

City of Hamilton EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

Meeting #: 20-003

Date: June 19, 2020

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City

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1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 - 3.1 February 20, 2020
- 4. COMMUNICATIONS
 - 4.1 Correspondence from Shannon Fuller, Assistant Deputy Minister, Early Years and Child Care Division, Ministry of Education, regarding Child Care and EarlyON Sector Funding COVID Outbreak

5. CONSENT ITEMS

- 5.1 Hamilton Veteran Committee Minutes
 - 5.1.a September 24, 2019
 - 5.1.b October 22, 2019
 - 5.1.c November 26, 2019
 - 5.1.d February 25, 2020
- 5.2 Canadian Medical Association Foundation COVID-19 Community Response for Vulnerable Populations Fund (HSC20022) (City Wide)
- 6. WRITTEN DELEGATIONS
- 7. STAFF PRESENTATIONS
- 8. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - 8.1 Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women and Transgender Community Sub-Committee Report 20-001, March 6, 2020
 - 8.2 Ontario Works Facilities Update (HSC20015) (City Wlde)
 - 8.3 Adaptation and Transformation of Services for People Experiencing Homelessness (HSC20020) (City Wide)
- 9. MOTIONS
 - 9.1 Let's Get Growing Seed Sharing Program (Ward 3)
- 10. NOTICES OF MOTION
- 11. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS
 - 11.1 Amendments to the Outstanding Business List
 - 11.1.a Items Requiring a New Due Date

11.1.a.a Poverty Reduction Investment Plan

Item on OBL: 17-B

Current Due Date: June 2020

Proposed New Due Date: September 10, 2020

11.1.a.b Hamilton Youth Engagement Collaboration

Item on OBL: 17-C

Current Due Date: March 26, 2020 Proposed New Due Date: July 9, 2020

11.1.a.c Home for Good

Item on OBL: 17D

Current Due Date: January 16, 2020 Proposed New Due Date: July 9, 2020

11.1.a.d Opportunities and Flexibility of Existing Housing Programs -

Withdrawn

Item on OBL: 18-B

Current Due Date: February 6, 2020

Proposed New Due Date: December 10, 2020

11.1.a.e Hamilton Housing Benefits - Withdrawn

Item on OBL: 19-A

Current Due Date: February 6, 2020

Proposed New Due Date: December 10, 2020

11.1.a.f All Seasons Soccer Facility

Item on OBL: 19-B

Current Due Date: January 16, 2020

Proposed New Due Date: October 8, 2020

11.1.a.g Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women

Item on OBL: 19-C

Current Due Date: February 6, 2020

Proposed New Due Date: December 10, 2020

11.1.a.h Community Hub Proposal/Multi Sport Indoor Facility

Development - Withdrawn

Item on OBL: 19-D

Current Due Date: January 16, 2020 Proposed New Due Date: October 8, 2020

11.1.a.i Curling Facilities

Item on OBL: 19-F

Current Due Date: January 16, 2020

Proposed New Due Date: December 10, 2020

11.1.a.j Ministry's continued support for critical housing investments and leveraging federal funding under the National Housing Strategy through new provincial investments and outlining the City's funding for housing and homelessness programs as

confirmed through the 2019 Ontario Budget

Item on OBL: 19-H

Current Due Date: January 16, 2020

Proposed New Due Date: December 10, 2020

11.1.a.k Correspondence from Janice Lewis, Board President, Native Women's Centre, respectingMountainview Emergency Shelter Operations

Item on OBL: 20-A Current Due Date: N/A

Proposed New Due Date: July 9, 2020

11.1.b Items to be Referred

11.1.b.a Consumption and Treatment Services and Wesley Day Centre

Item on OBL: 19-K

To be referred to the Board of Health

Rationale: Consumption and Treatment Services falls under

Board of Health

12. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

13. ADJOURNMENT



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 20-002

1:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 20, 2020
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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

N. Nann

Absent with

Councillor T. Whitehead - Personal

Regrets:

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Correspondence from Janice Lewis-Deeley, Board President, Native Women's Centre, respecting Mountainview Emergency Shelter Operations (Added Item 5.3)

(Nann/Jackson)

That correspondence from Janice Lewis-Deeley, Board President, Native Women's Centre, respecting Mountainview Emergency Shelter Operations, be received and referred to staff for action and to report back to Emergency and Community Services Committee, and referred to the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women and Transgender Community Sub-Committee for information. (Added Item 5.3)

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

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

YES - Chair – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

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2. Deputy Fire Chief Appointment (HSC19005(b)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Jackson/Merulla)

That the By-law to Appoint a Deputy Fire Chief, attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC19005(b), which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be passed.

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

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

YES - Chair - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

3. 2019 Ministry of Health Ambulance Service Review Findings (HSC20006) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

(Jackson/Merulla)

That Report HSC20006, respecting 2019 Ministry of Health Ambulance Service Review Findings, be received.

CARRIED

4. Residential Care Facilities Subsidy Program (HSC19064(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

(Merulla/Nann)

That Report HSC19064(a), respecting Residential Care Facilities Subsidy Program, be received.

CARRIED

5. Social Assistance Rates (Item 8.1-8.3)

(Merulla/Nann)

WHEREAS, food costs have increased by 7.6% in 2019 and continue to rise;

WHEREAS, access to nutritious food is a key factor in maintaining health, enabling residents to and participate more actively in society; and

WHEREAS, social assistance has not kept pace with the actual rate of inflation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED.

(a) That the Mayor send a letter to the Premier of Ontario, requesting an assessment and adjustment to social assistance to reflect the Consumer Inflation Index, thereby creating a sustainable system process to accommodate the most vulnerable; and,

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(b) That a copy of this letter be sent to all local MPPs. Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 5 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

YES - Chair - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

6. Menstrual Products Pilot (HSC20001) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)

(Merulla/Nann)

That the 12-month Menstrual Products Pilot Project utilizing the following approaches be approved:

- (i) Universal Approach make menstrual products available in women's and universal washrooms in 5 recreation centres, one in each recreation district;
- (ii) Targeted Approach partnering with Hamilton Food Share and local food banks to distribute menstrual products through Food Share's existing network; and,

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

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

YES - Chair - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

(Pauls/Merulla)

WHEREAS, there are ongoing costs for feminine hygiene products for those receiving assistance through Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Mayor send a letter to the Minister of Children, Community and Social Serviced advocating for an increase to the Basic Needs awards amount to cover costs for feminine hygiene products; and
- (b) That a copy of this letter be sent to local MPPs.

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

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YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

YES - Chair - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

7. Allocation of Funds to Continue the Emergency Home Repair Program (HSC20003) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)

(Clark/Jackson)

- (a) That all uncommitted funds in the Hamilton Emergency Home Repair Reserve (#102045), including all interest earned or accrued, estimated to be \$65,000, be utilized for the Hamilton Emergency Home Repair Program (HEHRP) until fully exhausted; and
- (b) That all uncommitted funds in the Municipal Down Payment Assistance Program Reserve (#112009), including all interest earned or accrued and after the Trillium Benefit pay out, estimated to be \$300,000 to \$375,000, be transferred to the Hamilton Emergency Home Repair Reserve (#102045) to be utilized for the Hamilton Emergency Home Repair Program (HEHRP) and subsequently reserve #112009 be closed.

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

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

YES - Chair - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

8. School Board Labour Disruption (HSC20011) (City Wide) (Added Item 10.3)

(Clark/Jackson)

That Report HSC20011, respecting School Board Labour Disruption, be received.

CARRIED

9. Ministry of Education Community Based Capital Project (CBCP) Funding - Bernie Morelli EarlyON Child and Family Centre (Item 11.1)

(Nann/Merulla)

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Education provides and approves funding for Community Based EarlyON and Child Care Capital Program (CBCP) projects;

WHEREAS, the repair costs for the former King George school, 77 Gage Avenue North, Hamilton, exceeded the approved provincial funding;

WHEREAS, the Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre, 876 Cannon Street East, Hamilton, is located in the same neighbourhood as the King George location and provides an opportunity to co-locate services for families;

WHEREAS, the funding for the EarlyON Child and Family Centre CBCP project located at the former King George school was deemed unneeded due to the extent of the repair costs; and,

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Education has agreed to allow the City of Hamilton to utilize the EarlyON Child and Family Centre portion of the King George CBCP funding towards the creation of an EarlyON Child and Family Centre at the Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre:

THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED:

- (a) That \$510,000 be allocated from the Community Based Capital Project funding to Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre project account (6791841001) as approved by the Ministry of Education; and,
- (b) That the General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities be authorised and directed to execute any required agreements and ancillary documents in relation to funding the creation of an EarlyON Child and Family Centre at the Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

YES - Chair - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS (Items 5.2-5.3)

- 5.2 Correspondence respecting Employment Services Transformation
 - 5.2.a Correspondence from David Cronin, Director, Program Delivery Service Branch, Employment and Training Division, Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development,

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respecting Call for Proposal for Service System Managers, Employment Services Transformation

Recommendation: To be received.

5.2.b Correspondence from Susan Erwin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Social Assistance Programs Division, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, respecting Employment Services Transformation: Transition Planning for Prototype Regions

Recommendation: To be received.

5.3 Correspondence from Janice Lewis-Deeley, Board President, Native Women's Centre, respecting Mountainview Emergency Shelter Operations

Recommendation: To be received and referred to staff for action and to report back to Emergency and Community Services Committee, and referred to the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women and Transgender Community Sub-Committee for information.

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6.2)

6.2 Susan Morgante, Hamilton Social Action Network, regarding the crisis in social assistance where there has been no cost of living increase in 2019 but there has been an increase of 7.6% in food costs - **WITHDRAWN**

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10.3)

10.3 School Board Labour Disruption (HSC20011) (City Wide)

(Merulla/Nann)

That the agenda for the February 20, 2020 Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

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

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

NOT PRESENT - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

YES - Chair - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) January 16, 2020 (Item 4.1)

(Clark/Nann)

That the Minutes of the January 16, 2020 meeting of the Emergency and Community Services Committee be approved, as presented.

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

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

NOT PRESENT - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

YES - Chair - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Correspondence from the Honourable Minister Todd Smith, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, respecting the Poverty Reduction Strategy Survey (Item 5.1)

(Merulla/Nann)

That Correspondence from the Honourable Minister Todd Smith, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, respecting the Poverty Reduction Strategy Survey, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Correspondence respecting Employment Services Transformation (Added Items 5.2.a and 5.2.b)

(Jackson/Merulla)

That the following correspondence, respecting Employment Services Transformation, be received.

- (a) Correspondence from David Cronin, Program Delivery Service Branch, Employment and Training Division, Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development, respecting Call for Proposal for Service System Managers, Employment Services Transformation (Added Item 5.2.a); and
- (b) Correspondence from Susan Erwin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Social Assistance Programs Division, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, respecting Employment Services

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Transformation: Transition Planning for Prototype Regions (Added Item 5.2.b).

CARRIED

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

(Jackson/Clark)

That the following Delegation Requests, be approved:

- (i) Elizabeth McGuire, Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits, respecting how the low rates of social assistance do not enable a healthy diet (for today's meeting) (Item 6.1)
- (ii) Craig Blondin, Mount Hamilton Youth Soccer Club, respecting Mount Hamilton Youth Soccer Club plan (for a future meeting) (Item 6.3)

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

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

YES - Chair - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

(f) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)

(i) Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee Minutes (Item 7.4)

(Merulla/Jackson)

That the following Minutes of the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee, be received:

- (a) October 1, 2019
- (b) January 7, 2020

CARRIED

(ii) Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes (Item 7.5)

(Nann/Jackson)

That the following Minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee, be received:

- (a) August 2, 2019
- (b) September 6, 2019
- (c) October 4, 2019
- (d) November 1, 2019
- (e) December 6, 2019

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(g) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 8)

(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 (Item 8.1)

Dr. Sally Palmer, McMaster Community Poverty Initiative, addressed the Committee 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, with the aid of a presentation.

The presentation is available at www.hamilton.ca and through the Office of the City Clerk.

(Nann/Jackson)

That Dr. Sally Palmer be permitted to address the Committee for an additional five minutes in order to complete their presentation.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a 2/3s vote of 5 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

YES - Chair - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

(ii) 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 (Item 8.2)

Sheri Selway and Myrtle Greve, Canadian Federation of University Women - Hamilton, addressed the Committee respecting the crisis with social assistance rates, with a focus on how women and families are particularly affected.

(iii) Elizabeth McGuire, Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits, respecting how the low rates of social assistance do not enable a healthy diet (Item 8.3)

Elizabeth McGuire, Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits, addressed the Committee respecting how the low rates of social assistance do not enable a healthy diet, with the aid of a handout.

The handout is available at www.hamilton.ca and through the Office of the City Clerk.

(Jackson/Merulla)

That the following delegations, be received:

- (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;
- (ii) 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; and
- (iii) Elizabeth McGuire, Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits, respecting how the low rates of social assistance do not enable a healthy diet.

CARRIED

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

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

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

(Nann/Merulla)

That the following amendment to the Emergency and Community Services Outstanding Business List, be approved:

- (a) Items Considered Completed and to be Removed:
 - (i) Menstrual Products Affordability Pilot Program Item on OBL: N
 Addressed as Item 10.1 on today's agenda

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

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

YES - Chair - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

(i) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)

The Emergency and Community Services Committee determined that discussion of Item 14.1 was not required in Closed Session; therefore, the matter was addressed in Open Session, as follows:

(i) Closed Session Minutes – January 16, 2020 (Item 14.1)

(Merulla/Jackson)

That the Closed Session Minutes of the January 16, 2020 meeting of the Emergency and Community Services Committee be approved, as presented.

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

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

YES - Chair - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Jackson/Nann)

That there being no further business, the Emergency and Community Services Committee be adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor E. Pauls Chair, Emergency and Community Services Committee

Tamara Bates Legislative Coordinator Office of the City Clerk

Ministry of Education Early Years and Child Care Division

Ministère de l'Éducation Division de la petite enfance et de la garde d'enfants

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TO: Consolidated Municipal Service Managers and District

Social Service Administration Boards

FROM: Shannon Fuller

Assistant Deputy Minister

Early Years and Child Care Division

DATE: May 11, 2020

SUBJECT: Child Care & EarlyON Sector Funding – COVID Outbreak

Thank you again for your continued partnership during this unprecedented, and evolving time.

We know that the COVID-19 outbreak is having significant impacts on families and on the child care sector. This memo sets out details of Ontario's child care sustainability funding approach. This funding approach will be in place during the closure period and will align with the timing of federal supports.

The objective of the funding approach during the closure period is to support financial sustainability across the child care sector, as we know that a stable and accessible child care system will be critical to Ontario's recovery following the COVID-19 outbreak. While our Child Care Funding Formula includes a variety of different funding lines, given the unprecedented times, and that child care services are not currently being provided, as well as the urgency of the situation, we have framed the supports into the two areas of operations: Fixed Overhead Costs and Salary and Wage supports.

Child Care Centres

Fixed Overhead Costs

As part of the Federal COVID-19 Economic Response Plan, and in partnership with Ontario, the federal and provincial governments have announced the Ontario-Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance Program (OCECRA). The federal government designed the program and program details are being finalized by the federal government. To receive more information, visit the Canadian Mortgage and

Housing Corporation's website and sign-up to receive additional details including when the application process opens:

https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/finance-and-investing/covid19-cecra-small-business

Provincial funding will be provided by the Ministry of Education for eligible child care operators who benefit from the OCECRA to pay the tenant portion (25%) of rent as outlined in OCECRA. The other 12.5% of provincial funding for those that benefit from OCECRA will flow through the OCECRA process. Child care operators should work with their landlords to determine whether they will benefit from this program.

Please note that school boards will not be charging rent to child care or EarlyON centres located in schools that have closed until the end of the closure period. Child care and EarlyON centre staff will be permitted to enter schools during the closure period to obtain materials and other tools required to support the implementation of the sustainability plan.

Funding will also be provided for other eligible fixed monthly overhead costs, so centres are able to re-open operations following the conclusion of the state of emergency.

Provincial funding will be provided through CMSMs/DSSABs for child care operators that have a purchase of service agreement for general operating and/or fee subsidies. CMSMs/DSSABs will work directly with child care operators in their area to confirm the fixed overhead costs of operators and the applicable 25% tenant portion of rent under OCECRA. For further clarity, not having a purchase of service agreement is defined as not having a purchase of service agreement for general operating and/or fee subsidy funding with a CMSM/DSSAB.

The province will directly fund child care operators who do not have a purchase of service agreement. The Ministry will provide an application form as part of their application process.

Salary and Wage Supports

The federal government has announced supports for businesses and individuals related to COVID-19, including the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) for businesses and the Canada Emergency Response Benefit for individuals.

For your ease of reference, below is a link to the federal government site that outlines all federal supports in Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan: https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html

All child care centres will be required to apply for Federal COVID-19 Economic Response Plan funding to support staffing costs retroactively to March 15, 2020.

We encourage child care operators to research and optimize these federal supports

for staff not working during the emergency closure period so that they are in a position to re-open following the conclusion of the declaration of emergency and to ensure staff are supported throughout the outbreak.

CMSMs/DSSABs that have committed to providing top-up funding for salaries and wages above the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy will be required to use municipal funding.

In order to ensure no funding gaps before the Federal COVID-19 Economic Response Plan funding is provided, CMSMs/DSSAB's monthly cash flow will continue so that CMSMs/DSSABs are prepared to action Ontario's child care sustainability funding approach across the sector. Funding will be reconciled starting in August.

Home Child Care Providers

While home child care providers are permitted to operate, the Ministry recognizes that many providers have closed or have seen a reduction in the number of children in their care as a result of COVID-19.

In addition to funding for emergency child care, the following Provincial funding will continue to flow through CMSMs/DSSABs for home child care:

- Base funding for licensed home child care agencies
- Wage enhancement grant funding for licensed home child care providers who have remained active
- Regular funding, including fee subsidy funding, for home child care operators who have continued to operate and serve families

The Province will provide funding to cover the fees for families that are eligible for emergency child care directly to licensed home child care agencies who do not have a purchase of service agreement with a CMSM/DSSAB for general operating/base funding for home child care and/or fee subsidy. The Ministry will provide an application form as part of their application process.

EarlyON Child and Family Centres

While physical EarlyON Child and Family Centres are closed under an Emergency Order, many centres have continued to provide virtual programming. Provincial funding, including salaries and wages, will be provided for the days/hours worked.

EarlyON Child and Family Centres will also be supported through the Ontario-Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance Program (OCECRA).

Provincial funding will be provided to service providers to pay the tenant portion (25%) of rent as outlined in OCECRA. Funding will also be provided for other eligible fixed monthly overhead costs, so centres are able to re-open operations following the conclusion of the state of emergency.

Operating funding for Indigenous-led, off-reserve programming and Special Needs Resourcing funding will continue to be provided for days/hours worked to provide service.

Next Steps

A sample budget template is attached for ease of completion and to ensure consistency, where possible. Financial Analysts and Early Years Advisors at the Ministry will work with CMSMs/DSSABs on individual plans and the funding required during this period.

Municipal contributions represent an important component of funding to the early years and child care sector. In addition to ministry commitments outlined above and federal supports announced, we encourage CMSMs/DSSABs to maintain municipal contributions, where possible.

If CMSMs/DSSABs have or receive questions about issues with eligibility or other requirements, please reach out to your Financial Analyst and Early Years Advisor at the Ministry. We are committed to working with you throughout this period.

Additional Supports for Child Care Centres and Home Child Care Agencies

The following changes have been made to provide additional supports to the child care sector during these unprecedented times:

- Licensing application, renewal and revision fees will be waived during the emergency closure period and for 60 days after the order is lifted.
- Licenses set to expire during the emergency closure period will be automatically extended by 6 months.
- The requirement to provide updated vulnerable sector checks and first aid training renewals for existing child care centre staff and home child care providers and their families will be extended during the mandatory closure period. During this time, child care providers will maintain strict health and safety measures as regulated by the *Child Care and Early Years Act*, 2014.

We are grateful for your partnership and look forward to our continued collaboration going forward. The Ministry continues to depend on service system managers, and your knowledge of the needs of your communities, to make decisions that best

support the early years	and child care	e sector in y	our service	areas.	Please of	continue to
let us know how we cai	n support your	efforts dur	ing this chall	enging	time.	

Thank you,

Shannon Fuller



MINUTES

Hamilton Veterans Committee

Tuesday September 24th, 2019

Room 264, 2ND floor, City Hall

Attendance: Ed Sculthorpe (Chair), Don Jackson (Vice-Chair), David Baldry, Bob Fyfe,

Steven Waldron, Michael Rehill, David Steckham, Councillor B. Johnson,

Absent with Regrets: Tibor Bocz Absent: Councillor L. Ferguson

Also Present: Meghann Haggerty, Staff Liaison to Hamilton Veterans Committee, Terry

Ryan

- 1. CHANGES TO AGENDA
- 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 - **3.1** Hamilton Veterans Committee Meeting Minutes, dated August 27th, 2019 (for approval)

(Fyfe/Steckahm)

- 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
- 5. STANDING ITEMS (includes all HVC hosted events)
 - 5.1 Remembrance Day:
 - Construction update:
 - Meghann and Ian Kerr-Wilson, Manager of Heritage Resource Management, met with Rich Shebib (Corridor Management) and Mike Hooper from DeFaveri Construction. The demolition part of the

- project should be finished end of the September/early October with construction of the new building beginning shortly after.
- We can could build temporary hoarding around the site for the two Remembrance Day services. This could be a public art project for in future years.
- It was also agreed that the workers would be taking an extended break during the service on Monday (approx. 10:45am to noon)
- The area does take up a significant portion of the pedestrian area, so
 it will be in the way of the colour party. We will need to be careful
 where we put up the barriers as there will be lots of people in the
 area
- Will look at the site map to see how barriers need to be rearranged
- Police Duty forms submitted by next week will be in high demand on that day.
- Argylls will be coordinating this year. Parade Orders to be sent to Argyll RSM Lawson; some things need to be removed as they are unnecessary.
 RSM Lawson will be invited to attend October meeting
- Soundbox is the confirmed supplier for 2019 and will be providing the video as well as audio. Cable 14 will be live streaming on Sunday
- ASL interpreters for both days to be mentioned in press releases
- Field Gun for Garrison Parade. Need to contact
- Local school to hand out programs on the Monday?
- Vocalists will reach out to Bruce Gilroy for Sunday service and will ask Sarena Patton to attend on the Monday.
- Silver Cross mother Bev McCraw has confirmed to lay wreath but does not want to speak this year
- Parade Route will be the same as last year up and down James
- Saluting Officers; need to contact Glen Gibson and Glen De Caire. Will be picked up at saluting base and brought to service by Darts
- Wreaths anyone can lay a wreath, they don't need approval, instructed upon arrival to line up, pickup the next day
- Other services in the City:

- City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Veterans Committee assists other associations/groups with planning the Ancaster, Dundas, Glanbrook, Stoney Creek and Waterdown services
 - Assist with submitting Event applications (formerly SEAT application), requesting PDOs, road closures, arranging sound, honourariums for pipers/buglers
 - All services are advertised through press releases etc.
 - Flyovers

5.2 Manual for event duties

- Please review electronic document and come prepared to make revisions
 - o For all services, not just downtown
 - Start with the program, drives the event
 - Subcommittee for program; Mike Rehill with update and send out to everyone for comment
- Colour Parade Steve Waldron will do it
- Parade Marshall Rod Paddon

5.3 Sub-committee: Veterans Related Awards

Military units to be included as well as who hosts different services

5.4 Purpose of Committee

Veterans in Hamilton; Tibor will continue to look into it

6. NEW BUSINESS - HAMILTON VETERANS COMMITTEE

a. Dieppe Plaque

- i. After the plaque was stolen and recovered, Christopher Redford (Heritage Presentation Coordinator responsible for plaques) learned that this plaque was gifted to the City by Sheila Copps so it is considered a municipal asset. The City's Risk Management section has provided an account against which the cost of a more secure reinstallation may be charged.
- ii. Examples of other work which has been done to secure cast plaques was provided by email along with Christohpher's recommendation to go with a simple boulder in keeping with beach motif, just high enough to

present the plaque face on a reasonable angle at the level of a person viewing it in a wheelchair, but not so high as to impede a good overall view of the wall of the memorial if one was taking a photograph at a distance.

- iii. The committee would like to look into other materials Councillor Johnson mentioned an issue in a park in her ward where they went with etched glass as a deterrent for theft and vandalism.
- iv. Committee will go with a boulder if other options are not available
- v. Would like to invite Shannon Coles, the new Conservator, to a future meeting to discuss best practices for the City regarding all plaques.
- b. National Never Forgotten Memorial, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
 - i. Councillor Johnson explained that this correspondence was sent to Council with the hope of gaining more endorsement. There is controversary surrounding the planned memorial; 25 million dollars to build an 8 storey Mother Canada statue situation on Cape Breton island, Parks Canada decided to pull out as a partner and will not allow construction on Parks land
 - ii. Recommendation: be received
- c. Committee Pins
 - i. New members of the committee will be receiving pins
- d. Resignation of Nicole Barrett
 - i. Resignation read out and received by the committee
- e. Hamilton Military Museum
 - Carolyn King, Supervisor of the Hamilton Military Museum is looking for help with connecting with veterans for Remembrance Day programming next year
 - ii. Committee suggests she contact speaking bureaus to connect with veterans but will also send her the resource manual
 - iii. Citizen Terry Ryan has been invited to act as an advising assistant to the Committee for collaboration with the local cadet corps and the Hamilton Decoration Day event planning

7. ROUNDTABLE – Remaining HVC meeting dates for 2019

- October 22
- November 26
- December TBD

ADJOURNMENT

() The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 22nd, 2019

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Room 264, 2ND floor, City Hall



Minutes

Hamilton Veterans Committee

Tuesday October 22nd, 2019

Room 264, 2ND floor, City Hall

Present: Ed Sculthorpe (Chair), Don Jackson (Vice-Chair), David Steckham, Michael Rehill, Steve Waldron, David Baldry, Bob Fyfe

Absent: Nicole Barrett, Councillor L. Ferguson, Tibor Bocz

Also present: Brydie Huffman, Staff Liaison to Hamilton Veterans Committee, City of Hamilton

1. CHANGES TO AGENDA

 Remembrance Day will be moved to top of meeting in order to dismiss guest RSM Lawson of the Argyll and Sutherland unit

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No Changes

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- **3.1** Hamilton Veterans Committee Meeting Minutes, dated September 24th, 2019 (for approval)
- Approved 1st by Bob Fyfe and 2nd by David Steckham

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5. STANDING ITEMS (includes all HVC hosted events)

5.1 Remembrance Day: Staff Liaison Report

 Staff member introduced guest RSM Lawson of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders who joined the meeting, representing the lead unit for the Garrison Parade

- Police officers 6 PDOs have been requested to cover all community Remembrance Day services. HPS has stated that it is becoming difficult to cover all the smaller ceremonies. Asked if HVC thinks we need police at each one as this comes out of HVC budget
- Staff requested that the colour party move to stand in-front of band to not block the cameras streaming the Nov. 11 service
- Video Screens only to be on site for Nov. 11 services going forward as this
 is when the media company (Cable 14) has staff available
- Guest speakers from the French Highschool and Hamilton Mosque have been confirmed. Should reach out to new ones' next year
- Staff asked if it would ever be possible to have the Garrison Parade and Civic service combined to one day (Nov. 11) for cost-saving measures. HVC members and RSM advised this would result in diminished military presence at a military service. The separate days of events are coordinated so members of the Reserve units can participate as Hamilton does not have Regular Forces and therefore work Monday – Friday
- Staff shared tracking budget of Remembrance Day costs (for Gore services). Councillor Johnson will speak to Warplane about the cost for Warbird Flyovers

5.2 Manual for Remembrance Day event duties

Michael Redhill has completed manual

5.3 Sub-committee: Veterans Related Awards

Nothing to report

5.4 Purpose of Committee

Working on resource manual – Michael Rehill

6. NEW BUSINESS - HAMILTON VETERANS COMMITTEE

a. Freedom of the City

- City Manager's office forwarded a request from a cadet corps to organize a Freedom of the City march
- Its outside of Veterans Committee advisory authority and would be decided on by council. Mike Rehill prepared background documents to explain this that will be circulated to City staff upon future requests

7. ROUNDTABLE - Remaining HVC meeting dates for 2019

- November 8th Veterans Committee invited to attend dinner at Liuna Station for Navy Star Dinner (cost \$100 to be paid by guest)
- November 26 4-6pm

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8. ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting: **November 26, 2019**, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Room 264, 2ND floor, City Hall



Minutes

Hamilton Veterans Committee

Tuesday November 26, 2019

Room 264, 2ND floor, City Hall

Present: Ed Sculthorpe (Chair), Don Jackson (Vice-Chair), David Steckham, Michael Rehill, Steve Waldron, David Baldry, Bob Fyfe

Absent: Councillor L. Ferguson, Tibor Bocz, Councillor Johnson, Steve Waldron

Also present: Brydie Huffman, Staff Liaison, Terry Ryan, Tania Scibatta

1. CHANGES TO AGENDA

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No Changes

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- **3.1** Hamilton Veterans Committee Meeting Minutes, dated October 22, 2019 (for approval)
- Approved 1st by Bob Fyfe and 2nd by David Baldry

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

• Terry Ryan has been confirmed as a Resource Member

5. STANDING ITEMS (includes all HVC hosted events)

5.1 Remembrance Day: Staff Liaison Report

 Staff relayed information that Councillor Ferguson contacted her departmental Director Carrie Brooks-Joiner to voice complaints regarding the Ancaster service of Remembrance. Councillor's office has been involved with the planning but all coordination has been done in the past by a fulltime staff member from the events department which only has one staff member

- Councillor would like to have City staff responsible for the event
- HVC was given a breakdown of roles within the Tourism department from Director to current staff liaison position
- HVC stated that the official City of Hamilton service is held at Veterans Place in Gore Park, the rest are community-led services of Remembrance and are hosted by groups from the community such as cadets, legions, churches
- HVC members asked staff liaison who currently coordinates and pays for the services in communities. Liaison reported that currently she is only part-time in her position but is responsible for coordinating road closures, police duty requests, sound system rentals, musicians, honourariums, guest speakers, invitations, booking of facilities and media enquiries for all community-led and official City services on the same day (8)
- HVC suggested meeting with community leaders from the smaller services and letting them know they need to be more involved with the planning of Remembrance services in their ward as many of the tasks can be done at the community level and the HVC budget will still cover most costs but liaison is needed for the downtown services
- Suggested there be a manual created for community-led events/services of Remembrance and this be circulated to council
- Member suggested that perhaps HVC members are assigned as an advisor to the community led services

5.2 Remembrance Day: After Action Report

- Noted that if cadets wish to fire cannon, this needs to be confirmed with staff liaison
- HVC members requested better signage for the wreath laying lines and a reminder to take wreath home at the end of the event. Would also be helpful to have an easel at the armouries
- HVC member needed to direct traffic at cenotaph during wreath laying
- Seating in VIP tent needs to be better organized
- Would be helpful if the MC provided civilian instructions ("we will now listen to ____ followed with a moment of silence)

5.3 Decoration Day

- Terry Ryan asked for an early Save the Date to solicit to cadets corps for Decoration Day in June
- HVC members agreed on the sum of \$300 as a band honourarium
- Mike Rehill will send list of hymns for service to Terry
- Cadets asked for better map of the cemetery from the park department
- A new signer will be needed for the service
- Staff liaison mentioned the Hamilton Miltary Museum is interested in partnering on an event for Decoration Day at their site across the street

6. NEW BUSINESS - HAMILTON VETERANS COMMITTEE

a. Dutch Liberation 75th Anniversary

- Staff liaison asked if the committee knew of any Dutch Veterans that might be attending the commemoration services overseas in spring 2020
- Staff have been contacted about attending services as a representative of Hamilton

7. ROUNDTABLE – Remaining HVC meeting dates for 2020

- Meeting dates will be confirmed in the new year
- Ed Sculthorpe, chair, will make the HVC annual presentation to the Emergency and Community Services committee meeting in council chambers on December 3rd

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting: Spring 2020

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MINUTES Hamilton Veterans Committee

February 25th 2020 4:00 p.m. City Hall | 71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Ed Sculthorpe, Don Jackson, Bob Fyfe, Dave Steckham, Tibor Boscz,

Steve Waldron, Dave Baldry

Absentia: Councilor Jackson, Councilor Johnson, Mike Rehill

Also Present: Terry Ryan, Brydie Huffman (Staff liaison), Tania Scibetta (administrative assistant, John Summers Manager, of Heritage, Carolyn King (Military Museum Supervisor)

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Liaison requested discussion of Decoration Day event be moved to the top of the agenda in order to accommodate City of Hamilton staff guests

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

n/a

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(Sculthorpe/Fyfe)

That the Minutes of the November meeting of The Hamilton Veterans Committee be approved, as presented.

4. STANDING ITEMS (including all HVC hosted events)

4.1 Decoration Day

- Date is Sunday June 14 with service in the Hamilton cemetery
- Terry Ryan emailed liaison a list of suggestions in coordinating service with cadets (attached as Appendix A)
- Terry suggested a letter to brigade command to request a Padre is needed
- Need a member of the HVC to be the parade commander for the Veterans that wish to participate in the service/parade
- Brydie will contact the Dundas Concert band to let them know that we will be using a cadet band this year
- Thank you to Mike Rehill for assisting with the music needed for the service
- Don Jackson will coordinate a small breakfast for cadets, and will also assist with the bus routing at the event
- Terry requested a better map of the cemetery, unfortunately the Hamilton Cemetery office is redoing the map in the summer months after the service
- The Hamilton Military Museum will be organizing a Decoration Day event at their site across the street to complement our service
- Military Museum supervisor Carolyn King and staff will coordinate a lunch space for the cadets after the service, along with free museum admission and hands on programming with numerous military groups (vintage signal corps, Calvary reenactors etc)

(at this time, guests were dismissed)

4.2 Dieppe Service

- Nothing to report as of yet, date will be Tuesday August 19, 2020

4.3 Remembrance Day Services

- Remembrance Day services will take place on Sunday November 8th (Garrison Parade) and Wednesday November 11 (public)

5. PRESENTATIONS – Staff Liaison report

- The Annual Veterans Presentation was done by Chairman Sculthorpe at the December 3rd 2019 meeting of council
- Staff also submitted a report to council asking for an increase in the base budget of the Hamilton Veterans Committee, along with use of the reserves funds to cover outstanding invoices from 2018
- Staff reported the budget increase was approved to \$43,000

6. Discussion items

6.1 : Community Organized Services on Remembrance Day

- Staff reported Councilor Vanderbeek requested a meeting to discuss the Dundas Remembrance Day service. She spoke with liaison and director of Tourism about issues with the road closures, along with questions about responsibilities on the day of the event
- Staff was asked to prepare a breakdown of roles for the event and circulate to members attending the meeting including Parks, Facilities, SEAT, and Roads departments in the City of Hamilton
- HVC chair will try to attend meeting as well to remind members of council that the official City of Hamilton service is held at the cenotaph in Gore Park – the others are community organized services by external groups
- Staff explained that the HVC budget covers road closures, sound systems and police duties only for community services.
- Committee members were displeased at the lack of attendance and support from Councilor Ferguson at 2019 HVC meetings and events, and asked if a letter to the integrity commissioner should be issued on behalf of the Committee

7. Round Table items

- Member Dave Baldry stated he will not be able to attend the next 2 meetings in 2020
- Staff liaison reported details on the 75th Liberation of the Netherlands service in May. She thanked the HVC chair for his letter of support in representing the Veterans Committee at the service to be held in Amsterdam

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8. ADJOURNMENT

(Sculthrope / Steckham)

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 31, 2020

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Room 264, 2ND floor, City Hall



CITY OF HAMILTON HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT Housing Services Division

ТО:	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee	
COMMITTEE DATE:	June 19, 2020	
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Canadian Medical Association Foundation COVID-19 Community Response for Vulnerable Populations Fund (HSC20022) (City Wide)	
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide	
PREPARED BY:	Nadia Zelisko (905) 546-2424 Ext. 3863 Greg Tedesco (905-546-2424 Ext.7168 Rob Mastroianni (905) 546-2424 Ext. 8035	
SUBMITTED BY:	Edward John Director, Housing Services Division Healthy and Safe Communities Department	
SIGNATURE:		

RECOMMENDATION

That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities, or his designate, be authorized and directed to enter into and execute an Agreement with the Canadian Medical Association Foundation to administer the Canadian Medical Association Foundation COVID-19 Community Response for Vulnerable Populations Fund and any agreements with Community Services Provider(s), as well as any ancillary agreements, contracts, extensions and documents required to give effect thereto in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On May 29, 2020, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) announced that the City of Hamilton was selected as one of the recipient communities for the COVID-19 Community Response Fund supported by the Canadian Medical Association Foundation (CMAF). The City of Hamilton will receive \$345,500 to provide COVID-19 related support to vulnerable populations.

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These funds are intended to complement funding provided through the Reaching Home program as part of the federal government's COVID-19 response plan. The City of Hamilton received \$2,274,966 from Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan: Support for People Experiencing and at Risk of Homelessness.

Hamilton has coordinated closely with critical community partners in health and social services to plan for the risk of infection, spread or outbreak of COVID-19, with success to date reflected in only three confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 among those experiencing homelessness in Hamilton in the emergency shelter system and no outbreaks reported in these facilities, despite increased occupancy pressures.

The funding will further Hamilton's ability to continue with containment practices that have proven successful thus far, such as efforts to enhance permanent housing interventions, reduce shelter crowding, establish isolation services, COVID-19 screening and testing protocols in all funded shelters and drop-in programs, securing personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, and other equipment, and increased presence of nurse-practitioners on site at shelters and drop-ins related to the provision of mental health and addiction services including counselling.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL - STAFFING - LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: N/A

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The City of Hamilton received a base funding amount of \$5,718,428 from the Federal Government's Reaching Home program for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The Reaching Home program 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. Housing Services issued a Call for Applications in the summer of 2019 to broker services through community partners.

On March 30, 2020, the City of Hamilton received an incremental funding allocation for 2020-2021 under Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan to Support People Experiencing and At Risk of Homelessness of \$2,274,966. The additional funding is intended to complement Hamilton's Reaching Home base funding.

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POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

None

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Quick distribution of COVID-19 emergency response funding is critical to protect those experiencing homelessness or housing instability and the workers supporting them. On March 27, 2020, Housing Services received endorsement from the Community Advisory Board for the investment of Federal and Provincial COVID-19 funds in accordance with the coordination provided by the City of Hamilton's Emergency Operations Committee and information provided by the Indigenous Community and community partners. Housing Services committed to reporting back to the Community Advisory Board with details on the details of investments made.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The COVID-19 Community Response Fund will support Federal Reaching Home investments in Hamilton to connect individuals experiencing homelessness to permanent housing with supports and to keep individuals and staff in the homelessness sector safe during COVID-19.

Eligible activities under the CMAF fund include: health and medical services; daytime services and facilities; client support services; coordination of resources and data collection; prevention and shelter diversion; housing services; and capital investments. Ineligible expenditures include: general overhead expenditures incurred in the City's regular course of business, including salaries and other employment benefits of any employees; any direct or indirect operating or administrative costs of the City; and, expenses for any other activities normally carried by the City.

Authorization of the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities, or his designate, to enter into and execute an Agreement with the CMAF is recommended to facilitate the acceptance and quick distribution of funding from the CMAF, which is critical to Hamilton's COVID-19 response related to housing and shelter services.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

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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.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED



EXPANDING HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR WOMEN AND TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT 20-001

9:30 a.m.
Friday, March 6, 2020
Room 830
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Present:

Voting: Councillors N. Nann (Chair), C. Collins, J. Farr, and M. Wilson

S. Badri, R. Bouwman, C. Cowan-Morneau, K. Kalinowski, and C. Kirkby

Non-Voting: R. Mastroianni and N. Zelisko

THE EXPANDING HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR WOMEN AND TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 20-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair for 2020 (Item 1)

- (i) That Councillor Nrinder Nann be appointed Chair of the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women and Transgender Community Sub-Committee for 2020.
- (ii) That Carol Cowan-Morneau be appointed Vice-Chair of the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women and Transgender Community Sub-Committee for 2020.

2. Change to the Name of the Sub-Committee (Added Item 13.3)

That the name of the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women and Transgender Community Sub-Committee be changed to Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women, *Non-Binary*, and Transgender Community Sub-Committee.

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FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

The agenda for the March 6, 2020 Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women and Transgender Community Sub-Committee meeting, was approved, as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Correspondence from Janice Lewis-Deeley, Board President, Native Women's Centre, respecting Mountainview Emergency Shelter Operations

The correspondence from Janice Lewis-Deeley, Board President, Native Women's Centre, respecting Mountainview Emergency Shelter Operations, was received.

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

(i) Terms of Reference for Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women and Transgender Community Sub-Committee (Item 13.1)

The Terms of Reference for Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women and Transgender Community Sub-Committee, was received.

(ii) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 13.2)

The following amendment to the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women and Transgender Community Sub-Committee Outstanding Business List, was approved:

- (a) Items Considered Completed and to be Removed:
 - (i) Correspondence from Janice Lewis-Deeley, Board President, Native Women's Centre, respecting Mountainview Emergency Shelter Operations Item on OBL: 20-B Addressed as Item 5.1 on today's agenda

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(iii) Needs Assessment, Policy Review, and Funding Opportunities (Added Item 13.4)

Staff were directed to report back to the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women and Transgender Community Sub-Committee, with:

- information on needs assessment and gaps in services as these relate to housing and support services for women, non-binary, and transgender community;
- (b) a homelessness policy overview as it pertains to the mandate of the Sub-Committee; and,
- (c) an overview of funding administered through Housing Services
 Division for housing and support services for women, non-binary,
 and transgender community from all levels of government, including
 a five-year historical summary.

(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women and Transgender Community Sub-Committee was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Nrinder Nann Chair, Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women and Transgender Community Sub-Committee

Tamara Bates Legislative Coordinator Office of the City Clerk



INFORMATION REPORT

то:	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	June 19, 2020
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Ontario Works Facilities Update (HSC20015) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	Terry Quinn (905) 546-2424 Ext. 3080
SUBMITTED BY:	Bonnie Elder Director, Ontario Works Division Healthy and Safe Communities Department
SIGNATURE:	

COUNCIL DIRECTION

Not Applicable

INFORMATION

This report provides a summary of plans to consolidate offices used to support the Ontario Works program in Hamilton.

Background

Ontario Works currently occupies four office locations in Hamilton:

- 250 Main Street East (central office)
- 1550 Upper James (mountain office)
- 2255 Barton Street East (east office)
- 181 Main Street West (Career Development Centre)

Staffing levels within Ontario Works has changed significantly since these offices were first leased. Since 2016, Ontario Works has reduced staffing levels by 61 positions through a number of changes and restructurings approved by Council. A further reduction of 36 positions (Report HSC20005) have been announced for later in 2020, related to the Provincial change in how employment services will be delivered in

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Ontario. The cumulative effect of these changes results in a surplus of office space leased by Ontario Works.

Facilities Plan

In response to the surplus space, staff reviewed current and other office locations in the City that could meet the ongoing needs for the Ontario Works program. Factors considered when reviewing potential office locations included:

- Reducing the amount of space to what is required to meet current program needs;
- Ensuring locations are accessible to residents from across the City;
- Co-locating related workgroups within Ontario Works to maintain or improve efficiency; and,
- Reducing one-time move and facility renovation costs related to facility location changes.

Chosen Office Locations

After reviewing current and alternative locations identified by Facilities Planning & Business Solutions Section, Public Works, Ontario Works has chosen to consolidate into two of the existing locations:

- 250 Main Street East (central office) and
- 1550 Upper James (mountain office)

To accommodate all Ontario Works staff within these two locations, a small number of staff will continue to work from home after COVID-19 work arrangements return to normal.

Both the central office at 250 Main Street East and the mountain office at 1550 Upper James will require renovations to accommodate the increased number of staff located at each office. The estimated renovation costs and costs to vacate the offices scheduled to close, are \$468,000 and will be offset by in year program delivery savings. Including renovations, OW is still under the minimum expenditures required to maximize available provincial funding as projected through staff's forecasted savings based upon year to date financial position as of April 30, 2020. Project overruns can be funded through the additional savings to maximize provincial funding.

Community Outreach

250 Main Street East and 1550 Upper James are accessible by transit from all areas of the City serviced by HSR. A review of transit times to the two sites did not highlight any major accessibility concerns for Ontario Works participants or applicants.

Community outreach has always been a part of Ontario Works' program delivery as a way to improve accessibility for participants. Community outreach will be increased when possible, to continue to support participants across the community.

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Next Steps

The lease for the east end office will be allowed to expire on September 30, 2020. The lease for the Career Development Centre will be terminated effective January 2021. Furniture will be removed and used where possible in the planned renovations at the two remaining Ontario Works sites.

Community stakeholders and the public will be advised of the Ontario Works service locations. Timing of announcements will correspond to the re-opening of offices under the Hamilton Reopens plan.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED



CITY OF HAMILTON HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT Housing Services Division

ТО:	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	June 19, 2020
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Adaptation and Transformation of Services for People Experiencing Homelessness (HSC20020) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	Brian Kreps (905) 546-2424 Ext. 1782
SUBMITTED BY:	Edward John Director, Housing Services Division Healthy and Safe Communities Department
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- (a) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities, or his designate, be authorized to enter into agreements, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, with Living Rock Ministries, Mission Services, Wesley Urban Ministries and the YWCA Hamilton to continue enhanced drop-in services at Living Rock, Willow's Place, Wesley Day Centre and Carole Ann's Place respectively to June 30, 2021 to a maximum of \$3.2 M;
- (b) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities, or his designate, be authorized to enter into an agreement, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, with the Salvation Army Booth Centre in the amount of approximately \$400 K to fund capital costs to renovate the facility to allow for appropriate physical distancing and create 30 additional single rooms for a total occupancy of 80 single men; and,
- (c) That the Mayor formally request additional provincial Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative and federal Reaching Home funding in order to address the shortfall related to COVID-19 spending within Hamilton's homelessness serving population.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Hamilton, in conjunction with its community partners, has provided a comprehensive response to the needs of people experiencing homelessness since its Emergency Operations Centre was activated on March 12, 2020 in reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic. The priorities have been to provide emergency shelter in a

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manner that allows for appropriate physical distancing, provide isolation spaces for people experiencing homelessness who test positive for COVID-19 and support community agencies to maintain critical services to the homeless population.

Only three individuals experiencing homelessness have tested positive for COVID-19 in Hamilton's shelter system. This is a testament to the variety of initiatives put in place and the hard work done by community agencies to screen their employees and clients regularly and change their cleaning and business practices. This effort has been further supported by the Shelter Health Network's coordination of testing for people experiencing homelessness in a wide variety of settings.

Efforts to prevent transmission of COVID-19 may be required for the next 12 to 24 months. As Hamilton reopens, Bennetto Recreation Centre and First Ontario Centre will eventually return to their intended uses and will no longer be available to provide isolation space and emergency shelter. Additionally, hotel rooms that have expanded emergency shelter capacity will eventually be required as travel resumes.

Housing Services has developed a framework outlining immediate, mid-term and long term actions. The framework will guide the transition from emergency response to a focus on adaption and transformation of the services it funds acknowledging that preventing transmission of the COVID-19 virus requires rethinking much of how services have been traditionally delivered.

Immediate first steps outlined in this report include extending drop-in services for men, women and youth in order to provide consistent access to hygiene services. In addition, capital resources are requested to begin the necessary renovations to emergency shelters to support infection prevention and control measures and increase capacity.

Making these changes will require funding beyond the current expenditures for homelessness services. Staff are making every effort to work within funding provided by senior levels of government.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL - STAFFING - LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial:

The recommendations in Report HSC20020 represent new investments in operating and capital expenditures in the shelter system. To date the City has received \$6,880,800 in provincial and \$2,274,966 in federal funding to assist with costs related to serving the homeless population during the pandemic. An additional \$345,000 was recently announced by the Canadian Medical Association Foundation.

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As of May 31, \$4.7 M of pandemic related spending had been committed. Monthly costs for all pandemic-related spending for the homeless population are currently forecast at \$2.6 M. By August 31, \$9.2 M of the \$9.5 M funding received to date will be spent. This is prior to any recovery forecast assumptions. The full year expected COVID-19 related costs are \$19.8 M which exceeds current approved funding by \$6.4 M. The province has indicated additional funding is pending from the Social Services Relief Fund. No specific commitment for Hamilton has been received.

Should no new resources be received from the provincial or federal government, the City of Hamilton would need to explore other financial options to support the on-going homelessness needs for the recommendations above and future funding required to support the delivery of homeless services in a COVID-19 environment.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The City of Hamilton's Emergency Operations Centre was activated on March 12, 2020 in response to the emerging COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 30, 2020, the federal government notified the City of Hamilton it would receive \$2,274,966 in funding through the Reaching Home program for additional services for people experiencing homelessness.

On April 1, 2020, the provincial government notified the City of Hamilton it would receive \$6,880,800 in funding through the Social Services Relief Fund.

On May 29, 2020, the federal government informed the City it would receive funding of \$345,500 from the Community Relief Fund administered by the Canadian Medical Association Foundation.

The City of Hamilton's response to the needs of people experiencing homelessness has included:

- Creation of an Isolation Centre at Bennetto Recreation Centre for COVID-19 positive individuals to isolate themselves until they are cleared;
- Expansion of shelter operations into three hotels with up to 48 rooms for families, 35 rooms for single men & couples run by Mission Services and 28 rooms for women run by Good Shepherd;
- Established a temporary shelter for men with capacity for up to 75 at First
 Ontario Centre which is operated by Good Shepherd Centres to allow the men's
 shelters to reduce capacity to allow for physical distancing;

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- Enhanced and extended drop-in services for women at Carol Anne's Place (YMCA) and Willow's Place (Mission Services);
- Coordinated delivery of more than \$550 K from the provincial and federal government to 27 local agencies for expenses such as food, enhanced cleaning, Personal Protective Equipment.
- Led weekly calls with partner agencies to identify emerging issues and coordinate responses.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

N/A

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Housing Services consulted with the sector planning tables including the Women's Housing Planning Collaborative, the Men's Emergency Services Coordination Committee, as well as an ad hoc sector group representing community partners in the health and housing sector. Advice from these groups has been that shelter capacity must be maintained to address current needs and in anticipation of a potential rise is demand when evictions resume. There was also support for continuing and expanding responses that allow for maximizing physical distancing including the adaptation of existing congregate space to single rooms. There was also consistent support for the continuation and expansion of drop-in services out of concern for the needs of people who are not able to access shelter spaces and required access for washrooms, support services and, in the case of women, a place to sleep.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Housing Services has developed a framework to guide its transition from emergency response to a focus on adaption and transformation of its services. Integral to the framework is maintaining and improving screening, testing and infection control measures in all programs and facilities. Some of the key elements of the framework include:

- The current number of shelter beds must be maintained. The number of beds available now for families, men and women is higher than it was before the pandemic. It is anticipated that demand will continue to be high and may rise when evictions eventually resume.
- Men's shelters, which are largely congregate settings where guests do not have their own room, cannot return to their original capacity until they are able to adapt their infrastructure. Returning to full capacity would severely limit the ability for staff and guests to practice physical distancing.
- Enhanced day program/drop-in capacity must continue. This includes
 maintaining additional hours at Living Rock and Wesley Centre and extending
 service at Carole Ann's Place and Willow's Place. These services are vital to

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men and women who are unwilling or unable to access shelter beds. Continued restrictions on public facilities will mean these programs will continue to be important sources of washrooms.

• Space for people experiencing homelessness to isolate if they test positive must be maintained.

Framework for Adapting and Transforming Services

Immediate Actions	Mid-Term Actions	Long Term Actions
 Unsheltered Negotiate extensions to emergency funding to drop-ins and day centres to ensure continued access to hygiene and support opportunities. Shelters Strengthen shelter diversion and rapid rehousing initiatives Plan for decommissioning of First Ontario Centre as temporary shelter. Reconfigure space within existing shelters to maximise capacity and promote social distancing. Secure leases with hotels to ensure existing capacity is maintained. Determine need for alternative shelter sites. Isolation Plan for decommissioning of Bennetto Recreation Centre. Identify sustainable model for isolation services and appropriate location. Permanent Housing Maximise capacity of municipally-funded Intensive Case Management Programs to help house people from streets, shelters and hotels. Coordinate available housing subsidies to support access to permanent housing. 	Shelters Decommission First Ontario centre. Implement plans to maintain existing number of shelter beds. Isolation Decommission Bennetto Recreation Centre. Implement new isolation service model. Permanent Housing Explore opportunities to use any affordable housing projects under construction to serve this population.	Shelters Assistance with the planning and development process for those shelters looking to significantly and permanently establish facilities that are supportive and resilient to both the housing and health needs of the population. Permanent Housing Maximise the amount and design of permanent low barrier supportive housing to significantly increase the availability and suitability of units. Ensure the coordination and comprehensive integration of housing and health funding to promote effective, resilient and supportive housing forms.

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Immediately, Housing Services will work with partners to adapt the system through the following:

- Negotiate extensions to emergency funding to drop-ins and day centres to ensure continued access to hygiene and support opportunities (pending approval of Report HSC20020);
- Strengthen shelter diversion and rapid rehousing initiatives to reduce the need for shelter and support people to remain in their homes;
- Plan for decommissioning of First Ontario Centre as temporary shelter;
- Reconfigure space within existing shelters to maximise capacity, promote social distancing and infection control;
- Fund Salvation Army Booth Centre to create single rooms which will allow it to return very close to the occupancy level at which it was functioning prior to the pandemic (pending approval of Report HSC20020);
- Negotiate long term leases with hotels to ensure capacity of those accommodated through this transition remain as established;
- Determine need for alternative sites based on the number of beds available through shelters and hotels;
- Identify a sustainable site and provider for Isolation Services; and,
- Develop a heightened focus on helping people experiencing homelessness find and maintain permanent housing. This includes leveraging all subsidies and programs contracted to help people experiencing homelessness become stabilized into a permanent housing situation.

Adaption such as the renovation of the Salvation Army Booth to include single rooms is an important step, but it is not a permanent solution. The focus needs to be on transformation of services to be more resistant to transmission of disease, provide greater dignity to clients and be more effective in helping them on their journey to permanent housing. Congregate settings are no longer appropriate for emergency shelter. Additionally, new forms of housing need to be developed to present an alternative to shelter. These new housing forms would focus on small, self-contained units that maximize privacy, reduce barriers to use and include appropriate supports.

In the mid-term, Housing Services will do the following:

- Decommission First Ontario Centre as a shelter;
- Implement plans to maintain existing number of shelter beds;
- Decommission Bennetto Recreation Centre as the isolation centre;
- Implement new Isolation Service model; and,
- Explore opportunities to use any affordable housing projects under construction to serve this population.

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In the long term, Housing Services will do the following:

- Assist with the planning and development process for those shelters looking to significantly and permanently establish facilities that are supportive and resilient to both the housing and health needs of the population;
- Maximise the amount and design of permanent low barrier supportive housing to significantly increase the availability and suitability of units; and,
- Ensure the coordination and comprehensive integration of housing and health funding to promote effective, resilient and supportive housing forms.

As staff develop plans for each of the activities above, recommendations will be provided the Council for consideration. It is important to note that any emergency situations in the emergency shelter system may also be addressed through the City's Emergency Operations Centre if required.

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.

Built Environment and Infrastructure

Hamilton is supported by state of the art infrastructure, transportation options, buildings and public spaces that create a dynamic City.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Nays: __

(Refer to Recorded Vote Sheet)

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Emergency and Community Services Committee: June 19, 2020
MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR
Ward 3: Let's Get Growing Seed Share Program
WHEREAS, food security has emerged as a critical health equity issue during the COVID-19 pandemic;
WHEREAS, residents are engaging on a hyper-local and neighbourhood level to express and address needs and offer support to each other during these challenging times;
WHEREAS, community members have shown great interest in desire to become more food secure through gardening;
WHEREAS, these efforts increase the community resilience and provide sustainable models to support a more thriving community for years to come;
WHEREAS, Environment Hamilton has developed the Let's Get Growing seed share program to increase food security through education & tools for self-sufficiency and will serve as the primary coordinating body of this effort;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
 a) That \$1000 be allocated from the Ward 3 Bell Cell Tower (3301609603) to Environment Hamilton for costs associated with implementing the Let's Get Growing Seed Share Program project through the 2020 growing and harvest season in Ward 3;
b) That the Mayor and City Clerks be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents related to the Let's Get Growing Seed Share Program project, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
(To be completed by the Clerk)
MOTION APPROVED ON A RECORDED VOTE Yeas: Nays: (Refer to Recorded Vote Sheet)

ON A RECORDED VOTE

MOTION DEFEATED