



## **HEALTHY & SAFE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES 19-001**

1:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Also Present:** Councillor C. Collins

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### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:**

- 1. Ambulance Act Implications of Bill 160 (The Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act) (HSC19003) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 7.1)**

**(Pauls/Jackson)**

That Report HSC19003, respecting Ambulance Act Implications of Bill 160 (The Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act), be received.

**CARRIED**

- 2. Response to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) Inquiries on Housing Issues (HSC19001) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 10.1)**

**(Whitehead/Pauls)**

- (a) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department or designate be delegated the authority to expand the eligibility of the Emergency Home Repair Program to include accessibility modifications for low income homeowners as required in accordance with current community needs, current repair costs, and the funds available for the program; as outlined in the Program Guidelines attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC19001;
- (b) That the City enter into Grant Agreements with the recipients of Emergency Home Repair Program in order to provide grant funds

pursuant to the Program to a maximum amount of \$10,000.00 and that the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities be authorized and directed to execute said Agreements in content that is consistent with the Program and satisfactory to the General Manager and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,

- (c) That the item respecting Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) Housing Issues, be identified as complete and removed from the Healthy and Safe Communities Committee's Outstanding Business List.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Chair Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

**3. Hamilton Housing Benefits (HSC19002) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)**

**(Whitehead/Jackson)**

- (a) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized and directed to deliver and administer five-year housing benefits beginning in January 2019, at a maximum aggregate cost of \$2,000,000 to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve;
- (b) That, prior to closing the 2018 financial year end, \$2,000,000 from the Rent Geared to Income Subsidy program surplus be transferred to the Tax Stabilization Reserve; and,
- (c) That Staff report back to Healthy & Safe Communities at its June 6, 2019 meeting with a sustainable plan to increase the number of permanent housing benefits following a review of current rent-geared-to-income funding programs.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Chair Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

**4. Landlord and Tenant Board Decisions (Item 11.1)**

**(Whitehead/Clark)**

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

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark  
CON - Councillor Esther Pauls  
CON - Chair Sam Merulla

**5. Renaming of the Healthy and Safe Communities Committee (Item 11.2)**

**(Whitehead/Merulla)**

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.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Chair Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

**6. All Seasons Soccer Facility (Added Item 11.3)**

**(Whitehead/Jackson)**

WHEREAS, there is a high rate of obesity amongst our youth;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton continues to encourage healthy living year round;

WHEREAS, there is opportunity for an all seasons facility to meet the needs of a growing soccer population;

WHEREAS, there is no central soccer facility;

WHEREAS, the closing of Players Paradise Sports Complex in Stoney Creek which was a well utilized facility by the soccer programs has created a greater demand for space and field time; and,

WHEREAS, Mount Hamilton Youth Soccer Club's goal is to create a sustainable future for soccer programming in the City for our youth;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) *That staff be directed to consult with all soccer leagues within the City of Hamilton to establish the impact of the closure of Players Paradise Sports Complex on their respective operations and assess the need for a new soccer dome/multi-use facility dome;*
- (b) *That staff be directed to review the business plan of the Mount Hamilton Youth Soccer Club with respect to a soccer dome/multi-use facility dome as well as seek feedback from all soccer leagues within the City of Hamilton on the proposal; and,*
- (c) *That staff be directed to conduct a feasibility study into the development of an all seasons soccer dome/multi-use facility dome, taking into consideration both the business plan proposed by the Mount Hamilton Youth Soccer Club along with input from other soccer leagues within the City of Hamilton, and report back to the Healthy and Safe Communities Committee.*

**Result: Main Motion, as Amended, CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Chair Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)**

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

**1. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14.1)**

14.1 Closed Session Minutes – December 17, 2018

**2. NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12.1)**

12.1 All Seasons Soccer Facility

**(Nann/Jackson)**

That the agenda for the January 17, 2019 Healthy and Safe Communities Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 5 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Chair Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark  
NOT PRESENT- Councillor Terry Whitehead

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

Chair Merulla and Councillor Pauls declared an interest to Item 11.1, respecting Landlord and Tenant Board Decisions, as they are both landlords.

**(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)**

**(i) December 17, 2018 (Item 4.1)**

**(Whitehead/Clark)**

That the Minutes of the December 17, 2018 meeting of the Healthy and Safe Communities Committee be approved, as presented.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Chair Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

**(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)**

**(i) Minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee (Item 7.2)**

**(Nann/Whitehead)**

That the following minutes from the Seniors Advisory Committee, be received as presented:

- (1) September 7, 2018 (Item 7.2.a)
- (2) October 5, 2018 (Item 7.2.b)

**CARRIED**

(e) **MOTIONS (Item 11)**

(i) **All Seasons Soccer Facility (Added Item 11.3)**

**(Whitehead/Jackson)**

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WHEREAS, there is no central soccer facility;

WHEREAS, the closing of Players Paradise Sports Complex in Stoney Creek which was a well utilized facility by the soccer programs has created a greater demand for space and field time; and,

WHEREAS, Mount Hamilton Youth Soccer Club's goal is to create a sustainable future for soccer programming in the City for our youth;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to work with Mount Hamilton Youth Soccer Club to look at the feasibility to create a year round soccer dome/multi-use facility dome and report back to the Healthy and Safe Communities Committee.

**(Clark/Whitehead)**

That the recommendation, respecting an All Seasons Soccer Facility, be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

~~That staff be directed to work with Mount Hamilton Youth Soccer Club to look at the feasibility to create a year round soccer dome/multi-use facility dome and report back to the Healthy and Safe Communities Committee.~~

- (a) ***That staff be directed to consult with all soccer leagues within the City of Hamilton to establish the impact of the closure of Players Paradise Sports Complex on their respective operations and assess the need for a new soccer dome/multi-use facility dome;***
- (b) ***That staff be directed to review the business plan of the Mount Hamilton Youth Soccer Club respecting a soccer dome/multi-use facility dome as well as seek feedback from all soccer leagues within the City of Hamilton on the proposal; and,***
- (c) ***That staff be directed to conduct a feasibility study into the development of an all seasons soccer dome/multi-use facility***

***dome, taking into consideration both the business plan proposed by the Mount Hamilton Youth Soccer Club along with input from other soccer leagues within the City of Hamilton, and report back to the Healthy and Safe Communities Committee.***

**Result: Amendment CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Chair Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

**(f) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)**

**(i) All Seasons Soccer Facility (Added Item 12.1)**

Councillor Whitehead introduced a Notice of Motion respecting an All Seasons Soccer Facility.

**(Whitehead/Jackson)**

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting an All Seasons Soccer Facility.

**CARRIED**

Councillors Clark and Nann wished to be recorded as OPPOSED to waiving the Rules of Order.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 6 and Item (e) (i).

**(g) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)**

**(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 13.1)**

**(Jackson/Pauls)**

That the following amendments to the Healthy and Safe Communities Committee's Outstanding Business List, be approved:

**(a) Items to be removed:**

- (i) Potential Implications of the Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act**  
Item 7.1 on today's agenda - Report HSC19003  
Item on OBL: YY

- (ii) ACPD respecting Housing Issues  
Item 10.1 on today's agenda - Report HSC19001  
Item on OBL: XX

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Chair Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

**(h) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)**

**(i) Closed Session Minutes – December 17, 2018 (Added Item 14.1)**

**(Whitehead/Pauls)**

- (a) That the Closed Session Minutes of the December 17, 2018 Healthy and Safe Communities Committee meeting, be approved as presented; and,
- (b) That the Closed Session Minutes of the December 17, 2018 Healthy and Safe Communities Committee meeting, remain confidential.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:**

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Chair Sam Merulla  
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead  
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

**(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

**(Pauls/Jackson)**

That there being no further business, the Healthy and Safe Communities be adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla  
Chair, Healthy and Safe Communities Committee



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