)

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

The following Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes were received:

- (i) Seniors Advisory Committee meeting of January 4, 2013
- (ii) Seniors Advisory Committee meeting of February 1, 2013
- (iii) Hamilton Veterans Committee meeting of January 8, 2013
- (iv) Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee meeting of November 20, 2012
- (v) Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee meeting of December 18, 2012
- (vi) Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee meeting of January 22, 2013

(g) PUBLIC HEARINGS DELEGATIONS

- (i) Carmen Salciccioli & Denise Arkell, Emergency Food Strategic Planning Committee, respecting the stakeholders' commentary regarding the Emergency Food System – Strategic Directions update. (Item 4.2)**

Carmen Salciccioli & Denise Arkell 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 and is included in the Clerk's file for the official record.

Their comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Who we are (Members of the Emergency Food Strategic Planning Committee);
- Some challenges:
 - Food bank usage (March 2007 to March 2012);
 - Food bank usage vs OW & ODSP caseloads (March 2007 to March 2012);
- Some successes;
- What the successes mean to vulnerable citizens; and
- Conclusion

On a motion, Committee received the delegation.

(h) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

- (i) Expenditures from Social Housing Reserve Fund (Account #112248) (CS13004) (Wards 2, 3 & 7) (Item 8.4)**

During discussion of this Item, Committee introduced two new motions as outlined in Items 8 and 9 of this Report.

(i) MOTIONS (Item 9)

- (i) Coronation Minor Hockey Association Ice Allocation for 2013/2014 (Item 9.2)**

On a motion Committee TABLED this motion to a future meeting.

(j) NOTICES OF MOTIONS (Item 9)

Councillor McHattie presented the following Notice of Motion:

Re: Funding for the YWCA Transitional Housing Program

Whereas, the YWCA of Hamilton provides transitional housing and supports for women experiencing homelessness in Hamilton;

And whereas, the YWCA Transitional Housing Program is operating at a financial deficit for the provision of this service;

And whereas, the Housing Services Division is conducting a review and recommendations for future funding of homelessness programs in Hamilton for implementation starting 2014;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

- (a) That the General Manager of the Community Service Department be authorized and directed to provide one-time funding to the YWCA Transitional Housing Program in 2013 up to \$250,000 from the 2013 Community Services departmental surplus, the 2013 Corporate surplus and/or the Tax Stabilization Reserve;
- (b) That the funding outlined in subsection (a) be provisional on staff approval of a business case to support the funding.

On a motion, Committee waived the rules to introduce a motion respecting Funding for the YWCA Transitional Housing Program.

On a motion Committee revised subsections (a) and (b) by deleting them in their entirety and inserting the following subsection (a) therein:

- (a) That staff be directed to report back on the feasibility of providing one-time funding to the YWCA Transitional Housing Program in 2013 of up to \$250,000 from the 2013 Community Services departmental surplus, the 2013 Corporate surplus and/or the Tax Stabilization Reserve subject to staff approval of a business case to support the funding.

The motion to read as follows:

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(k) GENERAL INFORMATION (Item 11)

Outstanding Business List

- (i) The following New Due Date was approved:

Item "A" – Investigation of Lands Suitable for the Development of Recreation Facilities and Seniors Centres
Due Date: March 25, 2013
Proposed New Due Date: April 15, 2013

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

Item "D" – Report back re: CPR training for members of the community and the frequency of CPR performance.
(See Item 1 of this Report.)

(l) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor T. Whitehead, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

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Legislative Co-ordinator
Office of the City Clerk