



## City of Hamilton

# EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REVISED

**Meeting #:** 19-004

**Date:** May 2, 2019

**Time:** 1:30 p.m.

**Location:** Council Chambers, Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West

Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 2729

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**1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES**

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

(Added Items, if applicable, will be noted with \*)

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1 April 4, 2019

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

5.1 Correspondence from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services respecting Addiction Services Initiative Wind-Down

Recommendation: Be received.

\*5.2 Correspondence from the Early Years and Child Care Division of the Ministry of Education respecting 2019 Child Care and Early Years Allocations

Recommendation: Be received.

\*5.3 Correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing respecting Hamilton 2019-2010 Allocation

Recommendation: Be received.

## 6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.1 Dianne McIntyre and Laura Delsey, respecting a Request that the City of Hamilton Appeal to the Provincial Government to Pause the Plan to Change the Ontario Autism Program (for today's meeting)

\*6.1.a Delegate has withdrawn request.

## 7. CONSENT ITEMS

- 7.1 Minutes of the Interview Sub-Committee to the Emergency and Community Services Committee

7.1.a March 28, 2019

7.1.b April 16, 2019

- 7.2 Gage Hancharek - Peace, Love, Unity, Respect, Dignity (PLURD) Update (HSC19022) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)

- 7.3 Information on the Installation of Hearing Loops in Public Facilities (HUR17023(a)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)

## 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS

- 8.1 Ruth Greenspan, John Howard Society of Hamilton, Burlington and Area, respecting the Hamilton Restorative Justice Collaboration Initiative

(Approved April 4, 2019) (no copy)

- 8.2 Paul Empringham, Ancaster Minor Hockey, respecting the Protection of Interests and Availability of Ice for the Ancaster Minor Hockey League

(Approved April 4, 2019) (no copy)

\*8.2.a Added Presentation

- 8.3 Nancy Silva-Khan, respecting a Request that the City of Hamilton Appeal to the Provincial Government to Pause the Plan to Change the Ontario Autism Program to Allow for Further Consultation

(Approved on April 4, 2019) (no copy)

## 9. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

**10. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 10.1 Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy (HSC19008(a)) (City Wide)
- 10.2 St. Matthew's House – Request for Service Manager Consent to Sell Units (HSC19015) (Ward 3)
- \*10.3 2019 Provincial Funding Update (HSC19023) (City Wide)

**11. MOTIONS**

- 11.1 Recreation and Social Infrastructure at 430 Cumberland Ave. (Ward 3)

**12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS**

- 13.1 Amendments to the Outstanding Business List

- 13.1.a Items considered complete and needing to be removed:

- 13.1.a.a Gage Hancharek respecting PLURD (Peace, Love, Unity, Respect, Dignity)

- Addressed as Item 7.2 on today's agenda (HSC19022)

- Item on OBL: EEE

- 13.1.a.b Requiring the City of Hamilton to be More Accessible to the Hearing Impaired

- Addressed as Item 7.3 on today's agenda (HUR17023(a))

- Item on OBL: WW

**14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**



## **EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 19-003**

1:30 p.m.  
Thursday, April 4, 2019  
Council Chambers  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with Regrets:** Councillor N. Nann – Personal

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

1. **Establishment of a Sub-Committee of Council: Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women and Transgender Community Sub-Committee (HSC19017) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List) (Item 10.1)**

**(Jackson/Whitehead)**

That the Terms of Reference for the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women and Transgender Community Sub-Committee attached as Appendix “A” to Report HSC19017, be approved.

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

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

2. **Renewal of Beasley Community Centre Operating Agreement (CS13018(c)) (Ward 2) (Item 10.2)**

**(Whitehead/Pauls)**

- (a) That the Operating Agreement between the City of Hamilton and Wesley Urban Ministries for the operation of the Beasley Community Centres from

October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2018 be renewed for an additional three years until December 31, 2021 with an option for one two-year extension; and,

- (b) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department or his designate be authorized and directed to execute the renewal of the Operating Agreement between the City of Hamilton and Wesley Urban Ministries for the operation of Beasley Community Centres, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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

NOT PRESENT - 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 change to the agenda:

**1. DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)**

- 6.3 Nancy Silva-khan, respecting a Request that the City of Hamilton Appeal to the Provincial Government to Pause the Plan to Change the Ontario Autism Program to Allow for Further Consultation (for a future meeting)
- 6.4 Cameron Kroetsch, respecting Item 10.2 - Renewal of Beasley Community Centre Operating Agreement (CS13018(c)) (for today's meeting)

**(Whitehead/Pauls)**

That the agenda for the April 4, 2019 Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

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

NOT PRESENT - Councillor Nrinder Nann  
 YES - Councillor Tom Jackson  
 YES - Councillor Esther Pauls  
 YES - Chair Sam Merulla  
 YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead  
 YES - 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) March 21, 2019 (Item 4.1)****(Jackson/Clark)**

That the Minutes of the March 21, 2019 meeting of the Emergency and Community Services Committee be approved, as presented.

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

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

**(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)****(i) Ruth Greenspan, John Howard Society of Hamilton, Burlington & Area, respecting the Hamilton Restorative Justice Collaboration Initiative (for a future meeting) (Item 6.1)****(Pauls/Whitehead)**

That the delegation request, submitted by Ruth Greenspan, John Howard Society of Hamilton, Burlington & Area, respecting the Hamilton Restorative Justice Collaboration Initiative, be approved for a future meeting.

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

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

- (ii) **Paul Empringham, Ancaster Minor Hockey, respecting the Protection of Interests and Availability of Ice for the Ancaster Minor Hockey League (for a future meeting) (Item 6.2)**

**(Clark/Pauls)**

That the delegation request, submitted by Paul Empringham, Ancaster Minor Hockey, respecting the Protection of Interests and Availability of Ice for the Ancaster Minor Hockey League, be approved for a future meeting.

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

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

- (iii) **Nancy Silva-khan, respecting a Request that the City of Hamilton Appeal to the Provincial Government to Pause the Plan to Change the Ontario Autism Program to Allow for Further Consultation (for a future meeting) (Item 6.3)**

**(Whitehead/Jackson)**

That the delegation request, submitted by Nancy Silva-khan, respecting a Request that the City of Hamilton Appeal to the Provincial Government to Pause the Plan to Change the Ontario Autism Program to Allow for Further Consultation, be approved for a future meeting.

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

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

- (iv) **Cameron Kroetsch, respecting Item 10.2 - Renewal of Beasley Community Centre Operating Agreement (CS13018(c)) (for today's meeting) (Item 6.4)**

**(Pauls/Clark)**

That the delegation request, submitted by Cameron Kroetsch, respecting Item 10.2 - Renewal of Beasley Community Centre Operating Agreement (CS13018(c)), be approved for today's meeting.

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

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

**(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 8)**

**(i) Cameron Kroetsch, respecting Item 10.2 - Renewal of Beasley Community Centre Operating Agreement (CS13018(c)) (Added Item 8.1)**

Cameron Kroetsch addressed the Committee respecting Item 10.2 - Renewal of Beasley Community Centre Operating Agreement (CS13018(c)), with the aid of a presentation.

**(Whitehead/Jackson)**

That the presentation from Cameron Kroetsch, respecting Item 10.2 - Renewal of Beasley Community Centre Operating Agreement (CS13018(c)), be received.

**CARRIED**

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca) or through the Office of the City Clerk.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

**(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)**

**(Whitehead/Jackson)**

That Item 10.2, respecting Renewal of Beasley Community Centre Operating Agreement S13018(c) (Ward 2), be moved up in the agenda to be heard at this time.

**CARRIED**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

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

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

**(Whitehead/Pauls)**

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



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(a) Items to be removed:

- (i) Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women  
Partially addressed as Item 10.1 on today's agenda – Report  
HSC19017  
Item on OBL: OOO - only sub-section (d) is to be removed

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

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

**(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

**(Clark/Whitehead)**

That there being no further business, the Emergency and Community Services Committee be adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla  
Chair, Emergency and Community Services  
Committee

Tamara Bates  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk

**Ministry of Children,  
Community and Social  
Services**

**Ministère des Services à  
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sociaux et communautaires**



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April 16, 2019

**MEMORANDUM TO:** Bonnie Elder  
Ontario Works Administrator, City of Hamilton

**FROM:** Richard Steele  
ADM, Social Assistance Programs Division

**SUBJECT:** Addictions Services Initiative Wind-Down

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I am writing to inform you that the ministry is winding down the Addiction Services Initiative (ASI). Pursuant to section 14 of the Service Contract, the Ministry is hereby providing notice to the City of Hamilton that it is terminating the Service Contract, or part of the Service Contract, with respect to ASI services effective as of July 31, 2019.

Evaluations of the ASI over the past few years have shown it is not demonstrating sufficient value for investment to justify continuing the program.

As the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care continues to expand access to mental health and addictions supports across the province, the government's plan includes a province-wide wraparound model with connections to supports customized to the needs of the individual.

Funding for the ASI will continue until July 31, 2019 to allow time for transition planning with staff, local service delivery partners and program participants. Further details on ASI funding, prorated to July 31, 2019 will be included as part of the 2019-20 Ontario Works Budget/Service Contracting package.

Program Wind-Down

To support transition, the ASI Service Planning Template has been amended, and your Social Assistance Program Supervisor will be available to assist wind-down planning that addresses unique local circumstances. For example, the ministry recognizes that a small number of participants may remain in treatment as of July 31<sup>st</sup> and expects that no such participants will be cut off from their treatment.

Moving Forward

Social assistance delivery partners are expected to continue to assist recipients in accessing resources appropriate to their individual needs, including publicly-funded addictions assessment and treatment services, to support individual and employment outcomes.

I would like to thank you for your dedication to helping participants whose substance use creates a barrier to employment. We look forward to working together with our Ontario Works delivery partners to build a system that is simpler, more sustainable and more effective.

Should you have any inquiries, please contact your Social Assistance Program Supervisor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Steele". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Steele

Assistant Deputy Minister

Social Assistance Programs Division

cc:

Anna Cain, Director, Social Assistance Program Policy Branch  
Patti Redmond, Director, Social Assistance Service Delivery Branch  
Social Assistance Program Managers  
Social Assistance Program Supervisors  
Jo-Anne Platts, Business Manager, Social Assistance Service Delivery Branch  
Jeffrey Bowen, Director, Social Assistance & Municipal Operations Branch

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**2019: EYCC02**

**MEMORANDUM TO:** Chief Administrative Officers, CMSMs and DSSABs  
Directors and/or General Managers

**FROM:** Jill Dubrick  
Director, Early Years and Child Care Programs and  
Service Integration Branch  
Early Years and Child Care Division  
Ministry of Education

**DATE:** April 18, 2019

**SUBJECT:** **2019 Child Care and Early Years Allocations**

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I am pleased to provide the new 2019 child care and early years allocations for Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSMs) and District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSABs).

As you are aware, on April 11, 2019, the government tabled its 2019 Budget. This year's budget reflects the outcomes of a comprehensive multi-year planning process that built on the findings of EY Canada's line-by-line review, and the ideas identified in the Planning for Prosperity Survey and the Big Bold Ideas Challenge. The government conducted a thorough review of all government programs in order to ensure investments are sustainable and modernized. The review is also meant to ensure that duplication is eliminated, and valuable programs and services are sustainable and delivering outcomes for the people of Ontario.

In 2019, the Ministry of Education will be investing approximately \$1.7 billion in child care and early years programs. Of the \$1.7 billion, \$1.59 billion will be invested in child care including:

- \$1.03B in general allocation;
- \$216M to support child care expansion;
- \$26M in base funding for licensed home child care;
- \$100M in Canada-Ontario Early Learning and Child Care funding; and
- \$204M for Wage Enhancement/Home Child Care Enhancement Grant funding.

Additional investments in child care and early years include:

- \$141.5 million is being invested for early years programming.
- \$35 million is being invested to support off reserve Indigenous-led child care and early years programming in 2019.

As announced in the 2019 Budget, the province is introducing the new Ontario Childcare Access and Relief from Expenses (CARE) tax credit. The new CARE tax credit would provide about 300,000 families with up to 75 per cent of their eligible child care expenses, and allow families to access a broad range of child care options, including care in centres, homes and camps. Ontarians would be able to claim the CARE tax credit when they file their tax returns, starting with the 2019 tax year. Starting with the 2021 tax year, Ontario would give families the choice to apply for and receive more timely support through regular advance payments during the year.

This year's investment enables the continued support of key government priorities such as child care and early years operating costs, fee subsidies, the wage enhancement/home child care enhancement grant, licensed home child care base funding, child care expansion, and funding for off reserve Indigenous-led culturally appropriate child care and early years programs.

Changes to this year's child care allocation will include:

- A.** Updates to Child Care Funding Formula Data Elements
- B.** Changes to Municipal Cost-Sharing and Administrative Threshold

- C. Changes to Fee Stabilization Support Funding
- D. Updates to Contractual Service Targets
- E. Continuation of Wage Enhancement Funding and Administrative Burden Reduction
- F. Continuation of Base Funding for Licensed Home Child Care

Changes are also being made to EarlyON Child and Family Centre staffing requirements and rules around the provision of respite child care in EarlyON Centres. Further information on these changes is provided below.

In addition to the important changes listed above, the province is working on a new child care plan that meets family's needs and makes life easier for them by making child care more affordable, increasing choice and availability of child care, reducing red tape and administrative burden, and improving quality and delivering high standards of care.

In response to feedback from the sector and to align with the new child care plan, in 2019 the ministry will also be considering updates to the Child Care Funding Formula to address sector feedback and reduce administrative burden to come in to effect in 2020. These updates would help to ensure a more equitable, predictable, transparent and responsive distribution of child care funding across Ontario.

Ministries, agencies and transfer-payment partners are all expected to think differently about how programs and services can be delivered in an improved and sustainable manner that drives efficiencies and maximizes value for money. The government is focused on moving to an efficient, transparent and accountable transfer payment system that will enable evidence-based decision making and reduce costs and administrative burden. As the province is taking steps to modernize and transform its own operations, it expects service delivery partners to do the same – to identify and realize opportunities for efficiencies, improved service delivery, and better client/user outcomes.

Additionally in 2019, the ministry will be exploring updating the existing Ontario Child Care Management System (OCCMS) to support administrative burden reduction and overall accountability and efficiency of program operations. The

ministry is also planning to move to a new online system for developing and distributing transfer payment agreements (TPAs), in alignment with broader government efficiency efforts mentioned above. Information regarding this transition will be provided in the coming weeks and will not impact the distribution of 2019 child care TPA amendments.

We look forward to sharing more details of these exciting initiatives and our new child care plan with our partners as they become available.

### **Important Changes for 2019:**

In 2019 the ministry has made several important changes to the child care and early years program with a focus on supporting child care affordability across the province, better meeting the needs of local communities, and reducing administrative burden.

Further details on these changes will be included in the 2019 Ontario Child Care Service Management and Funding Guideline, 2019 Child Care Service Agreement Amendments and the 2019 Ontario EarlyON Business Practices and Funding Guideline.

#### **A. Updates to Child Care Funding Formula Data Elements**

The current Child Care Funding Formula (CCFF) is comprised of various data components. In 2019 the CCFF has been updated with the 2016 census data from Statistics Canada (i.e., Low Income Cut-Off (LICO), Land Area, Education Level) and data from the Ministry of Finance (i.e., child population projections, Rural and Small Community Data). These updated data elements will result in corresponding changes to CMSM/DSSAB 2019 child care allocations.

#### **B. Changes to Municipal Cost-Sharing and Administration Threshold**

Beginning in April 2019, CMSMs/DSSABs will be required to cost-share the operating portion of Expansion Plan funding at a rate of 80/20 provincial/municipal and all administration funding, including Wage Enhancement administration funding, will now be cost-shared at a rate of 50/50. In addition, the threshold for allowable administration funding municipalities can spend on

child care will be reduced from 10% to 5%. These changes align with government-wide expenditure management initiatives, while honouring the government's commitment to healthy, safe, and high quality child care programs. To support municipalities in transitioning to these new requirements, the changes will take effect as of April 1, 2019 and will not be applied retroactively to January 1.

### **C. Changes to Fee Stabilization Support Funding**

Fee Stabilization Support (FSS) funding was provided in 2018 as one time funding to increase wages and other compensation, and to stabilize licensed child care fees. As of March 31st, 2019, the commitment for FSS funding has ended. This will help focus funding towards the child directly and help maintain affordable, accessible child care for families across the province.

FSS allocation and cash flow have been provided for the period of January to March 2019 as part of the 2019 Child Care allocations. Reporting requirements associated with FSS will also be related to the period of January to March 2019. FSS funding flowed to CMSMs/DSSABs after March 31, 2019 will be recovered.

More details on recovery of 2019 FSS funding will be provided with the service agreement package shortly.

### **D. Updates to Contractual Service Targets**

To support the timely execution of service agreements and payment disbursement, an amended approach to contractual service targets was implemented in 2018. Service targets were assigned by the ministry based on previously negotiated targets established by the ministry and CMSMs/DSSABs.

An updated approach to service targets will be implemented in 2019. The approach will maintain the benefits of the reduced administrative burden realized with the previous approach, but will take into account changes to funding allocations. As with the previous approach, in 2019, service targets will be assigned by the ministry.

Specific service targets will be provided with your service agreement package. The ministry will consider updates to and evaluation of this approach to align with any



proposed changes that result from the review of the Child Care Funding Formula in 2019.

### **E. Wage Enhancement Funding and Administrative Burden Reduction**

In 2019, wage enhancement funding will continue to be funded at current funding levels. While administration funding for wage enhancement will be adjusted as per the cost reduction measures noted above, the overall provincial investment in wage enhancement remains the same.

Additionally, in 2019, the requirement for CMSMs/DSSABs to follow the ministry determined application process for the wage enhancement/home child care enhancement grant will be removed. CMSMs/DSSABs will be responsible for determining wage enhancement/home child care enhancement grant entitlement as per their local policies and processes. These changes align with government wide administrative burden reduction efforts and increase the overall flexibility of service system managers in the provision of the wage enhancement/home child care enhancement grant.

### **F. Continuation of Base Funding for Licensed Home Child Care**

In 2018 operating funding was increased to support a base funding model for licensed home child care agencies to support the provision of stable, predictable funding and assist agencies with forecasting, planning, and actively recruiting more providers. This funding will continue under the 2019 budget allocation.

The 2017 licensed child care survey data was used as the basis for determining licensed home child care (LHCC) base funding allocations in 2018. As this survey is updated annually, the data from the 2018 survey has been used to determine 2019 allocations.

Based on sector feedback, the ministry is pleased to make the 2018 data available to all service system managers. This data will be provided with the service agreement package.

## **Supporting EarlyON Child and Family Centres**

The ministry is committed to supporting EarlyON Child and Family Centres to ensure that children, parents and caregivers have access to free, play-based drop-in programs and information about relevant community and specialized services. To help support service system managers in meeting the needs of their communities, changes to staffing requirements and rules around the provision of respite child care in EarlyON Centres are being made for 2019.

## **Changes to EarlyON Staffing Requirements**

CMSMs and DSSABs are required to ensure that qualified staff teams are responsible for delivering programs and services at every centre. Qualified staff teams must include at least one Registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE) to deliver mandatory core services related to supporting early learning and development.

Effective immediately, the transition period for ensuring EarlyON Child and Family Centres employ at least one RECE at every centre will increase from three to five years. This means that all EarlyON Child and Family Centres must have at least one RECE by January 1, 2023.

In addition to an extension to the transition period noted above, the Ministry is also pleased to introduce a grand-parenting provision for staff in EarlyON Child and Family Centres with more than 10 years of experience in the following child and family programs:

- Ontario Early Years Centres
- Parenting and Family Literacy Centres
- Child Care Resource Centres
- Better Beginnings, Better Futures

This means that, effective immediately, these staff can be used to meet the RECE requirement for the EarlyON Child and Family Centre in which they are employed.

### **Respite Child Care in EarlyON Child and Family Centres**

Effective immediately, CMSMs/DSSABs have the option of continuing to work with service providers to offer respite child care, as a customized community connection, in EarlyON Child and Family Centres. Respite child care services are intended to support parents who require short-term or occasional care for their children.

CMSMs and DSSABs who choose to exercise this option would determine which locations would offer and be funded for respite child care based on local service plans and community needs. Respite child care must be offered within the existing framework for unlicensed child care and meet the legislative and regulatory requirements of the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014 and associated regulations. For instance, EarlyON Centres offering an unlicensed respite child care program may only care for five children at any one time.

Customized community connections, including respite child care, should still only be considered once the EarlyON Child and Family Centre core service expectations are being met on a regular and consistent basis in a community.

Further information on these changes will be provided in the 2019 Ontario EarlyON Business Practices and Funding Guidelines, which will be issued shortly.

### **Transfer Payment Agreement Amendments**

As per the multi-year child care transfer payment agreements signed in 2018, 2019 funding allocations will be provided as an amended budget schedule and corresponding transfer payment agreement (TPA) schedule amendments. These amendments do not require signature from Recipients. 2019 TPA schedule amendments are anticipated to be released along with the 2019 Ontario Child Care Service Management and Funding Guideline.

## **Reporting Requirements**

In 2019 the ministry is pleased to announce that it will be permanently removing child care Estimates submissions. This change is in alignment with other government wide administrative burden reduction initiatives, as well as reporting changes made in previous years. Additionally, the ministry will be doing further work to reduce reporting requirements in the year ahead and will provide more information in the future.

## **Cash Flow in 2019**

Monthly cash flow for operating funding for child care will continue to be based on your 2018 Revised Estimates or signed 2018 agreement until the 2019 child care transfer payment agreement amendments are executed. Further details will be provided with the service agreement package shortly.

## **Funding and Cash Flow for EarlyON**

The Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centre transfer payment agreement that was distributed in September 2017 and its subsequent amending agreements are multi-year agreements that include approved funding allocations for 2018 and 2019. The 2019 allocations remain in effect and will continue to be dispersed as per the payment plan detailed in the transfer payment agreement.

Early Years Advisors and Financial Analysts are the ministry contacts for child care and EarlyON, therefore please direct any questions or concerns to them; the contact list is available on the [Financial Analysis and Accountability Branch Website](#).

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to our ongoing collaboration.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by***

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Jill Dubrick

Director, Early Years and Child Care Programs and Service Integration Branch  
Early Years and Child Care Division

Copy: Shannon Fuller, Assistant Deputy Minister, Early Years and Child Care  
Division

Becky Doyle, Director, Financial Accountability and Data Analysis Branch  
Early Years Advisors, Programs and Service Integration Branch  
Financial Analysts, Financial Accountability and Data Analysis Branch

## Appendix A: 2019 Child Care Allocations

CMSM/DSSAB	2019 Total General Allocation	Expansion Plan	Base Funding for LHCC	ELCC	2019 Total Child Care Allocation	Fee Stabilization Support (Jan - Mar)	Wage Enhancement / HCCEG Allocation	Wage Enhancement/ HCCEG Administration	2019 Total Funding
Corporation of the City of Brantford	7,723,998	1,767,504	276,000	814,224	10,581,726	107,268	1,693,976	47,144	12,430,114
City of Cornwall	7,136,868	1,708,301	82,800	774,265	9,702,234	61,351	923,745	35,859	10,723,189
City of Greater Sudbury	15,118,380	2,845,633	82,800	1,272,900	19,319,713	162,698	2,453,982	92,783	22,029,176
The City of Hamilton	44,402,782	10,007,712	1,062,600	4,532,030	60,005,124	500,458	8,043,346	216,555	68,765,483
Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes	4,771,158	1,029,689	-	508,148	6,308,995	42,677	782,322	15,984	7,149,978
Corporation of the City of Kingston	8,192,644	1,755,796	124,200	862,094	10,934,734	141,362	2,051,745	61,211	13,189,052
Corporation of the City of London	30,689,329	6,520,165	503,700	3,045,232	40,758,426	441,831	7,433,193	173,172	48,806,622
City of Ottawa	75,393,319	14,957,693	5,637,300	6,978,626	102,966,938	1,093,714	17,315,818	534,578	121,911,048
Corporation of the City of Peterborough	7,981,770	1,747,614	420,900	792,960	10,943,244	100,750	1,617,246	44,333	12,705,573
Corporation of the City of St. Thomas	5,868,826	1,489,908	124,200	612,468	8,095,402	66,439	1,039,792	29,354	9,230,987
Corporation of the City of Stratford	4,071,731	955,292	55,200	403,390	5,485,613	37,242	574,255	20,374	6,117,484
City of Toronto	291,655,225	60,181,281	5,927,100	28,671,036	386,434,642	2,767,542	42,629,943	1,282,998	433,115,125
Corporation of the City of Windsor	28,629,326	6,307,062	255,300	2,898,295	38,089,983	303,507	5,132,145	150,641	43,676,276
Corporation of the County of Bruce	3,655,592	848,086	165,600	367,754	5,037,032	48,582	813,338	24,852	5,923,804
Corporation of the County of Dufferin	3,229,089	644,836	69,000	312,808	4,255,733	42,970	793,783	18,853	5,111,339
Corporation of the County of Grey	5,130,535	1,209,876	262,200	524,127	7,126,738	72,802	1,241,082	33,566	8,474,188
Corporation of the County of Hastings	8,339,451	1,727,655	289,800	850,081	11,206,987	81,460	1,457,072	38,293	12,783,812
Corporation of the County of Huron	3,356,825	678,719	103,500	331,673	4,470,717	46,085	639,342	17,621	5,173,765
Corporation of the County of Lambton	11,636,033	1,829,436	262,200	785,434	14,513,103	107,396	1,596,663	49,810	16,266,972
County of Lanark	3,786,655	990,223	269,100	415,906	5,461,884	49,422	825,900	24,231	6,361,437
County of Lennox & Addington	3,249,256	784,359	138,000	356,493	4,528,108	31,149	481,237	15,516	5,056,010
County of Northumberland	4,256,779	843,103	62,100	413,322	5,575,304	42,813	821,020	20,123	6,459,260
County of Oxford	5,599,595	1,275,930	110,400	583,299	7,569,224	49,193	683,980	31,823	8,334,220
County of Renfrew	5,425,672	1,267,582	110,400	553,768	7,357,422	60,036	946,049	25,196	8,388,703
County of Simcoe	25,242,725	5,650,516	434,700	2,516,655	33,844,596	344,022	5,737,618	161,934	40,088,170
County of Wellington	12,644,676	2,880,899	262,200	1,144,194	16,931,969	131,205	2,269,753	59,634	19,392,561
District Municipality of Muskoka	3,466,984	825,186	103,500	364,130	4,759,800	28,908	487,107	16,164	5,291,979
Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent	11,183,163	1,675,792	-	753,654	13,612,609	74,881	1,272,777	34,761	14,995,028
The Corporation of Norfolk County	5,514,604	1,556,151	103,500	595,908	7,770,163	50,287	813,007	18,154	8,651,611
Regional Municipality of Durham	38,501,992	8,584,900	565,800	3,557,033	51,209,725	658,632	11,384,624	257,504	63,510,485
Regional Municipality of Halton	32,070,310	6,108,302	552,000	2,696,403	41,427,015	764,792	11,771,714	330,809	54,294,330
Regional Municipality of Niagara	27,233,653	5,179,979	476,100	2,526,240	35,415,972	298,700	4,648,461	156,463	40,519,596
Regional Municipality of Peel	106,353,679	22,824,989	2,277,000	10,816,011	142,271,679	1,226,691	18,953,608	448,091	162,900,069
Regional Municipality of Waterloo	33,228,581	6,476,170	2,566,800	3,058,723	45,330,274	473,368	6,625,142	211,038	52,639,822
Regional Municipality of York	79,016,021	16,096,167	662,400	7,766,486	103,541,074	1,383,653	23,694,245	596,342	129,215,314
United Counties of Leeds & Grenville	5,028,635	1,097,403	75,900	521,362	6,723,300	77,802	1,241,599	34,487	8,077,188
United Counties of Prescott & Russell	5,675,111	1,398,817	186,300	593,348	7,853,576	105,422	1,439,107	42,238	9,440,343
Algoma District Services Administration Board	3,988,179	870,468	-	353,961	5,212,608	24,453	383,196	17,875	5,638,132
District of Cochrane Social Services Administration Board	7,508,380	1,680,080	117,300	746,570	10,052,330	56,148	905,394	30,539	11,044,411
District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board	7,016,869	1,660,799	248,400	727,364	9,653,432	102,492	1,444,375	39,614	11,239,913
District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board	4,034,125	829,635	165,600	407,842	5,437,202	16,323	220,112	12,948	5,686,585
District of Sault Ste Marie Social Services Administration Board	5,398,723	1,185,498	165,600	527,757	7,277,578	57,650	869,126	25,839	8,230,193
District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board	5,491,866	901,422	131,100	441,638	6,966,026	39,080	604,506	15,849	7,625,461
Kenora District Services Board	5,427,223	1,307,744	-	494,973	7,229,940	14,433	192,051	18,668	7,455,092
Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Administration Board	4,385,918	1,180,921	27,600	420,859	6,015,298	21,852	341,882	8,459	6,387,491
Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board	2,524,478	534,925	-	262,983	3,322,386	11,130	182,358	3,822	3,519,696
District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board	10,700,552	2,277,551	82,800	1,045,572	14,106,475	81,384	1,218,236	43,381	15,449,476
<b>PROVINCIAL TOTAL</b>	<b>1,030,937,285</b>	<b>216,157,769</b>	<b>25,599,000</b>	<b>100,000,000</b>	<b>1,372,694,053</b>	<b>12,502,055</b>	<b>198,690,972</b>	<b>5,589,483</b>	<b>1,589,476,563</b>

## **Appendix B: Communications Protocol Requirements**

All public announcements regarding provincial and federal investments in Ontario's child care and early years system are potential joint communication opportunities for the provincial government, federal government, school boards, the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager/District Social Services Administration Board (CMSM/DSSAB), municipalities and community partners.

### ***Public Communications***

Municipalities, school boards, CMSMs and DSSABs, and community partners should not issue a news release or any other public communication directed at media regarding major child care and early years investments, without:

- I. First contacting the Ministry of Education through [EYCCinvestments@ontario.ca](mailto:EYCCinvestments@ontario.ca) about your plan to publicly communicate these major child care and early years investments; and
- II. Publicly recognizing the Ministry of Education's role in providing funding; and
- III. Inviting the Minister of Education to attend any events related to your investment announcement.

The Ministry of Education may also choose to issue its own news release and/or hold events about investments in child care and early years projects, in addition to those prepared by municipalities, school boards, CMSMs and DSSABs, and community partners.

The intent of this protocol is to promote the role of both the Ministry of Education and stakeholders in bringing new child care and early years projects to local communities.

### ***Major Announcements and Events***

**Important:** For all major child care investments the Minister of Education must be invited as early as possible to the event. Invitations can be sent to [EYCCinvestments@ontario.ca](mailto:EYCCinvestments@ontario.ca) with a copy sent to your ministry Early Years Advisor. Municipalities, school boards, CMSMs and DSSABs, and community partners will be notified at least four to six weeks in advance of their opening event as to the Minister's attendance. If the date of your event changes at any time after the

Minister has received the invitation, please confirm the change at the email address above.

If the Minister of Education is unavailable, the invitation may be shared with a government representative who will contact your municipality, school board, CMSM or DSSAB, or community partner to coordinate the details (e.g. joint announcement). Municipalities, school boards, CMSMs and DSSABs, and community partners are not expected to delay their announcements to accommodate the Minister or a Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the primary goal is to make sure that the Minister is aware of the announcement opportunity.

### ***Other Events***

For all other media-focused public communications opportunities, such as sod turnings for example, an invitation to your local event must be sent to the Minister of Education by email ([EYCCinvestments@ontario.ca](mailto:EYCCinvestments@ontario.ca)) with at least three weeks' notice. Again, please send a copy to your ministry Early Years Advisor. Please note that if the date of your event changes at any time after the Minister has received the invitation, please confirm the change at the email address above.

Municipalities, school boards, CMSMs and DSSABs, and community partners are not expected to delay these "other" events to accommodate the Minister. Only an invitation needs to be sent; a response is not mandatory to proceed.

This communications protocol does not replace our stakeholders' existing partnerships with the Ministry of Education. Regional early years advisors and regional child care licensing staff should still be regarded as primary points of contact for events and should be given updates in accordance with existing processes.

### ***Acknowledgement of Support***

The support of the Government of Ontario must be acknowledged in media-focused communications of any kind, written or oral, relating to new investments. Similarly, CMSMs and DSSABs announcements related to funding received through the ELCC must clearly acknowledge that the contributions were made by the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada. This acknowledgment could include but is not limited to, any report, announcement, speech, advertisement, publicity, promotional material, brochure, audio-visual material, web communications or any other public communications. For minor interactions on social media, or within social



media such as Twitter, etc. where there is a limited restriction on content, municipalities, school boards, CMSMs and DSSABs, and community partners are not required to include government acknowledgement. In addition, when engaged in reactive communications (e.g., media calls) municipalities, school boards, CMSMs and DSSABs, and community partners do not have to acknowledge government funding; however, if possible, such an acknowledgement is appreciated.

**Ministry of  
Municipal Affairs  
and Housing**

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April 17, 2019

His Worship Fred Eisenberger  
Mayor  
City of Hamilton  
71 Main Street West, 2nd Floor  
Hamilton ON L8P4Y5

Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

*Fred*

Our government for the people understands the importance of housing that is affordable, adequate and accessible, and that meets the needs of Ontario's diverse communities and populations. Despite the significant budget challenges our government faces, I am pleased that we will support critical continued housing investments and leverage federal funding under the National Housing Strategy through new provincial investments. I am writing to you today to outline funding for housing and homelessness programs as confirmed through the 2019 Ontario Budget.

My Ministry will be providing over \$1 billion in transfer payments for housing and homelessness programs in 2019-20, inclusive of federal transfers. As we work to address the province's fiscal circumstances, total transfers will decrease slightly in 2020-21 to just under \$1 billion and will return in 2021-22 to just over \$1 billion, subject to future multi-year budget decisions. This funding envelope enables us to maintain commitments to existing programs and use a flexible approach to cost-match funds for the National Housing Strategy over a multi-year period. The vast majority of these transfer payment programs flow through Service Managers.

This letter provides further program-by-program information and your specific allocations are detailed in an attachment.

## Ongoing Programs

The **Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario (2014 Extension)** program has successfully helped communities to build affordable rental housing, make home ownership attainable for lower-income Ontarians and offer funding for much-needed repairs. Federal funding under this program concluded in 2018-19. Our government is committing \$80.1 million in 2019-20 to complete the cost-matching requirements under this program. I am pleased to confirm your funding allocation for this final year of program funding, consistent with the previously communicated planning allocation.

To support communities across Ontario in their efforts to prevent and address homelessness, the **Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI)** provides a flexible, outcomes-based, and accountable approach to funding. Despite the significant fiscal challenges this government faces, I am pleased we are able to maintain this critical funding in 2019-20 at the 2018-19 level of \$323.7 million and to increase funding to a new base of \$338.7 million beginning in 2020-21.

Our government recognizes how critical supportive housing investments are to address homelessness and maintain housing stability for some of our most vulnerable people. I am also pleased to advise that province-wide operating investments in the **Home for Good** program and **Indigenous Supportive Housing Program** will be maintained at the current level of \$63 million for each of the next two years (2019-20 and 2020-21). Existing capital commitments will also be maintained.

It is our government's intention to increase the ongoing level of provincial operating funding for the Home for Good and Indigenous Supportive Housing Programs to \$94.7 million in 2021-22. Decisions regarding allocation of the increased funding will be determined at a later date.

## New Programs

Today I announced our government's Community Housing Renewal Strategy – a multi-year plan to sustain and grow our community housing system. Two new programs are being launched in 2019-20 to support this Strategy, leveraging federal investments under the bilateral agreement between the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

The **Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI)** will provide funding to replace the federal Social Housing Agreement funding that expires each year, beginning 2019-20. Total federal funding under this program is \$33.2 million in the current year, \$81.0 million in 2020-21 and \$112.1 million in 2021-22.

The federal government has acknowledged that their funding for social housing has declined over time and through their funding of the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative federal social housing investments will be maintained at about the 2018-19 levels. Over the period that federal expenditures have been declining, municipal expenditures on social housing have been growing. As allowed under the bilateral agreement, current municipal spending on social housing will be used to count as the cost-matching required under this program.

This funding can be used to repair, regenerate and expand community housing and to protect affordability support for tenants. It can be used to support community housing providers whose original program arrangements are expiring and help them to become more sustainable. Service Managers will be given significant flexibility to determine priorities locally, in consultation with their housing providers. In addition, consistent with the bilateral agreement, Service Managers will be required to give priority to Indigenous providers under the Urban Native Housing program who have expiring operating agreements, where these exist.

Your allocation amounts are equivalent to the amount of funding you are losing under the Social Housing Agreement each year.

Note that in addition to allocations to Service Managers, Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative funding is also being made available to support other housing providers who have received legacy Social Housing Agreement funding through provincial ministries, such as supportive housing providers.

The **Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative** will also launch in 2019-20, providing flexible funding to all 47 Service Managers and the two Indigenous Program Administrators to address local priorities in the areas of housing supply and affordability, including new affordable rental construction, community housing repair, rental assistance, tenant supports and affordable homeownership. The design of this program will build on our joint success in the delivery of the Investment in Affordable Housing Program.

Our government is committed to fully cost-match this program. Total federal and provincial funding of \$123.3 million in 2019-20, \$65 million in 2020-21 and \$99.9 million in 2021-22 will be available to allocate under the program. Provincial spending of \$34.7 million from existing programs across 2018-19 and 2019-20 will be counted towards the cost-matching requirement.

### **Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit**

The province plans to begin negotiations with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation shortly to finalize the program design and amend the bilateral agreement for the **Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit**. This will allow housing benefits to begin

flowing to Ontario households beginning April 2020, when federal funding becomes available.

In the meantime, the province will continue to provide portable housing benefits to **Survivors of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking** who are eligible under the Special Priority Policy and who choose to take a portable housing benefit as an alternative to waiting for a rent-geared-to-income unit to become available. This critical program is available province-wide and provides benefits that are portable across the province, enabling recipients to make the housing choices that are best for them. \$10 million is available for this program in 2019-20.

Once the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit becomes available, we plan to continue to support these households – as well as others – through the new benefit program.

### **Next Steps**

Additional details concerning these initiatives, including Program Guidelines and a draft Transfer Payment Agreement for new programs, will be shared with your staff in the coming days.

I am pleased that our government for the people is able to continue to support the important work that you do to improve housing outcomes in your community, while we also work to improve Ontario's overall fiscal situation. I look forward to continuing our work together.

Yours truly,



The Honourable Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c. Ms. Janette Smith, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Hamilton  
Mr. Edward John, Director of Housing Services, City of Hamilton

**APPENDIX – FUNDING ALLOCATIONS****City of Hamilton**

<b>Program</b>	<b>2019-20 Confirmed Allocation</b>	<b>2020-21 Planning Allocation</b>	<b>2021-22 Planning Allocation</b>
<b>Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario (2014 Extension)</b>	\$2,894,700	N/A	N/A
<b>Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative</b>	\$19,455,174	\$19,645,911	\$19,645,911
<b>Home for Good – Operating</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative</b>	\$1,231,970	\$1,430,467	\$2,784,784
<b>Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative</b>	\$4,611,100	\$2,388,900	\$3,719,100



**6.1**

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Thursday, April 18, 2019 – 7:50 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** Emergency and Community Services Committee  
(Previously Healthy & Safe Communities)

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Dianne McIntyre and Laura Delsey

**Name of Organization:**

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** I will be asking council to put forward a motion requesting the provincial government pause the new OAP plan they have created. There are many issues that are now affecting many families around the province and we are asking the City of Hamilton to support the families affected.

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** Yes





Hamilton

**INTERVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE TO THE EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES 19-001**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Thursday, March 28, 2019**

**Room 171, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

**Hamilton City Hall**

**71 Main Street West**

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**Present:** Councillor E. Pauls (Chair)  
Councillors N. Nann (Vice-Chair) and T. Jackson

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**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO THE EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**1. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair (Item 1)**

**(Jackson/Nann)**

- (a) That Councillor E. Pauls be appointed as Chair of the Interview Sub-Committee to the Emergency and Community Services Committee for the 2018-2022 term; and
- (b) That Councillor N. Nann be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Interview Sub-Committee to the Emergency and Community Services Committee for the 2018-2022 term.

**CARRIED**

**FOR INFORMATION:**

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

The Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

**(Nann/Jackson)**

That the agenda for the March 28, 2019 meeting of the Interview Sub-Committee to the Emergency and Community Services Committee be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

There were no declarations of interest.

**(c) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 5)**

**(Jackson/Nann)**

That the Interview Sub-Committee to the Emergency and Community Services Committee move into Closed Session for Items 5.1 through Items 5.3, pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (b) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (b) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City employees.

**CARRIED**

**(i) Review of the Applicants to the Hamilton Veterans Committee (Item 5.1)**

Staff were provided with direction in Closed Session.

**(ii) Review of the Applicants to the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee (Item 5.2)**

Staff were provided with direction in Closed Session.

**(iii) Review of the Applicants to the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee (Item 5.3)**

Staff were provided with direction in Closed Session.

**(d) ADJOURNMENT (Item 6)**

**(Nann/Jackson)**

There being no further business, the Interview Sub-Committee to the Emergency and Community Services Committee adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor E. Pauls, Chair  
Interview Sub-Committee to the  
Emergency and Community  
Services Committee

Tamara Bates  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk



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**INTERVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE TO THE EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY  
SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES 19-002**

**1:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, April 16, 2019**

**Room 222, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Hamilton City Hall**

**71 Main Street West**

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**Present:** Councillor N. Nann (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor T. Jackson

**Absent  
with Regrets:** Councillor E. Pauls - Personal

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**FOR INFORMATION:**

**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

**(Jackson/Nann)**

That the agenda for the April 16, 2019 meeting of the Interview Sub-Committee to the Emergency and Community Services Committee be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**(c) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 4)**

**(i) Closed Session Minutes – March 28, 2019 (Item 4.1)**

**(Jackson/Nann)**

- (a) That the Closed Session Minutes of the March 28, 2019 Interview Sub-Committee to the Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as presented; and,
- (b) That the Closed Session Minutes of the March 28, 2019 Interview Sub-Committee to the Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting remain confidential.

**CARRIED**

**(Jackson/Nann)**

That the Interview Sub-Committee to the Emergency and Community Services Committee move into Closed Session for Item 4.2, pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (b) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (b) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City employees.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) Review of the Applicants to the Hamilton Veterans Committee (Item 4.2)**

Staff conducted interviews in Closed Session.

**(d) ADJOURNMENT (Item 5)**

**(Jackson/Nann)**

There being no further business, the Interview Sub-Committee to the Emergency and Community Services Committee adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,


Councillor N. Nann, Vice-Chair  
Interview Sub-Committee to the  
Emergency and Community  
Services Committee

Tamara Bates  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk



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# INFORMATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	May 2, 2019
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Gage Hancharek - Peace, Love, Unity, Respect, Dignity (PLURD) Update (HSC.19022) (City Wide) <b>(Outstanding Business List Item)</b>
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Carmen Bian (905) 546-2424 Ext. 2187
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Grace Mater Director, Children's Services and Neighbourhood Development Division Healthy and Safe Communities Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

## COUNCIL DIRECTION

At the August 15, 2018 Healthy and Safe Communities Committee meeting, the following direction was given:

"The proposal from Gage Hancharek respecting PLURD (Peace, Love, Unity, Respect, Dignity) was endorsed in principle and referred to staff to investigate public service announcements and other supports the City of Hamilton can provide to Gage Hancharek, for a report back to the Healthy & Safe Communities Committee".

## INFORMATION

Staff connected with Gage to discuss his delegation, interests and how the City may be able to provide support. Gage expressed an interest in developing a commercial and a youth music festival to promote the values of peace, love, respect, unity and dignity (PLURD).

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OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

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Staff have worked to connect Gage with contacts in the community to explore opportunities and find synergies on this topic and to partner with Gage's interests. Specific community partners included:

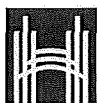
- Cable 14
- Centre 3 Media
- Hamilton Arts Council
- Re-Create Outreach Arts Studio
- Living Rock (Youth Arts)
- Art Forms
- Hamilton Youth poets
- Ghandi Peace Festival
- Eva Youth Opportunities Creators

Information was provided to Gage regarding potential funding opportunities through #RisingYouth Community Service Grants program, supported by the Federal Government.

As Gage refines his projects, staff have committed to continue to be available for further support as he explores the opportunities within the community and through the granting process.


**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

None



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## INFORMATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b>	Chair & Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	May 2, 2019
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Information on the Installation of Hearing Loops in Public Facilities (HUR17023(a)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Jessica Bowen (905) 546-2424 Ext. 5164 Jodi Koch (905) 546-2424 Ext. 3003
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Lora Fontana Executive Director Human Resources
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

### Council Direction

At the December 7, 2017 Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting, staff were directed to:

Develop an inventory of existing public assembly areas within the City of Hamilton with sound systems and microphones to be presented to the Emergency & Community Services Committee, and that priority locations for hearing loops installation, costs and potential funding sources be identified (including government grants).

### Information

The Senior Leadership Team appointed various designates from their respective areas to provide the information requested for compilation.

### Public Assembly Areas

Based on a survey of all departments, the City of Hamilton staff identified the following existing public assembly areas that are equipped with sound system(s) and microphones. The inventory is outlined below:

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1. Provincial Offences Building (50 Main Street East);
2. Ancaster Old Town Hall (310 Wilson Street East);
3. Coach House at Dundurn (610 York Blvd);
4. Woodshed at the Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology (900 Woodward Ave);
5. Council Chambers (71 Main Street West);
6. City Hall Meeting Rooms 192 and 193 (71 Main Street West).

### **Service Counters**

There are also a number of service counters that were identified in City facilities. They are located at the following:

1. Three (3) customer service counters at the Hamilton GO Centre (36 Hunter Street East)
2. Cemetery Administrative Office (777 York Boulevard)
3. Building Division (City Hall, 3rd Floor)
4. Planning Division (City Hall, 5th floor)
5. Growth Management Division (City Hall, 6th floor)
6. SBEC/One Stop counters (City Hall, 1st floor)
7. Parking Operations (Summers Lane)
8. Licensing and Bylaw Division (77 James Suite 250)

### **Facilities with Hearing Loops Currently Installed**

Some City facilities have already installed hearing loops. They include:

1. Macassa Lodge Auditorium (701 Upper Sherman Avenue)
2. Sackville Seniors Centre in the (i) Fireside Lounge, (ii) Meeting Room, (iii) Fitness Room (780 Upper Wentworth Street)
3. Dundas Library (18 Ogilvie Street).

### **Priority locations for hearing loop installation**

- Bernie Morelli gym or meeting room (876 Cannon Street East)
- Flamborough Senior Centre meeting space (163 Dundas St E)
- Ancaster Seniors Achievement Centre (622 Alberton Road South)
- City Council Chambers and Galleries
- City Hall Meeting Rooms 192 and 193

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### **Installation Cost**

The cost of installing hearing loops is dependent on several factors, including the size of the room, seating layout (fixed or moveable), floor construction (concrete or wood), type of flooring and room usage. The cost will be further impacted depending on whether the hearing loop would form part of a new build and can be designed and constructed as part of the project or if this would be a retrofit, which would impact costs as well as operations.

Preliminary estimates on installing hearing loops in Council Chambers including both galleries and Council Circle, totalled approximately \$16,000. The estimate for meeting rooms 192 and 193 was approximately \$7000.

Before planning for installation, an evaluation would be required to determine the feasibility in the identified building/space and to ensure that proper sound clarity is possible. Each department would be required to investigate and pursue through applicable procurement processes and budget or funding availability.

### **Funding Sources**

1. Under Employment and Social Development Canada, the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) is a possible funding source. The (EAF) provides funding for eligible capital projects that increase accessibility for people with disabilities in Canadian communities and workplaces, creating more opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in community activities, programs and services, or access employment opportunities. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/enabling-accessibility-fund.html>
2. Funding may be available through the provincial governments EnAbling Change Program which provides funding for educational projects that promote accessibility for people with disabilities. The program provides financial support and expertise to incorporated non-profit organizations, such as industry umbrella organizations and professional associations that have wide reach to help obligated organizations comply with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).  
<http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/P/RDR006997>

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**Presentation to  
Emergency and  
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# **Ancaster Minor Hockey League**

**May 2, 2019**

**1:30pm**

**Presenter: Paul Empringham, President**



# Operational Update

- ❑ **Last year celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a fundraising event raising nearly \$10,000 for charity**
- ❑ **Working with our OMHA partners to adapt our programs as a result of changing needs and realities**
- ❑ **Half-ice usage for our younger teams under the Hockey Canada mandate has reduced our needs per child – while our youngest age groups have seen a boost in numbers over last year as a direct result of our development focus for this age group.**
- ❑ **We continue to operate one of the only Juvenile House League programs in the city and brought 2 Chedoke Minor Hockey teams into our HL loop to provide additional opportunities (18-20 year olds)**



# Request for Consideration

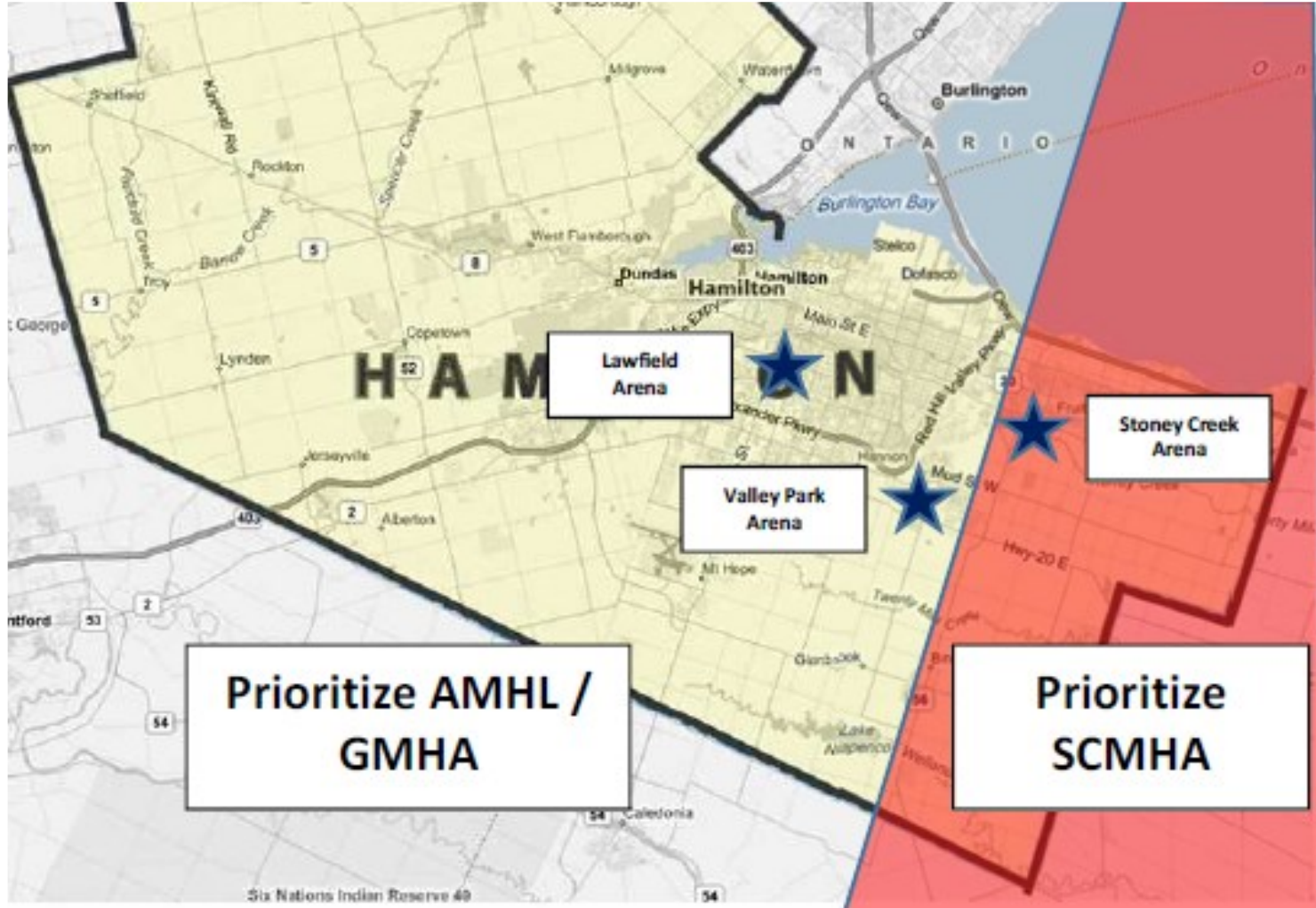
## Ice Allocations

We fundamentally agree with the formula presented by Steve Sevor regarding facility allocations. Our concerns centre around implementation:

**Ice Times** – we have a wide range of ages participating in our recreational programs from 4 year olds to 20 year olds. Loading 7:00am starting times for a 17 year old is VERY difficult, while 9:00pm starting times for a 9 year old are even more impossible.

**Geography** – we are very fortunate and grateful for the facilities we have directly in Ancaster. Our FULL House League programming runs at our local rinks at set, prime ice times. We also currently have ice times all over the city, where we operate Rep (competitive) Teams practice ice – from Coronation Arena, Mountain Arena, Chedoke and Mohawk 4Pad.

- ❑ Next year we face additional challenges as we merge our Representative Programs with Glanbrook to operate the new **GLANCASTER BOMBERS** teams. While this reduces our overall ice requirements as a result of fewer Rep teams, it enhances our sensitivity to the Geography challenges





# Request for Consideration

## System Upgrades and Usability

A huge challenge we face on a day-to-day basis in working with our partners at the City is the booking system for facilities (arenas). Our Ice Scheduler (which must be one of only two paid positions in our organization as a result) faces significant hurdles in allocating ice between our programs.

- ❑ We would ask that our base – Schedule G – ice package be released far **earlier** in the process (rather than August/September timeframe) as it would allow better preparation of our programs, and better communication to our families
- ❑ We **NEED** the **facilities booking system** to operate in a manner that allows us to do our jobs. We need to see available hours and be able to book and re-book ice times. Currently this process is all but unusable. Ice times have sat empty with the City because we have been unable to see where the openings are and communicate to book the time with the City department.



## **Ancaster Minor Hockey and the City of Hamilton**

### ***Partners in Recreation, Partners in Service***

**We both serve the same constituents and strive to provide a safe, fun environment for the development of our youth. Getting more residents involved and engaged is absolutely the goal, and can be met by working together to create the simplest, fairest processes for all.**





**CITY OF HAMILTON**  
**HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT**  
**Housing Services Division**

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Emergency & Community Services Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	May 2, 2019
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy (HSC19008(a)) (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Jessica Reinhart (905) 546-2424 Ext. 2548 Amanda DiFalco (905) 546-2424 Ext. 3132
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Edward John Director, Housing Services Division Healthy and Safe Communities Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

**RECOMMENDATION**

- (a) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities, or his designate, be authorized and directed to enter into and execute an Agreement with Employment and Social Development Canada to administer the Reaching Home Program as of April 1, 2019 and any ancillary agreements required to give effect thereto in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (b) That the current temporary Social Policy Analyst position (1 FTE) be converted to a permanent position, to meet the additional Federal obligations, in the amount of \$97,178 funded through the Reaching Home administrative funding allocation, with no net levy impact, be approved; and
- (c) That the current temporary Senior Project Manager position (1 FTE) be converted to a permanent position, to meet the additional Federal obligations, in the amount of \$115,180 funded through the Reaching Home administrative funding allocation, with no net levy impact, be approved.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On June 11, 2018, the Federal Government announced the redesign of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy, entitled "Reaching Home: Canada's Housing Homelessness Strategy" (Reaching Home). Reaching Home is part of the National Housing Strategy, and aims to assist local communities in adopting an outcome based coordinated system response that supports the National goal of reducing chronic homelessness by 50% on or before March 31, 2028.

This new program is built on the Federal Government's increased expectations for Municipalities to play a stronger leadership role in planning and managing local homeless service management systems. The City of Hamilton has embraced this increased leadership role by engaging community partners to plan for a more coordinated approach to reducing and ending homelessness in Hamilton. A coordinated system planning document called "Coming Together to End Homelessness – A System Planning Framework," will be completed by the end of June 2019. The plan aims to coordinate resources, inform funding allocations, and ensure that community level results align with Federal, Provincial and local goals of reducing and ending homelessness.

As of April 1, 2019, the City of Hamilton is responsible for ensuring that we meet the new requirements, set out by Employment and Social Development Canada. Moreover, by 2020-2021, the City of Hamilton will be required to have service system management responsibilities for the homelessness sector, with the creation of a coordinated access system, an integrated information management system, and performance targets. With the new program funding, and service management responsibilities, there is also an increased level of accountability, reporting and expectation in developing and managing a locally coordinated access system of services to address people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

The requested staff conversions will be fully funded through assigned administrative dollars attached to the new funding envelope. The investment is required to ensure that Hamilton will be able to meet Reaching Home requirements and continues to support the priorities identified in Hamilton's Housing and Homelessness Action Plan.

**Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable**

**FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial:**

A total of \$29.4 million in Reaching Home funding will be allocated over a 5-year period from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2024, which is a \$5.1 million (21%) increase from the previous 5-year funding envelope through the Homelessness Partnering Strategy. Housing Services will issue a Call for Applications in the summer of 2019 to broker

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services through community partners. Funding allocations will align with the new requirements and expectations.

The Reaching Home financial requirement is that, at a minimum, each dollar is matched by \$1 from Provincial or Municipal sources. Current Provincial and Municipal contributions fulfil this requirement.

**Staffing:**

Employment and Social Development Canada permits a flat rate of 15% of the Reaching Home funding allocation be used for administrative purposes. Housing Services has identified the need to convert two existing temporary positions into two permanent FTE positions to support the additional obligations, enhancements and requirements of Reaching Home. These positions are conditional on the Reaching Home funding allocation and will not have any impact on the levy.

**Legal:**

The 2019-2024 Reaching Home Service Agreement has been received from Employment and Social Development Canada. It has been reviewed and approved by the Legal Services Department.

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

The new Reaching Home program represents the most significant change in Federal homelessness programming since the introduction of the National Homelessness Initiative in 1999. Reaching Home introduces major innovations in the delivery of homelessness, and social policy in Canada, as a data driven, performance-based homelessness serving system. The redesign is based on research and proven practices across North America, Europe, and Australia to ensure communities get the most out of limited resources, and to rapidly and effectively prevent and end homelessness for those with the greatest need.

The City of Hamilton is one of 61 Designated Communities across Canada and is the recipient of the third highest amount of Federal homelessness funding in Ontario. Also, the City of Hamilton is considered one of the largest Designated Communities in Canada under the Reaching Home program.

The Federal Government began to fund local homelessness projects in 1999 through the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI). The program has been renewed in 2-5 years funding cycles since 1999 and is now called Reaching Home. The current previous program called Homelessness Partnering Strategy ended on March 31, 2019. The new Reaching Home iteration (2019-2024) allows for a transition year from 2019-2020, to continue the current funded projects for up to 1 year to avoid any disruption in

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services for people experiencing homelessness, while the new program is implemented. The new program requirements are expected to be implemented by April 1, 2020. Since the beginning of the Federal homelessness funding program in 1999, the City of Hamilton has received over \$71 million to support local projects in the effort to reduce and end homelessness.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS**

As of April 1, 2019, the City of Hamilton entered into a Service Agreement with Employment and Social Development Canada. This Service Agreement will require the City of Hamilton to adhere to the requirements and directives prescribed through Reaching Home.

**RELEVANT CONSULTATION**

At the request of Employment and Social Development Canada, the Community Advisory Board (also known as the Housing and Homelessness Planning Group) confirmed their support for the City of Hamilton, to continue as the Service System Manager for the administration of the Reaching Home program. In 2018, Housing Services staff initiated consultation processes with internal and external stakeholders, where the results will be used to inform the development of the Coming Together to End Homelessness – System Planning Framework to be completed in June 2019.

**ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The 2019-2024 Reaching Home funding allocation will be based on Employment and Social Development Canada, Service Management directive and guidelines, as well as the prescribed funding allocations as shown below:

2019-2020	\$5,614,508
2020-2021	\$5,614,508
2021-2022	\$6,077,879
2022-2023	\$6,077,879
2023-2024	\$6,077,789
Total	\$29,462,653

There are several changes through Reaching Home, where the 2.0 FTE staff positions continue to be required to support future implementation. These changes include:

- A data driven, performance-based program with community level chronic homelessness reduction targets. Local communities are accountable to achieve a 50% reduction in chronic homelessness, and to publicly report on progress towards the implementation of a coordinated access system, annual performance

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metrics, and community wide outcomes as prescribed through the Reaching Home program.

- Real-time person specific data through the implementation of a By-Name List. Real-time data will allow communities to better understand people at risk of or experiencing homelessness needs, how people are entering into homelessness or how effectively communities are moving people out of homelessness.
- Standardized intake and assessment processes to match people to the appropriate housing and supports based on their needs and preferences.
- Communities will be required to implement the Homelessness Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS). This is an integrated information management system that all funded programs will be required to use in their service delivery and reporting.

It is important to highlight that the Housing Services Division is also planning for Provincial funding allocation for homelessness, through the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI). Both Reaching Home and CHPI funding streams are aligned to achieve the goals of the Housing and Homelessness Action Plan. Funding must be used, or it will be returned to the appropriate levels of government.

#### **ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

None

#### **ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN**

##### **Economic Prosperity and Growth**

Hamilton has a prosperous and diverse local economy where people have opportunities to grow and develop.

##### **Healthy and Safe Communities**

Hamilton is a safe and supportive City where people are active, healthy, and have a high quality of life.

##### **Our People and Performance**

Hamiltonians have a high level of trust and confidence in their City government.


#### **APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

None



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**HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT**  
**Housing Services Division**

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	May 2, 2019
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	St. Matthew's House – Request for Service Manager Consent to Sell Units (HSC19015) (Ward 3)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Ward 3
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Joshua Van Kampen (905) 546-2424 Ext. 4592
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Edward John Director, Housing Services Division Healthy and Safe Communities Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- (a) That Council, in its capacity as Service Manager under the *Housing Services Act, 2011*, approve the request of St. Matthew's House to sell two properties comprised of nine housing units at 247 East Avenue North (five units) and 44 St. Matthew's Avenue (four units) subject to the following condition:
- (i) that the sale proceeds be reinvested into St. Matthew's House Senior Support Program in partnership with both private and social housing landlords to maintain homelessness prevention for the aging population; and
- (b) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department or his designate be authorized and directed to reallocate the net existing operating budget for St. Matthew's House of \$111,700 from Dept ID 625084 to increase the Hamilton Housing Allowance Program operating budget to \$1.146M (Dept ID 626029) to offer additional housing allowances to approximately 30 households from the centralized wait list.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

St. Matthew's House ("St. Matthews") has requested consent to sell two properties, comprised of nine units, operated pursuant to the *Housing Services Act, 2011* (the

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“Act”). The sale of these properties requires the City of Hamilton's consent to sell, in its capacity as Service Manager under the Act. These units were constructed in the early 1900s and although the units have been maintained, they show signs of heavy use and building materials indicative of that period. These properties are located at 247 East Avenue North (five units) and 44 St. Matthew's Avenue (four units) within Ward 3. These units operate as shared accommodations serving senior single men. St. Matthew's mandate does not require it to select its tenant from the centralized wait list. Currently, these properties are vacant.

The *Housing Services Act, 2011*, requires that the proceeds of sale of social housing projects either replace units or support actions and initiatives identified in the housing and homelessness plans. St. Matthew's will reinvest the proceeds to support its senior support programs for homelessness prevention which supports Strategy 3.1 the City's Housing and Homelessness Action Plan.

St. Matthew's Housing will no longer require its operating subsidy of \$111,700 which can be reallocated to the Hamilton Housing Allowance Program. This program currently has an annualized levy supported operating budget of \$1.034M currently supporting 315 households from the waitlist. With an increase of \$111,700 annually, the Hamilton Housing Allowance Program (HHAP) can increase the number of households it assists by approximately 30 households, selected from the wait list.

St. Matthew's Housing has been in discussions with another affordable housing provider who has shown interest in the potential purchase of 247 East Avenue North and 44 St. Matthew's Avenue.

If the sale goes through to another housing provider, Housing Services will work with the housing provider to ensure that the centralized wait list will be used to house the total amount of units being sold, assign any possible subsidies over, and that any money held in reserve accounts for those two properties be transferred over to the purchaser upon completion of sale.

**Alternatives for Consideration – See page 4**

**FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Financial: The 2018 net levy supported subsidy for St. Matthew's House was \$113,420. The net levy supported operating budget for the Hamilton Housing Allowance Program is \$1.034M. There would be no net levy impact by reallocating St. Matthew's House subsidy to increase the operating budget for HHAP.

Staffing: There are no staffing implications associated with Report HSC19015.

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Legal: There are no legal implications associated with Report HSC19015.

## **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

With the devolution of housing responsibilities to the local level under the *Social Housing Reform Act, 2000* (subsequently repealed and replaced by the *Housing Services Act, 2011*), municipalities have taken on a leadership role in the provision of affordable housing. This has created considerable pressure on municipalities to maintain housing infrastructure and to build new affordable housing.

St. Matthew's House purchased two properties within Ward 3 (247 East Avenue North and 44 St. Matthew's Avenue) in 1989 with funding from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation under a specific social housing program. These properties were constructed in the early 1900's and renovated to provide shared living accommodations for single senior men (ages 55+). As part of its operating agreement, St. Matthew's House is exempt from selecting its tenants from the wait list.

St. Matthew's House is a non-profit charitable organization founded in 1967 with a focus on caring for vulnerable populations in the surrounding neighbourhoods. Although it has been a housing provider since 1990, it has generally been focused on other support related programming for seniors such as homelessness prevention and food security. St. Matthew's House also provides various child care programming. In 2017, St. Matthew's House completed a renewal of its strategic plan which no longer includes the direct provision of housing and, instead, endorses an enhancement of its seniors housing support programs.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS**

### ***Housing Services Act, 2011***

The *Housing Services Act, 2011* ("Act") requires housing providers to obtain Service Manager consent prior to any transfers of social housing units. On January 1, 2017, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing issued a Directive to Service Managers that the net financial proceeds generated from the sale be used to support either the delivery of another transferred housing program (i.e. subject to the Act) or in furtherance of another housing-related purpose contemplated in the Service Manager's housing and homelessness plan.

## **RELEVANT CONSULTATION**

Housing Services' staff consulted with St. Matthew's House to review its business case.

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**ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)**

St. Matthews' main objective of its proposed sale is to reinvest the net proceeds from the sale of the two existing homes into St. Matthews' seniors supports for the prevention of homelessness, which includes both food and housing security. These supports will be client based, however St. Matthew's House will work in partnership with both private and social housing landlords to help maintain homelessness prevention for the aging population.

The following outlines the rationale used by St. Matthew's House for requesting consent to sell the units:

- 247 East Avenue North and 44 St. Matthew's Avenue are both currently vacant;
- Both units require repairs of such enormity that St. Matthew's House does not wish to fill these units due to health and safety concerns;
- St. Matthew's House has updated its strategic plan to realign its focus to seniors support for the prevention of homelessness, which includes both food and housing security.

In order to sell social housing properties, the Service Manager must provide its consent as required by the *Housing Services Act, 2011* ("Act").

Consent is conditional on the following:

- St. Matthews will reinvest the revenues into its Senior's Housing Support program that focuses on Senior's Homelessness Prevention.
- The sale of the two homes will support the long-term financial health of St. Matthew's House.
- There are no known environmental issues or legal disputes associated with the properties.
- Prior to the sale of each property, St. Matthews has provided the Service Manager with a copy of the Board of Director's Resolution along with a plan confirming that all impacted tenants have been relocated and supported.
- St. Matthews will provide the Service Manager with copies of all Agreements of Purchase and Sale and copies of the full final reporting of the sale.
- St. Matthews will transfer to the purchaser any monies that is specifically held in reserve for 247 East Avenue North and 44 St. Matthew's Avenue.

In 2018, the net levy supported operating subsidy for St. Matthew's House was \$113,420 following the annual reconciliation process. This subsidy supported the costs of mortgage, taxes, administration, maintenance, and rent subsidy for nine rooms within the two properties. If this subsidy is reinvested into the Hamilton Housing Allowance

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Program, it can be converted to supporting approximately 30 households, assuming an average subsidy of \$275 per month.

**ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

The properties could be transferred to another housing provider to operate in accordance with the Act. This alternative would require the continuation of the subsidy and would maintain the nine rooms of shared living. This is permissible under the legislation and would result in no financial, staffing, legal or policy implications. Staff do not recommend this alternative for the following reasons:

- The net proceeds of the sale of the properties will provide ongoing stability to a needed seniors support program;
- The properties will require significant capital investments to ensure they remain suitable for habitation;
- These two properties currently provide only nine rooms of shared living accommodation for tenants not selected from the waitlist; and,
- The current level of subsidy can achieve greater impact by reallocating it to the Hamilton Housing Allowance Program.

**ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN****Healthy and Safe Communities**

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**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

None

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## INFORMATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	May 2, 2019
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	2019 Provincial Funding Update (HSC19023) (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Amanda Thind (905) 546-2424 Ext. 4522
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Paul Johnson General Manager Healthy and Safe Communities Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

### INFORMATION

This report provides a high-level summary of the potential funding impacts to services delivered by the Healthy and Safe Communities Department resulting from the 2019 Ontario Budget. Staff will continue to gather information regarding the timing of commitments and potential funding program parameters, to assist Council in preparing for future funding decisions.

The 2019 annual funding for the Healthy and Safety Communities Department includes provincial funding in the amount of \$324 million. The actual annual 2019 allocation is expected to be about \$314 million based on confirmed allocations as well as assumptions based on known information, resulting in a shortfall of about \$10 million. The prorated 2019 shortfall is expected to be about \$8.9 million. A breakdown of the funding by division is provided in Table 1.

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Table 1

Division	Expected Annual Funding	2019 Prorated Impact	Annual Impact
Children's Services and Neighbourhood Development	\$68.8 M	(\$3.4 M)	(\$3.4 M)
Housing Services	\$25.3 M	-	-
Long-Term Care	\$21.2 M	(\$400.0 K)	(\$400.0 K)
Hamilton Paramedic Service	\$25.6 M	(\$700.0 K)	(\$700.0 K)
Ontario Works	\$139.0 M	(\$2.0 M)	(\$2.5 M)
Recreation	\$380.0 K	-	-
Public Health Services	\$33.8 M	(\$2.4 M)	(\$3.3 M)
<b>Total Healthy and Safe Communities</b>	<b>\$314.1 M</b>	<b>(\$8.9 M)</b>	<b>(\$10.2 M)</b>

**New Programs**

Housing Services	\$5.8 Million	\$5.8 Million	\$5.8 Million
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*\*Table may not add due to rounding*

### **Housing Services Division – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services**

The City's 2019 budget includes provincial funding in the amount of \$25.3 million. The City has received confirmation for most of the programs resulting in no change to the budgeted amounts. There are no negative funding impacts for the Housing Services Division.

In addition, Housing Services is receiving funding for two new programs; the Canada Ontario Community Housing Initiative in the amount of \$1.2 million and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative in the amount of \$4.6 million for a total of \$5.8 million. These programs were not included in the 2019 budget.

### **Ontario Works - Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services**

The 2019 budget includes provincial funding in the amount of \$141.5 million. The City has not received any funding confirmations from the Province other than the discontinuation of the Addiction Services Initiative (ASI) funding. It is now expected that the funding amounts will remain at the 2018 actual levels for Ontario Works 50/50 funding and the Employment Assistance Program (as opposed to the 2018 budgeted levels). This will also impact several other divisions within Healthy and Safe Communities. Based on

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this information OW would receive \$139 million in annual funding, resulting in an annual shortfall of \$2.5 million and a 2019 prorated shortfall of \$2 million.

The City has been informed that it can present a business case for increasing the 2019 budget from 2018 actuals to closer to our 2018 budgeted amount. Staff will be preparing that submission immediately.

The Addiction Services Initiative funding reduction equals a loss of \$1.1 million in 100% provincial funding for intensive case management and addiction treatment. This results in a reduction of 12 FTEs (within Ontario Works, Housing Services and Public Health Services) and the loss of intensive case management and programming for approximately 240 people. It is anticipated that community partners, including the City's Public Health Alcohol, Drugs and Gambling Services (ADGS) will be unable to accommodate the exiting 140 people receiving addiction treatment through ASI.

**Recreation - Ministry of Senior Affairs**

The 2019 budget includes provincial funding in the amount of \$380K. The City has not received any funding confirmations from the Province and has no further information at this time, however the funding level is not expected to change.

**Public Health Services – Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care**

The 2019 budget includes an assumption of provincial funding in the amount of \$37 million. The City is waiting to receive confirmation from the Province on the funding allocations, however based on known information a 70/30 split has been assumed for most provincially funded programs resulting in an estimated funding allocation of \$33.8 million for 2019, leading to a shortfall in 2019 of \$2.4 million, and a further impact of \$900,000 in 2020. The funding formula would further shift by 2021/2022 to its end state of 60% provincial and 40% municipal, although the province is hoping to achieve some efficiencies through regionalization that may offset impacts.

Portions of the Public Health Services budget are also funded through other Ministries or other sections of the Ministry of Health. At this time, there is no indication that these areas are impacted, and so no change in estimates are included for those programs (e.g. Healthy Babies Healthy Children). Staff will be seeking clarification on these points during discussions with the Province.

The Province has indicated that there will be an opportunity to discuss one-time funding on a case-by-case basis with each health unit to assist with the transition to the new funding formula in 2019.

**SUBJECT: 2019 Provincial Funding Update (HSC19023) (City Wide) - Page 4 of 5****Children's Services and Neighborhood Development - Ministry of Education**

The 2019 budget was based on the 2018 provincial funding in the amount of \$72.2 million, however the Province has confirmed the actual funding for 2019 will be \$68.8 million, resulting in a shortfall of \$3.4 million. The Province is updating the funding formula and municipal cost share requirements and full details on these impacts are not known at this time. The Ministry of Education will provide further details on these changes when they release the 2019 Service Agreement and the Ontario Child Care Service Management and Funding Guidelines which will be available in the coming weeks.

**Long Term Care – Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care**

The 2019 budget included provincial funding in the amount of \$21.6 million. To date the City has not received any confirmation of funding but is expecting funding to remain at the 2018 levels of \$21.2 million resulting in a shortfall of about \$400,000.

Over the past 4 years, Long-Term Care (LTC) Homes have budgeted a 2% increase to the Nursing & Personal Care envelope based on previous year's increases by the Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care. For the 2019 budget, a more conservative assumption was made at a 1% increase for the Nursing & Personal Care envelope.

The LTC funding may be further impacted once the City receives their case mix index (CMI) data. The CMI is the information that is used in determining the allocation of resources to provide care for residents at our two long-term care facilities. The 2019 budget assumed that the CMI would remain unchanged.

**Hamilton Paramedic Services – Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Local Health Integration Network**

The 2019 budget included provincial funding in the amount of \$26.3 million. The City is still waiting to receive confirmation from the Province on the funding allocation, however it is not expected that the City will receive the Land Ambulance funding that was approved through the Capital budget process in 2019 resulting in an estimated funding allocation of \$25.6 million for 2019 leading to a shortfall of over \$700,000.

In accordance with the Land Ambulance Service Grant (LASG) agreement the Province has adjusted our grant funding in each of the years following Council approval of capacity increases. However, the funding formula within the LASG creates a one-year lag before the provincial 50% of our operating costs are funded. In essence, the City has been required to fund 100% of the cost of ambulance service resource increases in the first year of operation rather than the 50% of ambulance costs contemplated in the original downloading of ambulance services to the municipality. This issue has previously been raised with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, and Hamilton's Mayor has written directly to the Minister to seek a resolution to this matter.

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**Next Steps**

As the full budget packages from the province are received, staff will update the financial impacts and begin to prepare in-year mitigation strategies. Those strategies will be presented as part of a corporate report regarding the impacts across all departments. It is expected that this report will be presented by the end of Q2 2019. While this report is being prepared, services in the above-mentioned program areas will operate on a “business as usual” basis except for the ASI program which will wind down between now and July 31, 2019.

**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

None

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

Emergency and Community Services Committee: May 2, 2019

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR .....**

**Recreation and Social Infrastructure at 430 Cumberland Ave. (Ward 3)**

WHEREAS, CityHousing Hamilton located at 430 Cumberland Avenue aims to improve the quality of life of residents, specifically young families and youth with outdoor recreational, community garden and safety enhancements on site;

WHEREAS, this social infrastructure project requires further investment in order to be completed; and,

WHEREAS, funding will enable increased recreation, health and social benefits to the residents of 430 Cumberland Avenue;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That a total of \$65,000 be invested in 430 Cumberland Avenue for playground equipment and a half basketball court be funded from the Ward 3 Discretionary Funds in the following way:

- (a) \$20,000 from the 2017 Ward 3 Discretionary Funds No. 3301709300;
- (b) \$45,000 from the 2018 Ward 3 Discretionary Funds No. 3301809300; and,
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerks 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.