



HEALTHY & SAFE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES 18-010

1:30 pm

Monday, December 17, 2018

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Councillors S. Merulla (Chair), N. Nann, T. Jackson, T. Whitehead, E. Pauls and B. Clark

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Healthy and Safe Communities Committee (Item 1.1)

(Jackson/Clark)

- (a) That Councillor S. Merulla be appointed Chair of the Healthy and Safe Communities Committee for 2019; and
- (b) That Councillor E. Pauls be appointed Vice-Chair of the Healthy and Safe Communities Committee for 2019.

CARRIED

2. Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Sub-Committee Report 18-002 - September 12, 2018 (Item 7.2)

(Clark/Nann)

That the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Sub-Committee Report 18-002 dated September 12, 2018, be received.

CARRIED

3. 2019 Budget Submission - Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee (HSC18051) (City Wide) (Item 9.1)

(Pauls/Jackson)

That the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee 2019 base budget submission attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC18051 in the amount of \$1,000 be approved and referred to the 2019 budget process for consideration.

CARRIED

4. 2019 Budget Submission Seniors Advisory Committee (HUR18019) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)

(Jackson/Pauls)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee 2019 base budget submission in the amount of \$2500.00 be approved and forwarded to the 2019 budget process.

CARRIED

5. 2019 Budget Submission City of Hamilton Veterans Committee (PED18236) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)

(Nann/Clark)

That the Hamilton Veterans Committee 2019 base budget submission, attached as Appendix 'A' to Report PED18236, in the amount of \$30,000, be approved and referred to the 2019 Budget process for consideration.

CARRIED

6. Rapid Re-Housing Program (Hotel) Housing Allowances (HSC18050) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)

(Clark/Jackson)

That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department or his designate be authorized and directed to deliver and administer the Rapid Re-Housing Program (Hotel) Housing Allowances, in the amount of \$358,000, funded by the Housing Initiatives Capital Reserve Fund (#112239) in accordance with the existing Council Approved Housing Allowance Program (Report CES16028).

CARRIED

7. Interview Sub-committee to the Healthy & Safe Communities Committee (Item 11.1)

(Whitehead/Clark)

That the following Councillors be appointed to the Interview Sub-Committee to the Healthy & Safe Communities Committee:

- (a) S. Merulla
- (b) N. Nann
- (c) E. Pauls

CARRIED

8. Tenant Defence Fund (Added Item 12.1)

(Nann/Whitehead)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's rental housing market has experienced tremendous changes over the last decade;

WHEREAS, the local demand for affordable housing has grown at a faster pace than supply;

WHEREAS, the majority of the City's rental housing stock is decades old and in need of renovation and repair;

WHEREAS, many of the owners of Hamilton's rental housing stock have initiated multi-million-dollar upgrades with their properties;

WHEREAS, Provincial legislation permits landlords/owners to apply for 'Above the Guidelines Increases' (AGI) to recover the cost of capital expenses, security improvements and other costs;

WHEREAS, recent AGI decisions at the Landlord and Tenant Board have passed along substantial rent increases to tenants;

WHEREAS, the AGI process is a time consuming and complex process for individual tenants and/or tenant associations;

WHEREAS, the City of Toronto has offered a Tenant Defence Fund since the year 2000 to assist tenants with AGI's; and,

WHEREAS, the same need for support and assistance exists in the City of Hamilton;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That \$50,000 be allocated to establish a Tenant Defence Fund in the City of Hamilton to assist with Above the Guidelines Increase applications at the Landlord and Tenant Board;
- (b) That Housing Services staff report back to the Healthy & Safe Communities Committee with a Terms of Reference that addresses the intake and granting process; and,
- (c) That the Tenant Defence Fund be funded from the existing Housing Services year end positive variance (estimated to be \$2.8M in 2018).

CARRIED

9. Ontario Works Program Review (CES15011(d)) (City Wide) (Item 14.2)

(Pauls/Jackson)

That the staff direction and contents of Report CES15011(d), respecting the Ontario Works Program Review, remain confidential.

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

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

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.2 Kevin Gonci, Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group (HCPG), respecting a Community Hub Proposal/Multi-Sport Indoor Facility Development.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 12.1 Tenant Defence Fund

13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

- 13.1 Review of the Outstanding Business List for the Healthy and Safe Communities Committees

(Pauls/Nann)

That the Agenda for the December 17, 2018 meeting of the Healthy & Safe Communities Committee be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

Councillor Merulla declared an interest in Added Item 12.1, respecting a Tenant Defence Fund, as he is an owner of a rental property.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 4)

(i) September 10, 2018 (Item 4.1)

(Whitehead/Clark)

That the Minutes of the September 10, 2018 Healthy & Safe Communities Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

- (i) Correspondence from the Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing respecting the Cancellation of the Ontario Development Charge Rebate Program (Item 5.1)**

(Whitehead/Jackson)

That the Correspondence from the Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing respecting the Cancellation of the Ontario Development Charge Rebate Program, be received.

CARRIED

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

- (i) Lisa Rogers, CANUSA Games (Hamilton Branch) respecting an update on the 2018 CANUSA Games, and changes in the 2019 CANUSA Games (for a future meeting) (Item 6.1).**

(Jackson/Clark)

That the delegation request from Lisa Rogers, CANUSA Games (Hamilton Branch) respecting an update on the 2018 CANUSA Games, and changes in the 2019 CANUSA Games, be approved, for a future meeting.

CARRIED

- (ii) Kevin Gonci, Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group (HCPG), respecting a Community Hub Proposal/Multi-Sport Indoor Facility Development (for a future meeting) (Added Item 6.2).**

(Jackson/Clark)

That the delegation from Kevin Gonci, Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group (HCPG), respecting a Community Hub Proposal/Multi-Sport Indoor Facility Development, be approved, for a future meeting.

CARRIED

(f) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)

- (i) Minutes of the Hamilton Veterans Committee**

(Whitehead/Clark)

That the following Minutes of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be received:

1. July 24, 2018 (Item 7.1.a)
2. September 25, 2018 (Item 7.1.b)
3. October 23, 2018 (Item 7.1.c)

CARRIED

(g) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)

(i) 2019 Budget Submission - Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee (HSC18051) (City Wide) (Item 9.1)

Julia Verbitsky, Chair of the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee, addressed the Committee respecting the 2019 Budget Submission - Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee (HSC18051), with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the official record.

(Nann/Clark)

That the presentation respecting the 2019 Budget Submission - Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee (HSC18051), be received.

CARRIED

For further disposition on this matter, refer to Item 3.

The presentation is available on www.hamilton.ca

(h) MOTION (Item 11)

(i) Senior's Increased Use of Food Banks (Added Item 11.1)

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That staff be directed to report back to the Healthy and Safe Communities Committee respecting Senior's Increased Use of Food Banks, to the January 17, 2019 meeting.

CARRIED

(i) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

Councillor Merulla relinquished to Chair to Councillor Pauls.

(i) Tenant Defence Fund (Added Item 12.1)

Councillor Nann introduced a Notice of Motion respecting a Tenant Defence Fund.

(Whitehead/Clark)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting a Tenant Defence Fund.

CARRIED

For further disposition on this matter, refer to Item 8.

(ii) Landlord and Tenant Board Decisions (Added Item 12.2)

Councillor Whitehead introduced the following Notice of Motion:

That staff be directed to investigate the staffing and timeliness of Decisions by the Landlord and Tenant Board, with a report back to the Healthy and Safe Communities Committee.

Councillor Merulla assumed the Chair.

(iii) Renaming of the Healthy and Safe Communities Committee (Added Item 12.3)

Councillor Whitehead introduced the following Notice of Motion:

That the Healthy and Safe Communities Committee be renamed the Emergency and Community Services Committee, to better reflect the work of the committee, and differentiate it from the Board of Health.

(iv) Senior's Increased Use of Food Banks (Added Item 12.4)

Councillor Jackson introduced a Notice of Motion respecting a Senior's Increased Use of Food Banks.

(Whitehead/Clark)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting a Senior's Increased Use of Food Banks.

CARRIED

For further disposition on this matter, refer to Item (h) (i).

(j) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Changes to the Outstanding Business List (Item 13.1)

(Jackson/Clark)

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

(a) Items to be removed:

Item A - Bystander Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CR) – Region of Peel Resolution (HES12002) (12-001 (Jan 18/12), Item 3(c), CES14036 submitted to E&CS Sept. 22, 2014)
Rationale: Implementation and training of AEDs now in community

Item O - Rolston Neighbourhood Action Plan (CES16009) (16-003 March 7/16 Item 7.1)

Rationale: No presentation of the formal Action Plan will come to Committee. The residents continue to work together in an more informal basis

Item R - "End of Life Cycle" vehicle assets – Opportunities (CES16008) (16-004, April 25/16, Item (e))

Rationale: Covered in Policy 16 reports presented quarterly to Council through the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee

Item W - Brian Sibley, Hamilton East Kiwanis Non-Profit Homes Inc. respecting a Proposal to Leverage Section 95 properties to Create New Affordable Housing (Delegation) (16-006, July 6, 2016, Item f(i))

Rationale: Should a proposal be developed proponent the delegate will be invited to present to committee

Item QQ - Mayor's Advisory Committee on Syrian Newcomers (CES16023(c)) (17-008, August 16, 2017, Item 4)

Rationale: Situation no longer urgent

Item FFF - Funding Request for Information Hamilton (GIC 18-019 Item 3)

Rationale: Information Hamilton has ceased operations effective the Board decision of December 4, 2018.

(b) Items Requiring a New Due Date:

XX - ACPD respecting Housing Issues
Current Due Date: December 17, 2018
Revised Due Date: January 17, 2019

CCC - Funding Requests from Agencies
Current Due Date: December 17, 2018
Revised Due Date: February 7, 2019

EEE - Gage Hancharek Respecting PLURD (Peace, Love, Unity, Respect, Dignity)
Current Due Date: December 17, 2018
Revised Due Date: May 2, 2019

(c) Item to be removed and referred to the Public Works Committee:

WW – Requiring the City of Hamilton to be More Accessible to the Hearing Impaired
Current Due Date: December 17, 2018

CARRIED

(k) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)

(i) Closed Session Minutes – September 10, 2018 (Item 14.1)

(Whitehead/Jackson)

- (a) That the Closed Session Minutes of the September 10, 2018 meeting of the y and Safe Communities Committee, be approved as presented; and,
- (b) That the Closed Session Minutes of the September 10, 2018 meeting of the Healthy and Safe Communities Committee meeting, remain confidential.

CARRIED

(Nann/Clark)

That pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (b) and (d) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270; and, Section 239(2), Sub-sections (b) and (d) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, the Committee move into Closed Session, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City Employees; and labor relations or employee negotiations.

(ii) Ontario Works Program Review (CES15011(d)) (City Wide) (Item 14.2)

Staff was provided with direction in Closed Session.

For disposition of this item, refer to Item 9.

(l) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That, there being no further business, the Healthy & Safe Communities Committee be adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla
Chair, Healthy & Safe
Communities Committee

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Office of the City Clerk