



City of Hamilton
EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
AGENDA

Meeting #: 21-011
Date: November 4, 2021
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall (CC)

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Tamara Bates, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 4102

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
(Added Items, if applicable, will be noted with *)
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 - 4.1. October 7, 2021
5. COMMUNICATIONS
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- 6.1. Jennifer Hompoth, NGen Youth Centre, respecting expert contribution on youth housing, transitional and emergency shelter, with respect to municipal removal of encampment protocols

7. CONSENT ITEMS

- 7.1. Seniors Advisory Committee Citizen Committee Report, respecting Macassa and Wentworth Lodges
- 7.2. LGBTQ Advisory Committee Citizen Committee Report, respecting Recommendations from the Community Conversation

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- 10.2. Voluntary Safe Isolation Space Program Funding (HSC21042) (City Wide)

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- 11.1. Fireworks By-Law Review

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EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 21-010

1:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 7, 2021

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Councillors N. Nann (Chair), B. Clark, T. Jackson, and E. Pauls

Regrets: S. Merulla - Personal and T. Whitehead – Leave of Absence

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1. Residential Care Facility (RCF) Liaison Update #5 (HSC20040(d)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

(Clark/Jackson)

That Report HSC20040(d), respecting Residential Care Facility (RCF) Liaison Update #5, be received.

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor N. Nann
ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

- 2. Early Years Update (HSC21037(d)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

(Pauls/Nann)

That Report HSC21037(d), respecting Early Years Update, be received.

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor N. Nann
ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

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YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

3. Procurement of Physiotherapy Services (HSC21040) (Wards 7 and 13) (Item 7.3)

(Pauls/Jackson)

That Council approve the single source procurement with Hamilton Physio Clinic, pursuant to Procurement Policy #11 – Non-competitive Procurements, and extend the current contract for Physiotherapy Services and Exercise Services used at Macassa and Wentworth Lodges for a period of 18 months through the Funding Program provided by the Ministry of Long-Term Care (“MLTC”) and that the General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized to negotiate and execute the amendment to the Contract and any ancillary documents required to give effect thereto, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

4. Seniors Advisory Committee Citizen Committee Report - Funding Support for the International Day for Older Persons (Added Item 7.5)

(Jackson/Nann)

That \$500 be allocated from the 2021 approved budget funds for the Seniors Advisory Committee to support the International Day of Older Persons televised event.

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

5. Electronic Patient Care Record System Standardization (HSC21035) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)

(Pauls/Jackson)

- (a) That the Interdev Technologies Inc. a Valsoft Company (Interdev) “iMedic” Electronic Ambulance Call Reporting System program (iMedic) be designated a standardized product pursuant to City Procurement Policy, Section 4.14, Policy # 14 Standardization, with this designation to be reviewed in 2027;
- (b) That the iMedic program and its associated products including new modules if any, as well as support and professional services, be procured on a single-source basis from Interdev for a five (5) year time period extending through to December 31, 2027; and,
- (c) That the Chief of the Hamilton Paramedic Service (HPS), or his designate, and upon successful completion of negotiations with iMedic, be authorized and directed to enter into and sign, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, all negotiated agreements and all necessary associated documents with Interdev, with content acceptable to the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor for the iMedic program and its associated products including new modules if any, as well as support and professional services, subject to Procurement Policy, Section 4.2, Policy # 2 Approval Authority.

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nringer Nann
 ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

6. Accessing Capital Repair Funds National Housing Strategy Co-Investment Fund CityHousing Hamilton (HSC19048(b)) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)

(Jackson/Nann)

- (a) That the General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities Department, as the Service Manager, be authorized to enter into and execute the Credit Agreement, and all ancillary documents, with the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation for funding through the National Housing Strategy Co-Investment Fund – Repair and Renewal Stream to support CityHousing Hamilton in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (b) That the General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized and directed to enter into, execute and administer an Agreement with CityHousing Hamilton, on terms satisfactory to the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, including:

- (i) Expectations as the guarantor of long-term financing and performance obligations in the Credit Agreement for CityHousing Hamilton;
 - (ii) Provision of funds to CityHousing Hamilton to meet the annual obligations of debt repayment by CityHousing Hamilton to the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation, net of any utility savings as committed by CityHousing Hamilton towards this project, as per the Credit Agreement; and,
 - (iii) The provision of security in the form of a mortgage(s) over such CityHousing Hamilton properties deemed appropriate by the General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities Department, which can include but is not limited to those listed in Appendix "A" to Report HSC19048(b), on behalf of the City;
- (c) That the Housing Services Division as Service Manager give consent to CityHousing Hamilton to mortgage the existing social housing properties identified in Appendix "A" to Report HSC19048(b) to meet the requirements of the Credit Agreement with the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Agreement with the City of Hamilton subject to verification that the identified properties are eligible to be mortgaged;
- (d) That a National Housing Strategy Co-Investment Fund Reserve be established utilizing the equivalent to the annual mortgage payments for CityHousing Hamilton's provincial projects from the Housing Services Division's net levy budget to be disbursed to CityHousing Hamilton to service the repayable portion of the debt as outlined in Appendix "B" to Report HSC19048(b); and,
- (e) That beginning with the 2022 budget process, annual increases to the levy based on the amount of the prescribed principle and interest associated with the Credit Agreement be referred to the annual budget process for Council deliberation.

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
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7. Youth Violent Crimes (Item 11.1)

(Clark/Nann)

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WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is experiencing several incidents of gun violence across the City;

WHEREAS, it has been reported in the Hamilton Police Services 2020 Youth Services Annual Report that there has been a decrease in youth violent crimes compared to 2019, it is recognized that this is still a serious issue in the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, Hamilton Police have indicated that the vast majority of youth violent crimes are targeted; and,

WHEREAS, residents have expressed concern about the risk of injury to innocent bystanders;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff from Healthy and Safe Communities Department be directed to review projects like Operation Ceasefire and other holistic community responses, that were designed to deter youth from joining gangs and holding guns;
- (b) That staff be directed to engage youth to inform the process and partner together to address the issues that are driving our youth to guns and gangs;
- (c) That staff invite the Ontario Solicitor General, Hamilton Police, youth workers, clergy, criminal justice practitioners, and other experts to identify solutions to create a city-wide action plan response to guns and gangs in our community;
- (d) That staff be directed to include a city-wide action plan response to guns and gangs in our community through Hamilton's Youth Strategy;
- (e) That staff be directed to share any data specific to guns, gangs and violence through our 2021 re-engagement for the Youth Strategy; and,
- (f) That the city-wide action plan response to guns and gangs in our community be created in collaboration with and incorporated into Hamilton's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan under the priority of violence.

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nringer Nann
ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

7. CONSENT ITEMS

7.4. Various Advisory Committee Minutes

7.4.c. Seniors Advisory Committee

7.4.c.a. September 10, 2021

7.5. Seniors Advisory Committee Citizen Committee Report – Funding Support for the International Day of Older Persons

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

9.1. Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting recent community forums related to extreme heat in Hamilton – the delegate has asked to postpone until Spring 2022

13. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

13.1. Amendments to the Outstanding Business List

13.1.b. Items Considered Completed and to be Removed

13.1.b.a. Encampment: Legal Brief
Item on OBL: 20-B
Addressed at the General Issues
Committee, Item 14.5 on the August 9,
2021 agenda

13.1.b.b. Accessing Capital Repair Funds from
the National Housing Strategy Co-
Investment Fund for CHH
Item on OBL: 21-B
Addressed as Item 10.x on today's
agenda

(Pauls/Clark)

That the agenda for the October 7, 2021 Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) September 9, 2021

(Jackson/Pauls)

That the Minutes of the September 9, 2021 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 - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
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(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)

(i) Various Advisory Committee Minutes (Item 7.4)

(Clark/Pauls)

That the following Advisory Committee Minutes, be received:

- (a) Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee
 - 1. February 2, 2021 (Item 7.4(a)(a))
 - 2. March 2, 2021 (Item 7.4(a)(b))
- (b) LGBTQ Advisory Committee
 - 1. August 17, 2021 (Item 7.4(b)(a))

- (c) Seniors Advisory Committee
 - 1. September 10, 2021 (Added Item 7.4(c)(a))

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nringer Nann
 ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

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

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

(Pauls/Clark)

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

- (a) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List
 - (i) Changes to Due Dates
 - 1. Hamilton Youth Engagement Collaboration (CES15056(b)) (Item 13.1(a)(a))
 Item on OBL: 17-C
 Current Due Date: September 9, 2021
 Proposed New Due Date: January 13, 2021
 - 2. City of Hamilton Support for the Hamilton is Home Coalition of Affordable Housing Developers (Item 13.1(a)(b))
 Item on OBL: 20-D
 Current Due Date: September 9, 2021
 Proposed New Due Date: December 9, 2021
 - 3. Crisis with Supportive Housing for those with Disabilities (Item 13.1(a)(c))
 Item on OBL: 20-G
 Current Due Date: September 9, 2021
 Proposed New Due Date: December 9, 2021
 - 4. Homelessness in Hamilton (Item 13.1(a)(d))
 Item on OBL: 20-
 Current Due Date: September 9, 2021
 Proposed New Due Date: December 9, 2021
 - (ii) Items Considered Completed and to be Removed
 - 1. Encampment: Legal Brief (Added Item 13.1(b)(a))

Item on OBL: 20-B
 Addressed at the General Issues Committee, Item
 14.5 on the August 9, 2021 agenda

2. Accessing Capital Repair Funds from the National Housing Strategy Co-Investment Fund for CHH
 (Added Item 13.1(b)(b))
 Item on OBL: 21-B
 Addressed as Item 10.2 on today's agenda

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

(ii) Update on Macassa Lodge COVID Outbreak (Added Item 13.2)

At Committee's request, Holly Odoardi, Senior Administrator, Lodges, provided an update on the COVID outbreak at Macassa Lodge, which was declared over earlier today.

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Jackson/Pauls)

That there being no further business, the Emergency and Community Services Committee be adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
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Respectfully submitted,

Councillor N. Nann

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Chair, Emergency and Community Services
Committee

Tamara Bates
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk

Bates, Tamara

Subject: FW: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

-----Original Message-----

From: no-reply@hamilton.ca <no-reply@hamilton.ca>

Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 9:22 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form

Submitted on Friday, October 22, 2021 - 9:22am Submitted by anonymous user: 172.70.126.90 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Jennifer Hompoth

Name of Organization: NGen Youth Centre

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Hamilton

Ontario

Reason(s) for delegation request: Expert contribution on youth housing, transitional & emergency shelter, with respect to municipal removal of encampment protocols.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/552966>



CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT

To:	Emergency & Community Services Committee
From:	Senior Advisory Committee <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> (Penelope Petrie, Chair)
Date:	TBD
Re:	Proposed resolution regarding Macassa and Wentworth Lodges

Recommendation:

The Seniors Advisory Committee urges the City to immediately impose an immediate requirement for all staff at Macassa and Wentworth Lodges to be vaccinated and to forbid anyone from entering the buildings who has not been vaccinated.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Whereas all the residents who live at Macassa and Wentworth Lodges are seniors who have compromised health problems;

Whereas seniors who have compromised health problems are the most vulnerable population to acquire COVID and are the most likely to die from it;

Whereas those who have been vaccinated against COVID are very unlikely to acquire COVID nor to pass on the virus to others;

Whereas the Health Protection and Promotion Act mandates that the Chief Medical Officer of Health of Ontario to direct that all covered organizations must establish, implement and ensure compliance with a COVID-19 vaccination policy that requires its employees, staff, contractors, volunteers and students to provide a proof of full vaccination or a written medical reason for exemption;

Whereas not all the staff at Macassa and Wentworth Lodges have been vaccinated against COVID and yet continue to work there;

Whereas several deaths from COVID have been reported amongst the residents of the Lodges;

Whereas the Seniors Advisory Committee's mandate is be a credible communication vehicle regarding the quality of life for all seniors in the City;

Background:

The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected the senior population, especially those in long-term care homes. The Senior Advisory committee created a statement for resolution with recommendations for council to improve their involvement.

At the October 1, 2021 Senior Advisory Committee meeting, Item 10 (Discussion Items), which refers to the resolution concerning mandatory vaccinations at Macassa and Wentworth Lodges, was carried unanimously. The committee is submitting this Citizen Committee Report for consideration to council.

Analysis/Rationale:

The Senior Advisory Committee does not believe that enough action has been taken in response to the COVID-19 outbreaks at Macassa and Wentworth Lodges. Therefore, the Senior Advisory Committee urges the City of Hamilton to intervene by enforcing the recommendations listed above.



CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT

To:	Emergency and Community Services Committee
From:	LGBTQ Advisory Committee <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">_____ Cameron Kroetsch, Chair</div>
Date:	September 21, 2021
Re:	Recommendations from the Community Conversation

Recommendations

1. That the City of Hamilton implement the following recommendations, as brought to the LGBTQ Advisory Committee (LGBTQAC) from members of Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ communities from across the city, at its June 15, 2021 Community Conversation -
 - a. Locate, build, or otherwise procure a safe space for the direct use and benefit of Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ communities and the organizations that support them
 - b. Provide direct and ample funding to programming for a wide variety of organizations that directly support Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ communities

- c. Implement a municipal framework, generated by and accountable to City Council, to take action on the following immediately -
 - i. Put an end to carding and racial profiling
 - ii. Ban the surveillance of community activists
 - iii. Support the safe use and safe injection of drugs in the City's shelter spaces
 - iv. Prioritize a dramatic increase in affordable housing provided or supported by the City of Hamilton
 - v. Prioritize a dramatic increase in the stock of Rent Geared to Income (RGI) housing provided or supported by CityHousing Hamilton, and other social housing providers
 - vi. Place a city-wide moratorium on evictions for at least another 18 months to allow tenants to continue to adjust and respond to the ongoing impacts of the pandemic
 - vii. Develop and fund a plan to provide targeted social services to members of Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ communities including food, legal support, mental health support, and education
 - viii. Create a Strategic Manager position that is responsive to the needs of Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ communities and is connected to social service supports
 - ix. Respond to the recommendations outlined in Scott Bergman's report entitled "Pride in Hamilton" commissioned by the Hamilton Police Services Board

Background

The LGBTQAC invited members of Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ communities to be part of a Community Conversation on June 15, 2021. These were the priorities outlined by those community members. As promised, the Committee is forwarding them to City Council and asking that they adopt them.

We have done our best to remove the recommendations from this report, even those that were discussed at the Community Conversation, that have already been directly voted on during this term of Council. If we have included something that has already been discussed, we apologize for the oversight.

Issues that were brought up by participants that did not form part of the list of recommendations above, because they have already been considered by Council, involved police budgets, landlord licensing, and encampment evictions.

It is our understanding that while some of these issues have been discussed broadly that they have not been voted on based on the terms outlined in this Citizen Committee Report.

Analysis / Rationale

The LGBTQAC recognizes that some of these recommendations may overlap those outlined in the Hate Prevention & Mitigation Initiative Recommendations Report commissioned by the City of Hamilton and submitted by Sage Solutions.

While members of the Committee have read the Final Report, the LGBTQAC did not undertake to cross-reference the entire report and the Committee submits this report independently. We did, however, delay submitting our recommendations pending the report by Sage Solutions as we recognized that some of the items would already have been approved by Council.



CITY OF HAMILTON
HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT
Hamilton Fire Department

TO:	Chair and Members Healthy and Safe Communities Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	November 4, 2021
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Standardization of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Equipment for the Hamilton Fire Department (HSC21036) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	Shawn De Jager (905) 546-2424 Ext. 3378 Dan Milovanovic (905) 546-2424 Ext. 3377
SUBMITTED BY:	Dave Cunliffe Chief, Hamilton Fire Department Healthy and Safe Communities Department
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- (a) That Council approve the standardization of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Equipment manufactured by MSA The Safety Company, pursuant to Procurement Policy #14 – Standardization, until December 31, 2031 and that the Fire Chief of the Hamilton Fire Department be authorized to negotiate, enter into and execute any required contract and any ancillary documents required to give effect thereto with MSA The Safety Company, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (b) That the Fire Chief of the Hamilton Fire Department, or his/her designate, be authorized to amend any Contracts executed and any ancillary documents as required if MSA The Safety Company undergoes a name change.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The replacement of the Hamilton Fire Department (HFD) firefighting SCBA was approved via the 2021 Capital Budget process. This replacement program ensured that all current health and safety, updated legislative requirements and regulations along with operational requirements were met.

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**SUBJECT: Standardization of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)
Equipment for the Hamilton Fire Department (HSC21036) (City Wide) -
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In November 2020, the City issued C5-11-20, a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for the Supply and Delivery of Complete SCBA Changeout for the Hamilton Fire Department. As part of the evaluation process for the RFP, an evaluation committee comprised of members from the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committees (Career and Volunteer) and Fire Suppression Section staff (Career and Volunteer) and the Training Division evaluated proposals and tested various makes and models of SCBA. The proposal submitted by A.J. Stone Company Ltd. (“AJ Stone”) included an SCBA model manufactured by MSA the Safety Company (“MSA”). AJ Stone’s proposal received the highest total evaluation score and on March 17, 2021, they were awarded the Contract for C5-11-20, to provide the complete replacement of the HFD SCBA program.

This replacement program included all new SCBA MSA Paks, MSA Face Pieces, MSA Cylinders, MSA Rapid Intervention Kits and all new MSA Confined Space Equipment along with extensive training to ensure all impacted members were ready to safely use this new SCBA equipment. This was completed in July 2021.

The new MSA SCBA Paks and Cylinders have an anticipated 15-year life cycle for use in front line emergency response setting.

In order to maintain one uniform make and model of SCBA units in service for HFD and for a long period of time, staff may have the need to procure additional SCBA units and related equipment or parts. Should these recommendations in this Report be approved, staff will conduct the procurement process in accordance with the Procurement Policy #14, which sets out requirements for standardization, and will require only MSA manufactured SCBA units and related equipment or parts.

The SCBA model and related equipment manufactured by MSA the Safety Company (“MSA”) is recommended for approval as a standardization pursuant to Policy #14 in order to strengthen HFD’s ability to meet the goals stated above, maintaining quality frontline fire equipment in order to prevent delays or non-compatible products from entering the system.

Additionally, this standardization process will support the employer’s requirements under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, R.S.O. c. 0.1. (*OHS Act*) to provide the necessary equipment, training and maintenance for the Hamilton Fire Department.

Prior to December 2031, the Hamilton Fire Department will again endeavour to perform due diligence by revisiting the marketplace and its operational practices and needs to determine whether to continue with the standardization of these items or go in another direction.

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Alternatives for Consideration – Not applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: Report HSC21036 recommends MSA the Safety Company for standardization for the department’s SCBA Equipment. Historically Operating and Capital Budgets have been established to support the HFD’s SCBA Program and are expected to be maintained. It is forecasted that over the next ten years that the annualized program commitments would equal approximately \$110,000, funded from either the Operating or Capital budgets for this project.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: All contracts will be reviewed by Legal.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Firefighting and rescue operations are very dangerous activities which require reliance on proven equipment in some of the most arduous and time sensitive situations. In the case of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), legislation exists relative to the prescriptive care and maintenance of such devices. The replacement of the Hamilton Fire Department firefighting SCBA was approved via the 2021 Capital Budget process.

In November 2020, the City issued C5-11-20, a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for the Supply and Delivery of Complete SCBA Changeout for Hamilton Fire Department. AJ Stone’s proposal received the highest total evaluation score and on March 17, 2021, they were awarded the Contract for C5-11-20, to provide the complete replacement of the HFD SCBA program.

The successful replacement of all new SCBA Equipment to MSA SCBA equipment was completed in July 2021 and the HFD is now operationally using MSA G1 SCBA as part of its emergency response equipment.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

The procurement of the SCBA units and this request to standardization is in accordance with the City of Hamilton Bylaw #20-205- Procurement Policy, Policy #5.4, Section 4.5.4 Request for Proposals and Policy 14, Section 4.14, Standardization.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

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Staff consulted with Corporate Services, Financial Services, Procurement staff and Corporate Services, Financial Planning, Administration, and Policy, Finance and Administration staff. All recommendations have been incorporated in this report.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Purchasing Policy #14 - Policy for Standardization, Section 4.14, sub section (1) allows for a management decision making process to select a Good and/or Service that meets common needs or requirements.

Purchasing and maintaining one (1) brand of SCBA will provide professional commercial quality reliable equipment to front-line staff with reduced break-down time along with reduced time for repair. This will also assist in the process of periodic replacement of equipment with a typical life cycle of fifteen (15) years depending on the amount of use.

Firefighting is a very dangerous activity and requires reliance on proven equipment in a timely manner. The recommended equipment has been researched, tested and selected by the end users.

On an annual basis it may be necessary to replace damaged, worn out units or repair with Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts. Operating Budget accounts are used for these types of expenditures. Should the recommendations in this Report be approved, staff will procure the goods or service in accordance with the Procurement Policy and required only MSA manufactured SCBA units and related equipment be specified as acceptable.

Fire Suppression staff requires equipment-specific ongoing training on SCBA. Standardization will reduce training, enhance product knowledge and assist in efficient emergency fire operations. Furthermore, equipment familiarity will assist in mitigating health and safety issues. Standardization also allows for the reduced stock levels of spare parts.

Equipment downtime is costly in terms of service delivery and results in increased costs. Reliable equipment reduces the number of spares that would be required and reduces the cost for repairs. Firefighters in the field rely on the quality of the equipment. Any breakdowns during firefighting operations would bring the fire crew to a stop while waiting for the replacement of the equipment thus extending the time of the emergency operation, which could result in the injury and/or fatality of firefighters and/or civilians, as well as result in potential liability to the City.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

None

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CITY OF HAMILTON
HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT
Housing Services Division

TO:	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	November 4, 2021
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Voluntary Safe Isolation Space Program Funding (HSC21042) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	Brian Kreps (905) 546-2424 Ext. 1782 Mike Jones (905) 546-2424 Ext. 3824
SUBMITTED BY:	Edward John Director, Housing Services Division Healthy and Safe Communities Department
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or their designate, be authorized and directed to enter into and execute a Contribution Agreement with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) to administer Voluntary Safe Isolation Space Program (VSISP) allocation to a maximum amount of \$210,928, 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

In February 2021, the City of Hamilton contracted with a local hotel to provide isolation services for households who have a residence but are unable to isolate in-place. Support was also offered to shelter staff and immigrants to Canada who were sponsored by local Hamilton agencies.

Fourteen rooms were reserved for this purpose, and referrals to the isolation hotel spaces were received through the Vulnerable Supports team operated by the Healthy and Safe Communities Department. From February 2021 to September 2021, the

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Vulnerable Supports team received a total of 42 referrals from Public Health Services for hotel support. Of those 42 referrals, 19 were approved (12 females, seven males).

Starting April 1, 2021, funding was secured through the Public Health Agency of Canada's (PHAC) Voluntary Safe Isolation Space Program (VSISP). The funding in the amount of \$323,672 was to cover the cost of the hotel spaces and meals for participants from April 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021. Authority to enter into this agreement was provided by the Emergency Operating Centre (EOC). Given lower than anticipated usage, the number of rooms reserved was reduced to three as of July 1, 2021.

Out of concern for a potential increase in demand during the 4th wave of the pandemic, the agreement with PHAC was extended to December 31, 2021 at a revised cost of \$210,928. The reduction in total funding reflected the reduction in beds reserved, and lower than anticipated use.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: A funding allocation of \$323,672 was provided to the City from PHAC to cover the cost of hotel spaces and meals for participants from April 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021. The allocation is based upon the following funding formula: 14 hotel rooms reserved daily at an estimated cost of \$1,648 per day, and meals at an estimated cost of \$350 per stay, assuming an average stay of nine days per participant.

Given lower than anticipated usage, the number of rooms reserved was reduced to three as of July 1, 2021. Out of concern for a potential increase in demand during the 4th wave of the pandemic, the agreement with PHAC was extended to December 31, 2021, resulting in a revised program cost of \$210,928.

Original and revised budget allocations are detailed in the following table:

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	Original Budget		Total Budget	Revised Budget		Total Actuals and Forecast	Budget Variance Funds Returned
	Rent	Meal		Rent	Meal		
Apr-21	50,345	3,600	53,945	45,339	366	45,705	8,240
May-21	50,345	3,600	53,945	45,339	2,402	47,741	6,204
Jun-21	50,345	3,600	53,945	43,876	692	44,568	9,377
Total Q1	151,036	10,800	161,836	134,554	3,460	138,014	23,822
Jul-21	50,345	3,600	53,945	9,715	-	9,715	44,230
Aug-21	50,345	3,600	53,945	9,402	41	9,443	44,502
Sep-21*	50,345	3,600	53,945	9,715	3,663	13,378	40,567
Total Q2	151,036	10,800	161,836	28,832	3,704	32,536	129,300
Oct-21*				9,715	3,785	13,500	(13,500)
Nov-21*				9,715	3,663	13,378	(13,378)
Dec-21*				9,715	3,785	13,500	(13,500)
Total Q3	-	-	-	29,145	11,233	40,378	(40,378)
Total	302,072	21,600	323,672	192,531	18,397	210,928	112,744

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

On April 1, 2021, the City of Hamilton received a base funding amount of \$323,672 from the Public Health Agency of Canada as part of the Safe Voluntary Isolations Sites Program, to cover the costs of hotel spaces and food for participants from April 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021. Authority to enter the agreement was provided by EOC.

On July 1, 2021, due to limited uptake of the program the number of rooms reserved was reduced to three. To protect against a fourth wave, the program was extended from September 30, 2021 to December 31, 2021, resulting in a revised program cost of \$210,928 for 2021.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

None

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RELEVANT CONSULTATION

The Housing Services Division continues to participate in regular meetings and consultation with housing and homelessness sector planning tables, as well as an ad hoc sector group representing community partners in the health and housing sector.

There is broad consensus to provide isolation space to assist in reducing the spread of COVID-19 in residential/congregate settings by providing service to people experiencing homelessness and reducing the spread of COVID-19 in homes where it is difficult to isolate due to the home's size or number of inhabitants.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

In its role as Service Manager, the City of Hamilton has a legally mandated role to plan, fund, and coordinate services relating to homelessness and affordable housing, including households living in congregate settings, those who may be precariously housed in rooming houses, and those who may be under-housed.

Socio-economic data has shown that individuals from lower-income and densely-populated neighbourhoods have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19 and may have more difficulty safely isolating at home due to factors such as overcrowding and/or resource constraints.

The Voluntary Safe Isolation Space Program was introduced to decrease community transmission of COVID-19 by addressing gaps identified for individuals who are unable to safely self-isolate due to housing conditions.

The objectives of the program are to: increase the availability and accessibility of voluntary isolation site(s); ensure the safety of individuals making use of voluntary isolation site(s); and, support integration of voluntary isolation site(s) into relevant COVID-19 prevention and control efforts, as necessary.

Eligible expenditures are costs directly related to approved projects such as personnel, travel and accommodation, material and supplies, equipment, rent, utilities, and performance measurement/evaluation.

Authorization of the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or their designate, to enter into and execute an Agreement with Public Health Agency of Canada is recommended to address ongoing, disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 on low-income and densely-populated neighbourhoods by providing a suitable isolation space and limiting community spread.

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CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Emergency and Community Services Committee: November 4, 2021

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR B. CLARK.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Fireworks By-Law Review

WHEREAS, there appear to have been several residential fires started by fireworks across the Province in 2021;

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in complaints pertaining to fireworks damaging properties with falling, hot embers;

WHEREAS, the power, size and explosive force of retail fireworks appear to have increased;

WHEREAS, a 24-year-old goaltender from Latvia, who was spending the summer in the United States, was killed after being struck in the chest with a fireworks mortar; and,

WHEREAS, there are fireworks retailers in Ontario open year-round.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hamilton Fire Chief and staff be directed to review the City’s bylaws that regulate fireworks sales and residential use with a report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee in the first quarter of 2022.

(To be completed by the Clerk)

MOTION APPROVED ON A RECORDED VOTE Yeas: _____ Nays: _____
(Refer to Recorded Vote Sheet)

MOTION DEFEATED ON A RECORDED VOTE Yeas: _____ Nays: _____
(Refer to Recorded Vote Sheet)