



City of Hamilton

EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

Meeting #: 20-003
Date: June 19, 2020
Time: 9:30 a.m.
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March 20, 2020

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Addressed as Item 8.4 on today's agenda



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	June 19, 2020
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Parts (SCBA) Parts Shortage (HSC20025) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	Shawn DeJager (905) 546-2424 Ext. 3378
SUBMITTED BY:	David Cunliffe Chief, Hamilton Fire Department Healthy and Safe Communities Department
SIGNATURE:	

COUNCIL DIRECTION

Not Applicable

INFORMATION

A critical piece of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that the Hamilton Fire Department (HFD) uses is Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). This piece of PPE consists of SCBA Paks, Air Cylinders and Face Pieces that provide oxygen and face protection allowing firefighters to enter and work within hazardous, oxygen deprived, contained environments and perform firefighting and rescue functions.

The last major changeout of PPE occurred approximately 15 years ago. HFD and Procurement staff are currently drafting a new competitive procurement document for the supply of new SCBA to be presented to Council through the 2021 Capital Budget process to ensure adequate and timely replacement. However, in order to continue HFD's operations until a new procurement is funded and awarded, staff must maintain the current equipment SCBA through the use of replacement parts.

On October 24, 2016, staff submitted Report CES16044 in accordance with Procurement Policy #14 requesting Council's approval to standardize the equipment to ensure consistency of compatible replacement equipment and parts. Council approved

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the report and equipment was standardized to SCOTT Aviation 3M as the manufacturer through to December 31, 2021. As the existing SCBA equipment ages there is progressively greater likelihood of damage/equipment failure due to wear and tear and thus essential for HFD's operations that a consistent and secured supply of SCBA parts is maintained at all times. To achieve this, HFD and Procurement staff issued a Request for Tenders, C5-11-17 for the supply and delivery of replacement parts to keep the SCBA program in continuous service. The contract was awarded to M&L Supply Fire & Safety (M&L) and is in its final term which is set to expire August 31, 2021.

Unfortunately, the availability of this generation of SCBA replacement parts has become increasingly difficult to obtain and the registered dealer, M&L has not been able to provide the necessary parts due to a number of issues out of both M&L and HFD's control, such as:

- COVID-19 has impacted global supply chains for PPE including SCBA parts and continues to impact any item that requires importation into Canada;
- The current SCBA Paks are 15 years old and the original manufacturer, 3M Scott Fire and Safety, no longer produce this generation of Pak and associated parts;
- The significant worldwide demand for PPE due to COVID-19, coupled with the age of the SCBA Paks has caused other Fire services in North America who also rely on this generation of SCBA to further drive up demand for these replacement parts causing other retailers for these parts to refuse selling their stock to any other service outside of their own current client base.

HFD has worked with M&L and the City's Procurement Section to secure part sources in North America however, to date this exercise has produced limited results and usable parts inventory is quickly depleting. Considering this and in consultation with the Procurement Section, HFD has received General Manager's approval to proceed with a Policy 11 – Non-Competitive Procurement to enable discussions with both SCOTT Aviation 3M and M&L to supply short term rental/lease SCBA Paks (currently not covered under Contract C5-11-17). This rental/lease opportunity will allow HFD to use new SCBA Paks for specific training functions and repurpose its older SCBA Paks and strip them of reusable parts for use in other older SCBA Paks.

This solution is intended to obtain the necessary parts to remain operational until the award of the new procurement contract as part of the 2021 Capital Budget process. HFD intends to report back to Committee in August 2020 outlining the upcoming SCBA end of life replacement/change out program.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

None



June 15, 2020

Dear Chair and Members of the Emergency and Community Services Committee,

Re: Delegation from the Hamilton Basic Income Group

We wish to thank the City of Hamilton for its ongoing support for the basic income concept and the Basic Income Hamilton group (est. 2015).

Council was instrumental in advocating for Hamilton to become a site for the Ontario Basic Income Pilot project (2017-2018), and as such, you are no doubt aware that basic income is a policy option that had begun to transform individuals, families and communities.

In 2018, Council justly denounced the cancellation of the Basic Income pilot. Now that our municipality is in the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are imploring Council to once again demonstrate its support by passing motions to:

- Call on the provincial and federal governments to adopt a permanent basic income program to protect Canadians from loss of employment, poverty, and precarious work.
- Reaffirm Council's support for Basic Income Hamilton (see attached).

The pandemic has exacerbated the inequities that already existed in our city, province, and country. As Hamiltonians, we are all too familiar with the fact that the current system is not adequately addressing the needs of our most vulnerable citizens. The poverty gap continues to widen during this crisis, and if we don't demand better, it will continue to do so when the next inevitable crisis follows.

COVID-19 is creating unprecedented challenges, and as such requires an unprecedented response by all levels of government. A basic income has wide-reaching benefits and can be a crucial part of our economic and social post-pandemic recovery.

Health and Basic Income

Ten years after *The Hamilton Spectator* launched the Code Red series, health outcomes in Hamilton have declined. Despite increased awareness and many initiatives, the health and life expectancy of Hamiltonians continue to be determined by socio-economic status. Despite Hamilton's vision to be the best place to raise a child and age successfully, children in our community are still without adequate nutritious food, many depend on breakfast programs, and other families are forced to over-rely on food banks. This is, plainly, unacceptable.

Basic Income, however, can be part of the solution to this long-standing problem, which despite our community's best and genuine efforts, continues to persist. In the recent McMaster University study, *Southern Ontario's Basic Income Experience*, using data from participants from



the cancelled basic income pilot, researchers found that receiving a basic income, even if only for the short time of one year improved the overall health outcomes of recipients by nearly 80 percent. The outcome was the same for mental health, with over 80 percent of survey respondents reporting a positive effect of basic income on their mental well-being, while over half of all respondents indicated that their mental health improved during the pilot. Research from the Dauphin Manitoba basic income experiment, Mincome (1974-1979), also showed that unconditional cash payments lead to improved mental health in communities. Hospital visits dropped by 8.5 per cent with significant savings in healthcare, and there were reductions in the rates of psychiatric hospitalization, as well as the number of mental illness-related consultations with health professionals. Even the Canadian Medical Association passed a motion in support of basic income in 2015. As a community that saw positive and tangible results from the basic income pilot, the social determinants of health in Hamilton are impossible to deny.

Socio-economic Status and Basic Income

Socio-economic sinkholes have formed across the country from the erosion of Canada's social and health security programs and traditional full-time employment. Globalization and neoliberal policies have favoured corporate and business priorities over human and community wellbeing. Income inequality has been rising for decades; precarious work has become the job offering of choice of more employers. Jobs with benefits and pensions grow fewer and fewer and automation of work continues to be an inevitable and fast approaching reality. Workers increasingly need income bridging because of the irregular income flows from growing precarious employment.

The Canada Emergency Response Benefits (CERB) program is, in effect, a temporary basic income program for Canadians who have lost their jobs, temporarily or permanently, which is reaching its initial four-month expiry date. Despite the measured approach to reopening our economy, we must be realistic and consider that the effects of the pandemic will be long lasting, and hence that the CERB must evolve into a more sustainable, long-term program. The CERB's quick implementation and administration through the Canada Revenue Agency demonstrates an efficient model of how a permanent basic income for Canadians can function. The Basic Income Canada Network (BICN) has created three costing models detailing how a permanent basic income can be achieved.

However, even considering the above, we know that vulnerable Hamiltonians on Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program are among those excluded from receiving the CERB. The citizens on these programs receive significantly less than Canadians on the CERB (\$733/month versus \$2,000/month). Why is it acceptable for our vulnerable citizens to live below the poverty line lacking basic needs? Why should they be stuck in cycles of unemployment and poverty traps laden with layers of bureaucracy, confusion and very little humanity? This is simply unfair and unacceptable. The poverty that used to seemingly be relegated only to the downtown area



has made its way to intersections in the upper city, and even to the Ancaster Meadowlands. For every Hamiltonian we publicly see suffering, there are many that go unseen. Our fellow citizens are among those legislated to poverty and need help to escape it.

COVID-19 has touched the lives of 100% of the population of Hamilton. Many have been helped by the CERB, but very many have not. Regardless of the economic situation it left each of us in, if a basic income had been in place when this pandemic began, the municipality and every resident of the municipality would have been in a much better place. There likely would not have even had to be any special programs initiated to ensure that the citizens would be alright. As it is, Hamilton has been struggling, trying to deal with a small percentage of the population who have no resources with which to fight the obstacles the pandemic has created. Our woeful provincial and federal safety nets have been shown that they are underfunded and inadequate to deal with not only events of this magnitude, but normal day-to-day living for many people. While a basic income would not cure all ills, it would make problems that arise because of a lack of income a lot easier to manage.

Establishing a Permanent Basic Income Program

Hamilton is in a unique position to lead because of its wealth of experience and expertise in the basic income realm, including its ability to tell the successful stories of Hamiltonians who participated in the basic income pilot; its position as the host location at McMaster University for the North American Basic Income Group (NABIG) Congress in 2018 and 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19); the important research study on Southern Ontario's basic income pilot experience by McMaster researchers; as well as an active local advocacy group.

Today, we implore the City of Hamilton to join our 57 Canadian Senators, the Basic Income Canada Youth Network, health and medical professionals from across the country, Canadian municipalities, community foundations, faith groups, many of Canada's leading economists, and over 100 CEOs of major Canadian companies who have all strongly advocated for a sustainable basic income program. Hamilton has the opportunity to join this esteemed company, and so, we ask Hamilton City Council for its support today. **We must urge our provincial and federal governments to pursue a partnership to adopt a permanent basic income program in order for our communities to successfully weather the storm of the COVID-19 pandemic and other inevitable storms on the horizon.**

Sincerely,

Lisa Alfano and Jeff Martin, BIH co-Chairs
 Jessie Golem and John Mills, BIH Steering Committee members



Reaffirming Council's Support for Basic Income Hamilton

Basic Income Hamilton (BIH) is a volunteer advocacy group established in 2015. An official working group of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, our mandate is to “raise awareness, educate, and engage Hamiltonians on the concept of basic income.”

We appreciate the support that Council has provided to Basic Income Hamilton since March 21, 2016 when the following motion was approved:

"That the appropriate staff from Public Health Services and Community and Emergency Services be directed to meet with member(s) of the Hamilton Basic Income Guarantee Committee to investigate the feasibility of developing a plan of facilitation for collaborative Basic Income advocacy" (Meeting minutes BOH16-003 Item (e) (i)).

This motion and declaration of support from Council has enabled BIH to pursue our mission. The assistance from City staff, currently one member in the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, has been essential for our monthly group and steering committee meetings. It has also been instrumental in supporting the contributions BIH has been able to make towards the basic income movement including:

- Securing funding from the Hamilton Community Foundation
- Presenting several public forums and events in Hamilton
- Launching an information-rich website
- Designing a new logo and printing outreach material (i.e. banner and business cards)
- Partnering with the Hamilton Public Library and other community organizations.

We are asking Council to reaffirm its support for Basic Income Hamilton, so that we can continue to build on the work we have been engaged in over the past five years. With the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic and the extraordinary challenges it presents, we feel our work is more relevant to our community than ever.

Thank you for your consideration.



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	June 19, 2020
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group Multi-Sport Facility Proposal (HSC20026) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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SUBMITTED BY:	Chris Herstek Director, Recreation Healthy and Safe Communities Department
SIGNATURE:	

COUNCIL DIRECTION

At its meeting of February 21, 2019, the Emergency and Community Services Committee directed staff to meet with the Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group and report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee with any and all options be explored including the feasibility of the City of Hamilton partnering with this group.

INFORMATION

The Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group (HCPG) is a non-profit organization which represents a consortium of groups and interests in the City of Hamilton who have collectively expressed the need for additional indoor program space. This need was identified through a series of community online surveys, public consultations, interviews and research which has led to the HCPG requesting a partnership with the City of Hamilton.

The HCPG is proposing a 200,000 sq. ft. multi-sport facility. This facility will have 6-8 multi-courts (volleyball, basketball, pickleball, dodgeball) and a 200 m indoor track & field facility with either a turf or multi-court infield.

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The HCPG proposal identified several benefits to the City of Hamilton. These include:

- Positive impact on quality of life, as well as personal health and social cohesion.
- Projected to have significant economic impact in the community.
- Multi-sport facility be built to meet equivalent LEED Gold Certification Standards minimizing its carbon footprint and making the facility financially sustainable to maintain and operate over its project lifespan.

On October 17, 2019, the HCPG presented to the Emergency and Community Services Committee and asked if the City would either be a Lead or Joint applicant for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) funding. The Committee did not support the request for the City to be the lead or part of a joint application but directed staff to provide a letter of support and asked the group to report back if they receive funding. Staff was also asked that the project be added to the 2030 Commonwealth Games facility list.

Proposal Overview

According to the proposal, the 200,000 sq. ft. facility is estimated to cost \$60 M to construct. Table 1 breaks down the facility and hypothetical funding allocation.

Table 1 – Facility Size and Funding Breakdown

Facility Space	Sq. Ft.	Funding Allocation
Indoor Track & Field & Indoor Turf	66,000	\$20 M
Multi-Court	59,000	\$18 M
Community/Cultural Centre	15,000	\$5 M
Lease space & Ancillary	60,000	\$17 M
Total	200,000	\$60 M

The proposal is contingent on receiving the ICIP Multi-Purpose Stream funding. The \$60 M funding would be broken down into three sources:

- a. Federal \$24 M.
- b. Provincial \$19.9 M.
- c. Community \$8 M
- d. Municipal \$8 M (repayable loan)

In addition to the \$8 M municipal contribution for the ICIP funding, the proposal also asks the City to fund a land contribution or 50% of any land acquisition costs, 50% of any cost over runs and a waiver for land development fees.

The ICIP program has recently granted the opportunity to submit application revisions under exceptional circumstances. A proposed 2026 Commonwealth Games bid as well as a possible joint project initiative with other facility proposal opportunities qualify this application for resubmission.

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Staff Review

Upon receiving the original proposal from HCPG, City of Hamilton staff reviewed the proposal and provided comments for consideration.

Pros

- The Indoor Study (2008) recommended that the City should assist community organizations in building the necessary capacity to fulfil the City's mandate in an efficient, effective, fiscally responsible and responsive manner. This would be facilitated through a variety of means, including community development initiatives and partnerships with public, not-for-profit, schools, and/or private sector interests.
- Although the City has not been able to verify the demand for this type of proposal, other areas of the province are capitalizing on the availability of such a facility not only from a programming perspective, but also from a sport hosting perspective. In discussions with the current court users within the City of Hamilton demand for additional court space is a requirement for the ability of these organizations to host regional and provincial events.
- The proposed facility would fill a sport tourism gap in the City and would allow for the opportunity to bid on many new events.
- Potential synergies with other City initiatives and planned capital investments.
- The proposed ownership model is similar to the current Mohawk 4 Ice Centre, a success model for both the municipality and the facility operator.

Cons

- The Indoor Study (2020) will be investigating the need for a facility offering the activities proposed (i.e. volleyball, pickleball, basketball, etc.) but the results will not be completed until 2021.
- The proposed capital budget at \$60 M is presumably just a construction budget (based on exclusions). The proposal states that this figure does not include taxes (HST on \$60 M exceeds \$1 M), staff costs, land acquisition, financing or interest. It is unclear whether the budget includes design, utility connections/upgrades, permits, taxes, federal climate lens, inflation or contingency, but it appears that it does not. An early estimate would put the total project cost at closer to \$80 M+, based on those additional costs.
- Tourism and economic impacts are difficult to determine until a location for the facility has been finalized.
- Economic spin-off requires facilities to be close to hotels and restaurants and could also be discounted by the number of day trippers.

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Locations

Several municipal and privately-owned locations have been investigated as part of this proposal. In order to expand location options, the HCPG is open to the possibility of splitting the project and putting the multi-purpose gyms at one location and the indoor track at another location, thus splitting any infrastructure grants. Most of the member organizations comprising the Hamilton Collaborative Partnership Group are committed to supporting the proposed facility operation regardless of location. The two municipally owned locations that were investigated are outlined below. Additional possible municipal sites have been identified and need further investigation possibly as part of the Commonwealth Games bid information.

William Connell Park

This park is a large, city-wide park space (48.81 acres) abounded by two larger parcels of property classified as “parks & open space” (29.03 acres & 14.55 acres). Recent infrastructure improvements include a fieldhouse development; soccer and football fields; outdoor basketball and tennis courts; gazebo; play structures and spray pads; and over 150 parking spaces. There are discussions to include a future, community winter-themed park which could possibly be structured within the same funding model being proposed. A local soccer group consortium has also expressed an interest in joining their current soccer facility project to this site with possible synergies with the newly developed outdoor infrastructure.

- Property is located at 1086 West 5th Street. Adjacent property located at 315 and 319 Stone Church Road, West.
- Total accumulated property area is 92 acres; however, the park has undergone an extensive Master Plan process and is going through a second phase currently.
- Property zoned “AA” (Agricultural District) of Hamilton Zoning By-law 6593 and “P3” (City Wide Park) zone of Hamilton Zoning By-law 05-200.
- Service connections – limited.
- Potential for joint project with City of Hamilton ICIP project submission.

Harry Howell Arena Site

Although a 200,000 sq. ft. facility would not fit at this location it could very easily support a multi-purpose gym facility. As part of the 10-year capital plan, this location was the anticipated site of the new Waterdown Recreation Centre (including pool/gym/program rooms). This planned facility was also a submission for ICIP funding by the City of Hamilton. There are potential synergies in combining the City’s proposal with HCPG’s proposal.

- Property is located at 27 Highway 5 West.
- Site area is 21.14 acres (8.5 hectares).

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- Property zoned “M3, Special Exception 386” and “M2, Special Exception 386” of Hamilton Zoning By-law 05-200 (which permits Recreation, as defined, in addition to the permitted uses of the M2 and M3 zones).
- Servicing: Existing arena is equipped with municipal services including a fire hydrant connection and further investigation is required to determine what an additional facility would require.
- Once the cloverleaf is constructed at Highway 5 and 6 intersection North Wentworth Drive will be decommissioned. The only access to the site will be from the new industrial subdivision.

Although two possible locations have been identified for this, these have been for discussion purposes only and staff are not currently performing any further due diligence on either site. Direction to do further work would require Council direction and would likely be appropriate once funding decisions are known.

Next Steps

Although the HCPG proposal as it stands has some challenges, should the opportunity arise to separate this facility into two separate proposals there are several areas in which it could provide synergies to City projects. It would provide an opportunity for revised joint applications for ICIP funding, it could alleviate pressure on the City’s 10-year capital plan and benefit a 2026 Commonwealth Games bid. HCPG and staff will be reporting back to committee once the infrastructure funding has been announced.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

None

CITY OF HAMILTON NOTICE OF MOTION

Emergency and Community Services: June 19, 2020

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR B. CLARK
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Residential Care Facility (RCF) Complaint Liaison

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a position of Residential Care Facility (RCF) Complaint Liaison be assigned within the Healthy and Safe Communities Department to receive complaints, concerns or questions about the services and care provided to residents in Hamilton's licensed RCFs;
- (b) This position will receive complaints, concerns or questions from:
 - (i) individual residents;
 - (ii) Anyone acting on behalf of a resident, including, roommates, peers, self-advocates, friends and family members of individual residents;
 - (iii) Residential home staff, service coordinators, medical providers, hospitals, social service organizations and paraprofessionals regarding a resident(s) issue;
- (c) The position will report to the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department;
- (d) All complaints will be received at no cost;
- (e) Complaints will be treated as confidential, unless required otherwise by legislation, including being to be released to the public under MFIPPA, or PHIPPPA or to another agency for investigation;
- (f) Generally, the process for addressing a complaint or concern will involve:
 - (i) A review of the complaint to determine which agency or city department is responsible for investigation;
 - (ii) If the complaint is determined to be one which can be investigated by the City or another agency, the complaint will be forwarded to the appropriate group for investigation.
 - (iii) Complaints will be handled as quickly as possible. It is anticipated that some complaints can be resolved within a matter of days. Other complaints may take longer if they are complex;

- (g) That Staff be directed to report back on the recommended accountability standards, service levels and process requirements for the various types of complaints that can be addressed by the RCF Liaison position, including details regarding:
 - (i) How the facility will be told that there is a complaint and given an opportunity to correct the situation.
 - (ii) If the investigation reveals non-compliance, how the facility will be required to correct the situation and ensure future compliance and how the public will be notified;
 - (iii) How the Complainant will be provided with follow up information regarding the outcome of the investigation;

- (h) The General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department will report quarterly a summary of the complaints received, and the status of the complaints;
 - (i) This position will be in place until June 30, 2021 or such time as Council decides on a more permanent structure for this role based on the RCF modernization project and the Outstanding Business List item regarding the RCF tenant advocate role; and,
 - (j) RCF licensed by the City of Hamilton will be required to post, in a prominent location accessible to residents and their relatives, the contact information for the RCF Complaint Liaison.

CITY OF HAMILTON NOTICE OF MOTION

Emergency and Community Services: June 19, 2020

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Birch Avenue Greenspace

WHEREAS, greenspace in the North end of Ward 3 is deficient;

WHEREAS, pollinator plants are much needed in order to encourage plant propagation across the city;

WHEREAS, a dedicated group of volunteers in the GALA neighbourhood have tended this land successfully for over seven years, adding to the beauty and pride of the neighbourhood;

WHEREAS, this group of community volunteers is willing and interested in further planting of native and pollinator species along the Birch Avenue greenspace;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) \$2000 be allocated from the Ward 3 Bell Tower Fund (3301609603) to the GALA Community Planning Team to purchase plants and to cover other costs associated with establishing and expanding a thriving garden;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerks be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.