



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 19-001

1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor B. Clark – City Business

Also Present: Councillors C. Collins and M. Wilson

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Fire Department Establishing & Regulating By-Law and Appointments of Fire Chief, Deputy Chiefs, and Provincial Fire Co-ordinator (HSC19005) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Whitehead/Jackson)

- (a) That Appendix “A” attached to Report HSC19005 respecting Hamilton Fire Department Establishing and Regulating By-Law be approved;
- (b) That By-law No. 68-34 of The Corporation of the City of Hamilton, By-law No. 1915-85 of The Corporation of the City of Stoney Creek, By-law No. 2023, as amended, of The Corporation of the Town of Ancaster, By-law No. 4341-97 of The Corporation of the Town of Dundas, By-law No. 77-89-F of The Township of Flamborough and By-law No. 341-87, as amended, of The Township of Glanbrook be repealed; and,
- (c) That Appendix “B” attached to Report HSC19005 respecting Appointments of Fire Chief, Deputy Chiefs, and Provincial Fire Co-ordinator By-law be approved.

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 Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

**2. Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy (HSC19008) (City Wide)
(Item 7.2)**

(Whitehead/Jackson)

That Report HSC19008, respecting Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy, be received.

CARRIED

**3. National Housing Strategy – Co-Investment Fund (HSC19006) (City Wide)
(Item 10.1)**

(Whitehead/Jackson)

That Report HSC19006, respecting the National Housing Strategy – Co-Investment Fund, be received.

CARRIED

**4. Renewal of the Licence Agreement with the Copetown Lions Club for
Copetown Hall (HSC19009) (Ward 12) (Item 10.2)**

(Nann/Pauls)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton enter into a five (5) year Licence Agreement with the Copetown Lions Club (CLC) effective March 1, 2019 which permits the CLC to continue to maintain and operate the Copetown Community Hall and surrounding sports fields as a banquet and event facility at the nominal rate of \$1 per year;
- (b) That the Licence Agreement include a clause permitting up to two (2) extensions, each up to five (5) additional years at the discretion of the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department; and,
- (c) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, this Licence Agreement, as well as any ancillary and extension agreements, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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

YES - Councillor Nninder Nann
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair Sam Merulla

YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

5. Seniors' Use of Food Banks (HSC19012) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)

(Jackson/Nann)

That Report HSC19012, respecting Seniors' Use of Food Banks, be received.

CARRIED

6. Social Infrastructure Funding for 30 Sanford Avenue Computer Lab and Classes (Item 11.1)

(Nann/Pauls)

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing need for Ward 3 senior residents living in CityHousing at 30 Sanford Avenue to provide access to technology and equipment to upgrade their skills;

WHEREAS, the tenants have partnered with Hamilton Association for Residential and Recreational Redevelopment Programs (HARRRP) to extend training opportunities to senior residents throughout Ward 3; and,

WHEREAS, the upgrade and repair of a 9-laptop computer lab, printer and software has been costed out to \$5,000;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That \$5,000 for the upgrade and repair of a 9-laptop computer lab, printer and software for the Ward 3 senior residents living in CityHousing at 30 Sanford Avenue, to be funded from the Ward 3 Area Rating Discretionary Account-Social Infrastructure 3301809300, be approved; and,
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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 Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

7. Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services (Item 11.2)

(Nann/Pauls)

WHEREAS, the Federal Government uses a Gender and Equity Based Analysis (GBA+) to inform the flow of federal housing dollars and has mandated that 25% of National Housing Strategy Investments, or \$10B of a total of \$40B will specifically fund housing initiatives which meet the unique needs of Women and their families;

WHEREAS, the experience of homelessness and precarious housing in Hamilton is different for women and the need to increase stock and space for a continuum of Women's housing options are both well documented;

WHEREAS, the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities stated at General Issues Committee on Jan 18, 2019, that "the pressure on the shelter providers for women is more acute than men's and we need to reflect on how we better respond to this than hotels";

WHEREAS, the City does not have a consistent gender and equity lens on housing and shelter services. But there is measurable benefit in applying one given the difference in experience and added vulnerability of homelessness for women, transwomen and non-binary people;

WHEREAS, women are a fast-growing homeless population;

WHEREAS, the City has a current waitlist for housing of 6,139, and we may presume that near half are women;

WHEREAS, the absence of a gendered lens may impact our ability as a city to secure federal funding in the future; and,

WHEREAS, the YWCA Ottawa Street Proposal to the City of Hamilton for Investment in Affordable Housing Program was approved by Hamilton City Council, supported by the Ward 4 East Hamilton Community and recommended to the Ministry of Housing for funding;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to develop and integrate a consistent gender & equity framework, inclusive of evaluative tools, to the City's Housing & Homelessness Strategy and service delivery;
- (b) That staff identify projects, both existing and new, which fit the GBA+ requirements of the National Housing Strategy Investment program, to ensure that the City of Hamilton is serving gendered and equity seeking populations adequately, and to increase Hamilton's opportunities to receive investment from the Federal Fund; **and,**

- (c) *That staff report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee on what the City of Hamilton has done to contribute to, inform, design, and coordinate housing solutions for women in Hamilton.*

Result: Main Motion, As Amended, 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 Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

8. Hill Park Pickleball Courts Renovation (Item 11.3)

(Pauls/Jackson)

WHEREAS, Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports among adults and seniors in North America;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton converted two tennis courts at the Hill Park Recreation Centre into Pickleball courts for a one year trial in 2015;

WHEREAS, the Pickleball courts at the Hill Park Recreation Centre are well used and are home to Pickleball Hamilton; and,

WHEREAS, the Pickleball courts are in need of renovations for them to remain safe for play in 2019;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That funding for the renovations of the Hill Park Recreation Centre Pickleball courts in the amount of \$40,000 be funded from the Ward 7 Area Rating Reserve account (#108057); and,
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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 Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

9. Hamilton Housing Summit (Added Item 11.4)

(Merulla/Jackson)

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

WHEREAS, rising housing costs have created serious challenges for individuals and families, whether they rent or own their own homes;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is committed to being the best place to raise a child and age successfully;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is committed to finding innovative and creative ways to address affordable housing; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton wants to engage community partners and subject matter experts to participate in the conversation to proactively address these matters;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department be directed to plan and execute a Hamilton Housing Summit through which members of Council and the public can hear directly from Community partners and subject matter experts on the challenges being faced in the housing sector, and any efforts that governments of all levels can make to support the housing industry, to be held no later than June 28, 2019;
- (b) That staff in the Housing Services Division and Clerks Office work with the Mayor and the Chair of the Emergency and Community Services Committee to finalize the format and agenda for the Summit;
- (c) That the Mayor write to Hamilton's MPs, and MPPs, to invite them to attend the Summit;
- (d) That the Summit be open to members of the public who wish to make delegations;
- (e) That the costs associated with the Hamilton Housing Summit be funded from the Housing Services Division, up to a maximum of \$5,000; and,
- (f) That staff be directed to report to the Emergency and Community Services Committee with a summary of the Hamilton Housing Summit, along with recommendations for a longer term Engagement Strategy with the Federal and Provincial governments, by September 30, 2019.

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 Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

10. Church of the Nativity Community Garden (Ward 4) (Added Item 11.5)

(Merulla/Whitehead)

- (a) That \$5,000 be funded from the Ward 4 Discretionary account (#3301809400), to cover the costs associated with building a community garden at 1831 King Street East be approved; and,
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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 Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

11. Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women (Added Item 11.6)

(Merulla/Jackson)

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

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

WHEREAS, Hamilton's limited housing supply and long Social Housing Waitlist are contributing factors to the increased need for shelter services;

WHEREAS, women's shelters in the City of Hamilton regularly exceed capacity, forcing them to turn away women on a frequent basis;

WHEREAS, it is well documented that abuse and domestic violence are the primary causes of homelessness for women;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that one third of homeless women have been physically and/or sexually assaulted while living on the street;

WHEREAS, members of the LGBTQ2 community are estimated to be over-represented among the homeless, with transgendered women being particularly over-represented as a result of exclusion; and,

WHEREAS, Intersections of identities such as race, sexual orientation, and gender expression create unique experiences of housing instability and homelessness. As a result, transgender youth and adults, who identify as or express a gender that is different from their birth sex, can experience difficulties in obtaining adequate and safe shelter;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton investigate increasing the capacity of local women's housing and support services to fulfill the short, medium and long term need for increased services for women;
- (b) That City staff report back on the feasibility of implementing non discrimination policies and practices in emergency shelters that protects people on the basis of gender identity or expression;
- (c) That a Sub-Committee of Council (Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women Sub-Committee) be formed to address the supply and provision of women's housing and support services; and,
- (d) That the Sub-Committee report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee prior to the 2020 Capital and Operating Budget processes with recommendations that seek to address service level shortfalls.

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

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

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

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

1. DELEGATION REQUESTS (Items 6.2 to 6.5)

- 6.2 Medora Uppal and Amy Deschamps, YWCA Hamilton, respecting Item 11.2 - Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services (for today's meeting)
- 6.3 Tessa Mcfadzean, Good Shepherd Centres, respecting Item 11.2 - Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services (for today's meeting)
- 6.4 Sara Mayo, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton, respecting Item 11.2 - Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services (for today's meeting)
- 6.5 Katherine Kalinowski, Women's Housing Planning Collaborative, respecting Item 11.2 - Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services (for today's meeting). Katherine Kalinowski was not able to be in attendance, but has provided a video entitled "Invisible"

2. CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7.2)

- 7.2 Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy (HSC19008) (City Wide)

3. NOTICES OF MOTION (Items 12.1 to 12.3)

- 12.1 Hamilton Housing Summit
- 12.2 Church of the Nativity Community Garden (Ward 4)
- 12.3 Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women

(Whitehead/Jackson)

That the agenda for the February 21, 2019 Emergency and Community Services 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 Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) January 17, 2019 (Item 4.1)

(Jackson/Pauls)

That the Minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting of the Healthy and Safe Communities Committee be approved, as presented.

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 Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

(i) Raven Bridges, respecting Housing Issues Crisis (for a future meeting) (Item 6.1)

(Whitehead/Pauls)

That the delegation request, submitted by Raven Bridges, respecting a Housing Issues Crisis, be approved for a future meeting.

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 Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

(ii) Medora Uppal and Amy Deschamps, YWCA Hamilton, respecting Item 11.2 - Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.2)

(Nann/Jackson)

That the delegation request, submitted by Medora Uppal and Amy Deschamps, YWCA Hamilton, respecting Item 11.2 - Establishing a

Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services, be approved for today's meeting.

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 Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

- (iii) **Tessa Mcfadzean, Good Shepherd Centres, respecting Item 11.2 - Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.3)**

(Whitehead/Pauls)

That the delegation request, submitted by Tessa Mcfadzean, Good Shepherd Centres, respecting Item 11.2 - Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services, be approved for today's meeting.

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 Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

- (iv) **Sara Mayo, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton, respecting Item 11.2 - Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.4)**

(Nann/Jackson)

That the delegation request, submitted by Sara Mayo, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton, respecting Item 11.2 - Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services, be approved for today's meeting.

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 Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

- (v) **Katherine Kalinowski, Women's Housing Planning Collaborative, respecting Item 11.2 - Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.5)**

(Pauls/Jackson)

That the delegation request, submitted by Katherine Kalinowski, Women's Housing Planning Collaborative, respecting Item 11.2 - Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services, be approved for today's meeting.

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 Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 8)

- (i) **Kevin Gonci, Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group (HCPG), respecting a Community Hub Proposal/Multi-Sport Indoor Facility Development (Approved by the Healthy & Safe Communities Committee on December 17, 2018) (Item 8.1)**

Kevin Gonci, Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group (HCPG), addressed the Committee respecting a Community Hub Proposal/Multi-Sport Indoor Facility Development, with the aid of a presentation and handouts. The presentation and handouts have been included in the official record.

(Jackson/Pauls)

That the presentation and handouts from Kevin Gonci, Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group (HCPG), respecting a Community Hub Proposal/Multi-Sport Indoor Facility Development, be received.

CARRIED

A copy of the presentation and handouts are available on the City's website or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(Jackson/Pauls)

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group have completed a feasibility study and business for the design and construction of a new 275, 000 square foot Multi-Sport Indoor Facility in Hamilton;

WHEREAS, the new facility will be comprised of an indoor 200 metre track, 6-8 multi –court areas, high performance training space, community meeting rooms and office and retail spaces;

WHEREAS, the new facility is intended to support many sports organizations and community groups with a state of the art sports facility;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group are in the process to formalize community partnerships in an effort to move this project forward; and,

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group has requested that the City of Hamilton become a partner for the development of this project;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to meet the Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group and report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee with any and all options being explored including the feasibility of the City of Hamilton partnering with this group.

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 Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

- (ii) **Medora Uppal and Amy Deschamps, YWCA Hamilton, respecting Item 11.2 - Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services (Approved by the Emergency and Community Services Committee on February 21, 2019) (Added Item 8.2)**

Medora Uppal and Amy Deschamps, YWCA Hamilton, addressed the Committee respecting Item 11.2 - Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services.

(Whitehead/Pauls)

That the Delegation from Medora Uppal and Amy Deschamps, YWCA Hamilton, respecting Item 11.2 - Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services, be received.

CARRIED

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7 and (f)(i).

- (iii) **Tessa Mcfadzean, Good Shepherd Centres, respecting Item 11.2 - Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services (Approved by the Emergency and Community Services Committee on February 21, 2019) (Added Item 8.3)**

Tessa Mcfadzean, Good Shepherd Centres, addressed the Committee respecting Item 11.2 - Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services.

(Pauls/Whitehead)

That the Delegation from Tessa Mcfadzean, Good Shepherd Centres, respecting Item 11.2 - Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services, be received.

CARRIED

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7 and (f)(i).

- (iv) **Sara Mayo, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton, respecting Item 11.2 - Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services (Approved by the Emergency and Community Services Committee on February 21, 2019) (Added Item 8.3)**

Sara Mayo, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton, addressed the Committee respecting Item 11.2 - Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services, with the aid of a presentation and handouts. The presentation and handouts have been included in the official record.

(Whitehead/Nann)

That the presentation and handouts from Sara Mayo, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton, respecting Item 11.2 - Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services, be received.

CARRIED

A copy of the presentation and handouts are available on the City's website or through the Office of the City Clerk.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7 and (f)(i).

- (v) **Katherine Kalinowski, Women's Housing Planning Collaborative, respecting Item 11.2 - Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services (Approved by the Emergency and Community Services Committee on February 21, 2019) (Added Item 8.3)**

Katherine Kalinowski, Women's Housing Planning Collaborative, was not able to be in attendance and submitted a video entitled "Invisible". The video can be accessed via the following link:
<https://vimeo.com/247279536/f377a68e50>

(Nann/Pauls)

That the video submission from Katherine Kalinowski, Women's Housing Planning Collaborative, respecting Item 11.2 - Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services, be received.

CARRIED

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7 and (f)(i).

(f) MOTIONS (Item 11)

(i) Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services (Item 11.2)

(Nann/Pauls)

WHEREAS, the Federal Government uses a Gender and Equity Based Analysis (GBA+) to inform the flow of federal housing dollars and has mandated that 25% of National Housing Strategy Investments, or \$10B of a total of \$40B will specifically fund housing initiatives which meet the unique needs of Women and their families;

WHEREAS, the experience of homelessness and precarious housing in Hamilton is different for women and the need to increase stock and space for a continuum of Women's housing options are both well documented;

WHEREAS, the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities stated at General Issues Committee on Jan 18, 2019, that "the pressure on the shelter providers for women is more acute than men's and we need to reflect on how we better respond to this than hotels";

WHEREAS, the City does not have a consistent gender and equity lens on housing and shelter services. But there is measurable benefit in applying one given the difference in experience and added vulnerability of homelessness for women, transwomen and non-binary people;

WHEREAS, women are a fast-growing homeless population;

WHEREAS, the City has a current waitlist for housing of 6,139, and we may presume that near half are women;

WHEREAS, the absence of a gendered lens may impact our ability as a city to secure federal funding in the future; and,

WHEREAS, a winning model in Hamilton, led by YWCA Hamilton was recently awarded \$10M in funding for affordable housing for women-led households and women with developmental disabilities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to develop and integrate a consistent gender & equity framework, inclusive of evaluative tools, to the City's Housing & Homelessness Strategy and service delivery; and,
- (b) That staff identify projects, both existing and new, which fit the GBA+ requirements of the National Housing Strategy Investment program, to ensure that the City of Hamilton is serving gendered and equity seeking populations adequately, and to increase Hamilton's opportunities to receive investment from the Federal Fund.

(Merulla/Whitehead)

That the Motion, respecting Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens on Housing Services, be amended by adding sub-section (c) to the recommendations and deleting the last WHEREAS statement in its entirety and replacing it to read as follows:

WHEREAS, the Federal Government uses a Gender and Equity Based Analysis (GBA+) to inform the flow of federal housing dollars and has mandated that 25% of National Housing Strategy Investments, or \$10B of a total of \$40B will specifically fund housing initiatives which meet the unique needs of Women and their families;

WHEREAS, the experience of homelessness and precarious housing in Hamilton is different for women and the need to increase stock and space for a continuum of Women's housing options are both well documented;

WHEREAS, the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities stated at General Issues Committee on Jan 18, 2019, that "the pressure on the shelter providers for women is more acute than men's and we need to reflect on how we better respond to this than hotels";

WHEREAS, the City does not have a consistent gender and equity lens on housing and shelter services. But there is measurable benefit in applying one given the difference in experience and added vulnerability of homelessness for women, transwomen and non-binary people;

WHEREAS, women are a fast-growing homeless population;

WHEREAS, the City has a current waitlist for housing of 6,139, and we may presume that near half are women;

WHEREAS, the absence of a gendered lens may impact our ability as a city to secure federal funding in the future; and,

~~WHEREAS, a winning model in Hamilton, led by YWCA Hamilton was recently awarded \$10M in funding for affordable housing for women-led households and women with developmental disabilities~~

WHEREAS, the YWCA Ottawa Street Proposal to the City of Hamilton for Investment in Affordable Housing Program was approved by Hamilton City Council, supported by the Ward 4 East Hamilton Community and recommended to the Ministry of Housing for funding;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to develop and integrate a consistent gender & equity framework, inclusive of evaluative tools, to the City's Housing & Homelessness Strategy and service delivery; ~~and,~~
- (b) That staff identify projects, both existing and new, which fit the GBA+ requirements of the National Housing Strategy Investment program, to ensure that the City of Hamilton is serving gendered and equity seeking populations adequately, and to increase Hamilton's opportunities to receive investment from the Federal Fund; ***and,***
- (c) ***That staff report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee on what the City of Hamilton has done to contribute to, inform, design, and coordinate housing solutions for women in Hamilton.***

Result: Amendment 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 Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7.

(g) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

Councillor Merulla relinquished the Chair to introduce three Notices of Motion.

(i) Hamilton Housing Summit (Added Item 12.1)

Councillor Merulla introduced a Notice of Motion respecting a Hamilton Housing Summit.

(Merulla/Jackson)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting a Hamilton Housing Summit.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a 2/3's majority 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 Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 9.

(ii) Church of the Nativity Community Garden (Ward 4) (Added Item 12.2)

Councillor Merulla introduced a Notice of Motion respecting a Church of the Nativity Community Garden (Ward 4).

(Merulla/Whitehead)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting a Church of the Nativity Community Garden (Ward 4).

Result: Motion CARRIED by a 2/3's majority 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 Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 10.

(iii) Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women (Added Item 12.3)

Councillor Merulla introduced a Notice of Motion respecting Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women.

(Merulla/Jackson)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a 2/3's majority 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 Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brad Clark

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 11.

Councillor Merulla assumed the Chair.

(h) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

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

(Jackson/Pauls)

That the following amendments to the Emergency and Community Services Committee's Outstanding Business List, be approved:

(a) Items to be added:

- (i) Requiring the City of Hamilton to be More Accessible to the Hearing Impaired (Motion)**

As per Item (j)(i)(c) of H&SC Report 18-010, this Item was referred to the Public Works Committee. It is recommended that this item remain under the purview of the Emergency & Community Services Committee and that the Department responsible for preparing the report back to Committee be updated instead.

(b) Items requiring a new due date:

- (i) Endorsement of Report "The Right to an Adequate Standard of Living: An Update to the 2006 Report" to the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Geneva (Delegation)**
Item on OBL: Y
Current Due Date: Q4 2017
Proposed New Due Date: March 21, 2019

- (ii) Hamilton Youth Engagement Collaboration (CES15056(b))
Item on OBL: UU
Current Due Date: March 21, 2019
Proposed New Due Date: May 2, 2019
- (iii) Funding Requests from Agencies
Item on OBL: CCC
Current Due Date: February 7, 2019
Proposed New Due Date: March 21, 2019
- (iv) Senior's Increased Use of Food Banks
Item on OBL: LLL
Current Due Date: January 17, 2019
Proposed New Due Date: February 21, 2019
- (c) Items to be removed:
 - (i) Senior's Increased Use of Food Banks
Item 10.3 on today's agenda - Report HSC19012
Item on OBL: LLL

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

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

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Nann/Jackson)

That there being no further business, the Emergency and Community Services Committee be adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla
Chair, Emergency and Community Services Committee

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