EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT 20-001

1:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 16, 2020
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor B. Clark – City Business

THE EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 20-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Recommended Projects from Coming Together to End Homelessness: Call for Applications 2019 (HSC20004) (Item 9.1)

(a) That, the Coming Together to End Homelessness Call for Applications (CFA) recommended funding allocations, in the amount of $7,576,159 (as outlined in Appendix "A" to attached to Emergency and Community Services Committee Report 20-001), be approved;

(b) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities, or his designate, be authorized and directed to enter into and execute agreements according to the recommended funding allocations and any subsequent ancillary agreements required to give effect thereto in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,

(c) That Good Shepherd Non-Profit HOMES – Low Barrier Housing for Women application be referred to the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women and Transgender Community Sub-committee for further review and to seek external financial and operational partnerships.

2. Compliance Reporting for Long Term Care Homes (Macassa Lodge & Wentworth Lodge) (HSC20002) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)

That Report HSC20002, respecting Compliance Reporting for Long Term Care Homes (Macassa Lodge & Wentworth Lodge), be received.

3. Transfer from Reserve for Hamilton Veterans Committee (PED20031) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)

That $15 K be transferred from the Volunteer Committee Reserve 112212 to the Hamilton Veterans Committee 55948-300324 to offset the cost of the 2019 City of Hamilton Remembrance Day ceremonies.

4. Ontario Disability Support Program (Item 11.1)

(a) That a letter be sent to the Ontario Minister of Children, Community and Social Services respecting the following:

(i) Reversing budget cuts made and planned for the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services;

(ii) Maintaining the current Ontario Disability Support Program definition of disability;

(iii) Increasing social assistance rates;

(iv) Respecting the rights of people living with disability to participate in decisions affecting them by creating a meaningful process of co-reviewing and co-designing programs of social assistance and adjudication processes; and,

(b) that copies of the letter be sent to the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) and to the Mayors of other comparable-sized cities in Ontario.

5. Hill Park Pickleball Courts Renovation (Item 11.2)

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

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

WHEREAS, the sport of Pickleball continues to grow in popularity in the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, there is a need to renovate and convert the existing two tennis courts at Hill Park Recreation Centre into Pickleball courts; and,

WHEREAS, Pickleball Hamilton has raised $25,000 for the court renovation project;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That funding for the conversion and renovation of the existing two tennis courts into Pickleball courts at the Hill Park Recreation Centre (Project I.D. 4241909701) in the amount of $ 200,000 be funded accordingly; $175,000 from the Ward 7 Area rating Reserve account (#108057), and $25,000 raised donation from Pickleball Hamilton be approved; and,

(b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute and required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, respecting the conversion and renovation of the existing two tennis courts into Pickleball courts at the Hill Park Recreation Centre, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

6. Empowering Youth Leadership and Civic Engagement (Added Item 11.3)

WHEREAS, civic engagement and civic education are core components enabling young people to lead and act in an informed way;

WHEREAS, Model City Hall Hamilton is the first conference in Canada to offer high school students the opportunity to experience municipal politics at no cost;

WHEREAS, Model City Hall Hamilton is doing direct engagement of high school students in Ward 3; and,

WHEREAS, supporting excellence in youth-led initiatives is a practice of putting equity, diversity and inclusion in action;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That $1350 be funded to Model City Hall Hamilton’s 2020 conference from the Ward 3 Cell Tower fund Account (3301609603); and,

(b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents in relation to funding Model City Hall Hamilton’s 2020 conference, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

7. Ontario Works Funding Update (HSC20005) (City Wide)

That Report HSC20005, respecting Ontario Works Funding Update, be received and remain confidential.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

6.1 Dr. Sally Palmer has requested an amendment to her delegation request; she now represents the McMaster Community Poverty Initiative, rather than the Hamilton Social Work Action Committee (for a future meeting)

6.3 Carolyn Buck and John Sharp, Pickleball Hamilton, respecting a request for funding to re-purpose unused tennis courts to pickleball courts to be managed by Pickleball Hamilton (for today's meeting)

6.4 Sheri Selway, Canadian Federation of University Women - Hamilton, respecting the crisis with social assistance rates, with a focus on how women and families are particularly affected (for a future meeting)

12. NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

12.1 Empowering Youth Leadership and Civic Engagement

The agenda for the January 16, 2020 Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) December 6, 2019 (Item 4.1)

The Minutes of the December 6, 2019 meeting of the Emergency and Community Services Committee were approved, as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

The following Delegation Requests, were approved:

(i) Dr. Sally Palmer, McMaster Community Poverty Initiative, respecting the decision of the Ontario government to give no cost-of-living raise to social

assistance for 2019, and the escalation of food prices in 2019 (for a future meeting) (Item 6.1)

(ii) Elizabeth McGuire, Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits, respecting social assistance rates (for today's meeting) (Item 6.2)

(iii) Carolyn Buck and John Sharp, Pickleball Hamilton, respecting a request for funding to re-purpose unused tennis courts to pickleball courts to be managed by Pickleball Hamilton (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.3)

(iv) Sheri Selway, Canadian Federation of University Women - Hamilton, respecting the crisis with social assistance rates, with a focus on how women and families are particularly affected (for a future meeting) (Added Item 6.4)

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 8)

Item 11.1 respecting the Ontario Disability Support Program, was moved up on the agenda to be heard immediately after the Delegation from Elizabeth McGuire.

(i) Elizabeth McGuire, Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits, respecting social assistance rates and the Ontario Disability Program (Item 8.1)

Elizabeth McGuire, Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits, addressed the Committee respecting social assistance rates and the Ontario Disability Support Program.

The Delegation from Elizabeth McGuire, Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits, respecting social assistance rates and the Ontario Disability Support Program, was received.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 4.

Item 11.2 respecting the Hill Park Pickleball Courts Renovation, was moved up on the agenda to be heard immediately after the Delegation from Carolyn Buck and John Sharp.

(ii) Carolyn Buck and John Sharp, Pickleball Hamilton, respecting a request for funding to re-purpose unused tennis courts to pickleball courts to be managed by Pickleball Hamilton (Item 8.2)

Carolyn Buck and John Sharp, Pickleball Hamilton, addressed the Committee respecting a request for funding to re-purpose unused tennis courts to pickleball courts to be managed by Pickleball Hamilton.

The delegation from Carolyn Buck and John Sharp, Pickleball Hamilton, respecting a request for funding to re-purpose unused tennis courts to pickleball courts to be managed by Pickleball Hamilton, was received.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 5.

(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS

(i) Recommended Projects from Coming Together to End Homelessness: Call for Applications 2019 (HSC20004) (Item 9.1)

Edward John, Director, Housing Services, addressed the Committee respecting the Recommended Projects from Coming Together to End Homelessness: Call for Applications 2019.

The presentation, respecting Recommended Projects from Coming Together to End Homelessness: Call for Applications 2019, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(g) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

(i) Empowering Youth Leadership and Civic Engagement (Added Item 12.1)

Councillor Nann introduced a Notice of Motion respecting Empowering Youth Leadership and Civic Engagement.

The Rules of Order were waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Empowering Youth Leadership and Civic Engagement.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 6.

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

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

The following amendments to the Emergency and Community Services Outstanding Business List, were approved:

(a) Items Considered Completed and to be Removed

(i) Ministry Inspection Report
Item on OBL: O
Addressed as Item 10.1 on today's agenda

(i) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)

The Emergency and Community Services Committee moved into Closed Session respecting Item 14.1, pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (b) and (d) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (b) and (d) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City employees, and labour relations or employee negotiations.

(i) Ontario Works Funding Update (HSC20005) (City Wide)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7.

(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Whitehead/Nann)
There being no further business, the Emergency and Community Services Committee was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor E. Pauls
Chair, Emergency and Community Services Committee

Tamara Bates
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk

Call for Applications (CFA) Funding Outcomes

Twelve applications were deemed successful through the call, totalling $6,205,120 annually. These include:

Proponent	Annual Funding Amount
Catholic Children's Aid Society, Community Youth Housing Project Diversion	$332,150
Good Shepherd Centres, Housing First Staying Home Program	$397,400
Good Shepherd Centres, Housing First Family Diversion	$225,910
Good Shepherd Centres, Housing First Intensive Case Management Program	$1,336,410
Good Shepherd Centres, Rapid Rehousing Program	$534,210
Housing Help Centre—Hamilton & Area, Hamilton Housing Help	$483,930
Mission Services of Hamilton, Housing UP Intensive Case Management	$820,000
Mission Services of Hamilton, Housing UP Rapid Rehousing	$503,760
St. Matthew's House, Housing Outreach Prevention Eviction for Seniors (HOPES)	$153,980
Wesley Urban Ministries, Wesley Youth Housing	$108,650
Wesley Urban Ministries, Wesley Hamilton Housing Services Intensive Case Management Housing	$820,000
YWCA Transitional Living Program	$488,720

Indigenous Community Entity Funding Recommendations

The Indigenous Community Entity and Aboriginal Community Advisory Board (ABCAB) received approval for a transition year of 2020/2021, with a call for application process occurring for new contracts to be in place April 1, 2021. For the fiscal year of 2020/2021, totalling $1,054,469, ABCAB recommends the following applications, submitted to the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities:

Proponent	Funding Amount
Native Women's Centre- Honouring the Circle, Crisis Intervention Worker	$13,242
Native Women's Centre- Honouring the Circle, Home Proctor	$39,491
Hamilton Regional Indian Centre, Aboriginal Men/Youth Homelessness Support Worker	$62,065
De dwa da dehs nye>s Aboriginal Health Centre, Intensive Case Management Team, Indigenous Housing Services	$604,003
Hamilton Regional Indian Centre, Aboriginal Men/Youth Homelessness Support Worker- increase program funds	$12,895

De dwa da dehs nye>s Aboriginal Health Centre, Intensive Case Management Team, Indigenous Housing Services—increase program funds	$116,805
De dwa da dehs nye>s Aboriginal Health Centre, Intensive Case Management Team, Indigenous Housing Services – Damage Repair (Housing First Clients)	$25,000
De dwa da dehs nye>s Aboriginal Health Centre, Intensive Case Management Team, Indigenous Housing Services—Move-in package (Housing First Clients)	$25,000
Coalition of Hamilton Indigenous Leaders (CHIL), Coordinated Access and Data Related Activities	$55,966
Hamilton Regional Indian Centre, Endaayang: Housing First for Youth	$50,000
De dwa da dehs nye>s Aboriginal Health Centre, Indigenous Housing Services	$50,000