



## City of Hamilton

# EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

**Meeting #:** 12-012  
**Date:** November 18, 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

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## 5. COMMUNICATIONS

- \*5.1. Rachele Sender, Shelter Health Network, respecting opposing the dismantling of encampments in Hamilton

Recommendation: To be received.

- \*5.2. Keanin Loomis, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting Item 11.1, National Childcare Strategy – investigating the potential for direct municipal agreement with the Federal Government

Recommendation: To be received and referred to Item 11.1.

- \*5.3. Bill Johnston, respecting Report 2021/2022 Winter Service Planning(HSC21048), item 10.4 on the Nov. 18, 2021 agenda

Recommendation: To be received and referred to Item 10.4.

## 6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- \*6.4. Darryl Hall, Umbrella Child and Family Centres of Hamilton, respecting National Childcare Strategy (for today's meeting)
- \*6.5. Marni Flaherty, Today's Child, respecting municipal agreement with the federal government to move the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care Plan forward (for today's meeting)
- \*6.6. Denise Davy, respecting Winter Service Planning (for today's meeting)

## **7. CONSENT ITEMS**

- \*7.1. Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes - October 1, 2021

## **10. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- \*10.5. Seniors Advisory Committee - Citizen Committee Report, respecting  
Proposed resolution regarding Hamilton Police Service Board and Hamilton Police Services failure to provide adequate and effective police services in long-term care homes in the City of Hamilton

**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Shelter Health Network Statement on Encampments in Hamilton  
**Attachments:** SHN Encampment letter signed.pdf

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**From:** Rachelle Sender <>

**Sent:** Monday, November 15, 2021 10:07 PM

**To:** Office of the Mayor <[Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca)>; Wilson, Maureen <[Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca)>; Farr, Jason <[Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca](mailto:Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca)>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <[ward3@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward3@hamilton.ca)>; Merulla, Sam <[Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca](mailto:Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca)>; [lucy.finelli@hamilton.ca](mailto:lucy.finelli@hamilton.ca); Jackson, Tom <[Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca)>; Pauls, Esther <[Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca](mailto:Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca)>; Ward 8 Office <[ward8@hamilton.ca](mailto:ward8@hamilton.ca)>; Clark, Brad <[Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca)>; Pearson, Maria <[Maria.Pearson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Maria.Pearson@hamilton.ca)>; Johnson, Brenda <[Brenda.Johnson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Brenda.Johnson@hamilton.ca)>; Ferguson, Lloyd <[Lloyd.Ferguson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Lloyd.Ferguson@hamilton.ca)>; VanderBeek, Arlene <[Arlene.VanderBeek@hamilton.ca](mailto:Arlene.VanderBeek@hamilton.ca)>; Whitehead, Terry <[Terry.Whitehead@hamilton.ca](mailto:Terry.Whitehead@hamilton.ca)>; Partridge, Judi <[Judi.Partridge@hamilton.ca](mailto:Judi.Partridge@hamilton.ca)>; [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

**Cc:** Richardson, Elizabeth <[Elizabeth.Richardson@hamilton.ca](mailto:Elizabeth.Richardson@hamilton.ca)>

**Subject:** Shelter Health Network Statement on Encampments in Hamilton

Attached is a letter from the Shelter Health Network opposing the dismantling of encampments in Hamilton; its is signed by 25 health care providers.

Rachelle Sender MD, CCFP, FCFP

Shelter Health Network Clinic Lead

 <p><b>Shelter Health Network</b></p>	<p>82 Stinson Street Hamilton, Ontario L8N 1S2 P: 905-526-7137 F: 905-526-7969 Shelterhealthnetwork.ca</p>
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## STATEMENT ON ENCAMPMENTS

The Shelter Health Network is concerned about the dismantling of encampments in Hamilton; we believe that this is endangering the health of the vulnerable people that we work with. We urge Council to find other ways of addressing the crisis of homelessness in this community.

The Shelter Health Network is a group of 38 health care professionals (including doctors, nurse practitioners, registered nurses and midwives). For over 15 years we have been collaborating with social service organizations in Hamilton to serve a high risk population with complex health problems and with no stable housing.

Everyday we see the adverse impact of homelessness on the health of the people we serve. It is well known that there is a lack of affordable housing in Hamilton, particularly housing with the supports needed for many in this population. In addition, living in shelters is not always an option: for one, there is a lack of shelter beds in the city, particularly for women and couples. Some people have had their access to shelters suspended because of past behaviors linked to their health problems. Still others have been assaulted or robbed in or near shelters and feel unsafe there. Therefore, for many of our patients, living in tents in encampments may be their best and safest option.

Providing health care is far easier if people live in encampments than if they live scattered in the woods on the escarpment (as some are urging them to do). If someone tests positive for COVID and needs to be cared for appropriately, we first need to be able to find them; this would be difficult if they live hidden in the woods. The same is true for other types of health care, for example, people with serious wound infections. Amputations have resulted when we are unable to locate patients for follow-up of such infections. Individuals evicted from encampments have lost their medications and been forced back into abusive relationships. Finally, people are less likely to die of overdoses when living in groups than if they overdose alone, without access to Narcan treatment from their friends.

In summary, we, as health care professionals with many years of experience working with the homeless population of Hamilton, urge Hamilton City Council to pause the dismantling of encampments and look for more constructive answers to the problem of homelessness in our community. The members of Shelter Health would be happy to lend their expertise and work with Council to come up with alternate solutions.

Signed by

Health Care Providers of the Shelter Health Network (names listed alphabetically on the following page)

<http://shelterhealthnetwork.ca/>

Gina Agarwal, MBBS, PhD, MRCP, FCGP, dip CAPM  
Rabia Bana, MD, CCFP, FRCPC  
Kerry Beal, MD  
Karen Bushe MD, CCFP (EM)  
Siobhan Callaghan, MD, CCFP, FCFP  
Zoë Del Bel Belluz, MD, CCFP  
Rachel Erstling, MD, FRCPC  
Eric Fifield, MD, CCFP  
Dale Guenter, MD  
Shayna Henry MD, CCFP  
Robin Lennox, MD, CCFP  
Crista Maes, NP-PHC  
Tim O'Shea, MD, MPH, FRCPC  
Rose Patterson, NP  
Lori Regenstrief, MD  
Adrian Rocci, MD, CCFP (AM), FCFP, ABAM  
Erica Roebbelen, MD, CCFP  
Haider Saed, MD, MSc, CCFP, FCFP  
Rachelle Sender, PhD, MD, CCFP, FCFP  
Myles Sergeant, PEng, MD, CCFP, FCFP  
Elizabeth Shaw, MD, CCFP (AM), FCFP  
Kyla Sorensen, MD, CCFP  
Hailie Streith, NP  
Frank Vona, MD  
Jill Wiwcharuk, MD, CCFP (EM), dipISAM



November 18, 2021

**Re: Item 11.1, National Childcare Strategy – investigating the potential for direct municipal agreement with the Federal Government**

Dear Members of the Emergency and Community Services Committee,

As President and CEO of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, Hamilton's oldest institution at 176 years old, I have the privilege of speaking for our 1,000+ members that employ over 75,000 people in our community. I am writing to express our support for the motion tabled that, if passed, would instruct City staff to investigate a direct municipal agreement with the Federal Government on its National Childcare Strategy.

Throughout the past course of the pandemic, the Chamber has been a lifeline for local businesses hosting over 40 webinars on pandemic response related subjects, conducting advocacy to all three levels of government based on the feedback of our members, and partnering with the City to launch the Hamilton COVID Concierge for Business support service, which has provided direct, one-on-one support to hundreds of Hamilton-area businesses. A major theme that has emerged over the course of the past 20 months is the near-unanimous consent among the business community that affordable and accessible childcare is an essential priority as we embark on our economic recovery.

Looking to understand and address the gender disparities that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on our local labour market, the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce conducted the [Women Out of Work](#) study over the course of 2020-2021 that heard from nearly 1,600 self-identified Hamilton women. We know that full economic recovery is not possible if women are not included. Nor is it possible if women are not provided with fair and equitable opportunities for workforce participation. Since the immediate impact of the first wave, Hamilton women have disproportionately had their careers impacted, their finances strained, and their expectations for unpaid work increase. COVID-19 has unduly affected female-dominated sectors in Canada and women are facing excessive barriers to re-entering the workforce.

During the study, the need for a national childcare strategy was repeatedly brought up via survey and focus group participants. We urge all levels of government to continue making strides towards universal, accessible and affordable childcare, which will



significantly improve workforce participation and reduce the financial burden of childcare on all Hamilton families.

Though we would prefer, and fully expect, an agreement between the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to be struck on the implementation of the Early Learning and Child Care and Indigenous Early Learning and Childcare system, we strongly support the motion today in hopes that an alternate process may deliver these advantages to the Hamilton labour force in a more expedient fashion.

Once again, thank you to the Emergency and Community Services Committee for the opportunity to provide comments today. Considering the experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic, accessible and affordable childcare needs to be considered integral to the economic development and success of communities moving forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keanin Loomis". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Keanin Loomis,  
President & CEO  
Hamilton Chamber of Commerce

## 5.3

### To the members of the Emergency and Community Services Committee

*Re report 2021/2022 Winter Service Planning (HSC21048), item 10.4 on the Nov. 18, 2021 agenda*

It is a few days before National Housing Day, November 22, which commemorates the day in 1998 when Big City Mayors in Canada declared homelessness and unaffordable housing a national emergency. We must never forget that for people who experience homelessness, homelessness is always an emergency, a crisis, a traumatic experience. Being without a home makes you extraordinarily vulnerable, at risk of injury and physical and mental health damage. Winter significantly multiplies the risks.

There is something surprising to me about this report. It makes no mention at all about encampments.

That's surprising given the amount of conversation and consternation around encampments over the past two years. Much more importantly, it's surprising because those in encampments are among the most vulnerable of our citizens, especially when it's cold. We already know that most of them aren't served by our shelter system, whether because they have pets or partners they want to stay with, because of fear of theft, because they have addiction or mental health issues that shelters aren't equipped to deal with or that make shelters impossible places for them to be in.

So I ask:

- Does the city have a plan specifically for people in encampments this winter?
- Specifically, does the city have a plan for reaching out to encampments when to warn of cold alerts?
- Would it be easier to find people to warn them of a cold alert if the city knew where they were?
- Would the city be willing to declare a moratorium on moving people from encampments during the winter, so that you know where they are and can ensure they are OK?
- If not, would the city consider providing alternate outdoor spaces on city land in locations further from neighbours, such as the land between King and Main West south of the cathedral?
- If neither of these, what is the city's plan to reach out to people sleeping rough but scattered and in unknown places?

Second, we all know that the real solution for those experiencing homeless isn't encampments and it isn't shelters, it's housing. For some, it's housing with supports. Can I recommend that the city provide monthly reports to the Emergency and Community Services on its progress in housing people who are currently experiencing homelessness, specifically

1. The number on the city's By Name list
2. The number of those on that list who are contacted to determine their needs
3. The number of those housed and whether or not they have the supports they need
4. The number who remain housed
5. The barriers the city faces to reducing the number on the By Name list and increasing the numbers contacted, housed and remaining housed. Those statistics, and likely others that would help to chart progress, would help the city to identify how far the demand for housing exceeds the supply of available social housing units or subsidized (rent supplements etc.) private sector units, so that it can increase the resources needed or make the case to the federal and provincial governments for more funding to provide those resources.

Thank you for considering the issues raised here.

Bill Johnston, Dundas



**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form (Hall)

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

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

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 11:49 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

Submitted on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 - 11:48am Submitted by anonymous user: 172.70.34.145

Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Darryl Hall

Name of Organization: Umbrella Child and Family Centres of Hamilton

Contact Number:

Email Address: darryl@umbrellafamily.com

Mailing Address:

310 Limeridge Road West

Hamilton, ON

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Reason(s) for delegation request: As a community child care operator, the Umbrella firmly supports the November 18, 2021 motion to council - National Childcare Strategy – investigating the potential for direct municipal agreement with the Federal Government. I will provide current statistical information regarding child care services in Hamilton, and specific information regarding the benefits of the proposed national plan to operators, children, and families.

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/558956>



**Umbrella Family  
and Child Centres  
of Hamilton**



# **NATIONAL CHILD CARE STRATEGY**

**Investigating the potential for direct municipal  
agreement with the Federal Government**

November 18, 2021 | Presentation to Hamilton City Council

# Early Years Operations Children's Services and Neighbourhood Development Division

- Strong Leadership and Collaborative Framework
- Child Care Operators Network



# 2021 Child Care Facts

## QUALITY & TRAINING OF STAFF

### Not-For-Profit and Public Licensed Centres Provide Higher Quality Care

- 11% For-Profit child care centres providing good or excellent care, 36% rated as inadequate

*(Quebec ISQ study “Grandir En Qualité Surveys quoted in “Risky Business”, Martha Friendly et al CRRU 30 June 2021)*



# 2021 Child Care Facts

## QUALITY & TRAINING OF STAFF

### Centre-based child care employees are most likely to have Early Childhood Education qualifications

Those with one, two, or three-year certificate in Early Childhood Education (ECE), or had obtained an ECE diploma from a postsecondary institution:

- 54% of centre-based child care employees
- 21% of unlicensed home-based providers and their employees

**41% of unlicensed home-based providers and their employees had not obtained any ECE-related training.**

*(Canadian Survey on the provision of Child Care services Stats Canada - Jan 2021)*



# 2021 Child Care Facts

## MEDIAN CANADIAN HOURLY WAGES AND COMPENSATION FOR ECE STAFF

- \$17.29 (*Canadian Survey on the Provision of Child Care services - Jan 2021*)
- 47% of Ontario child care centre staff with a pension plan or RRSP (*Daycare by the numbers 2015*)
- 77% of Ontario child care centre staff with paid sick or personal leave days (*Daycare by the numbers 2015*)
- 59% of Ontario child care centre staff with medical benefits (*Daycare by the numbers 2015*)



# 2021 Child Care Facts

## FEES

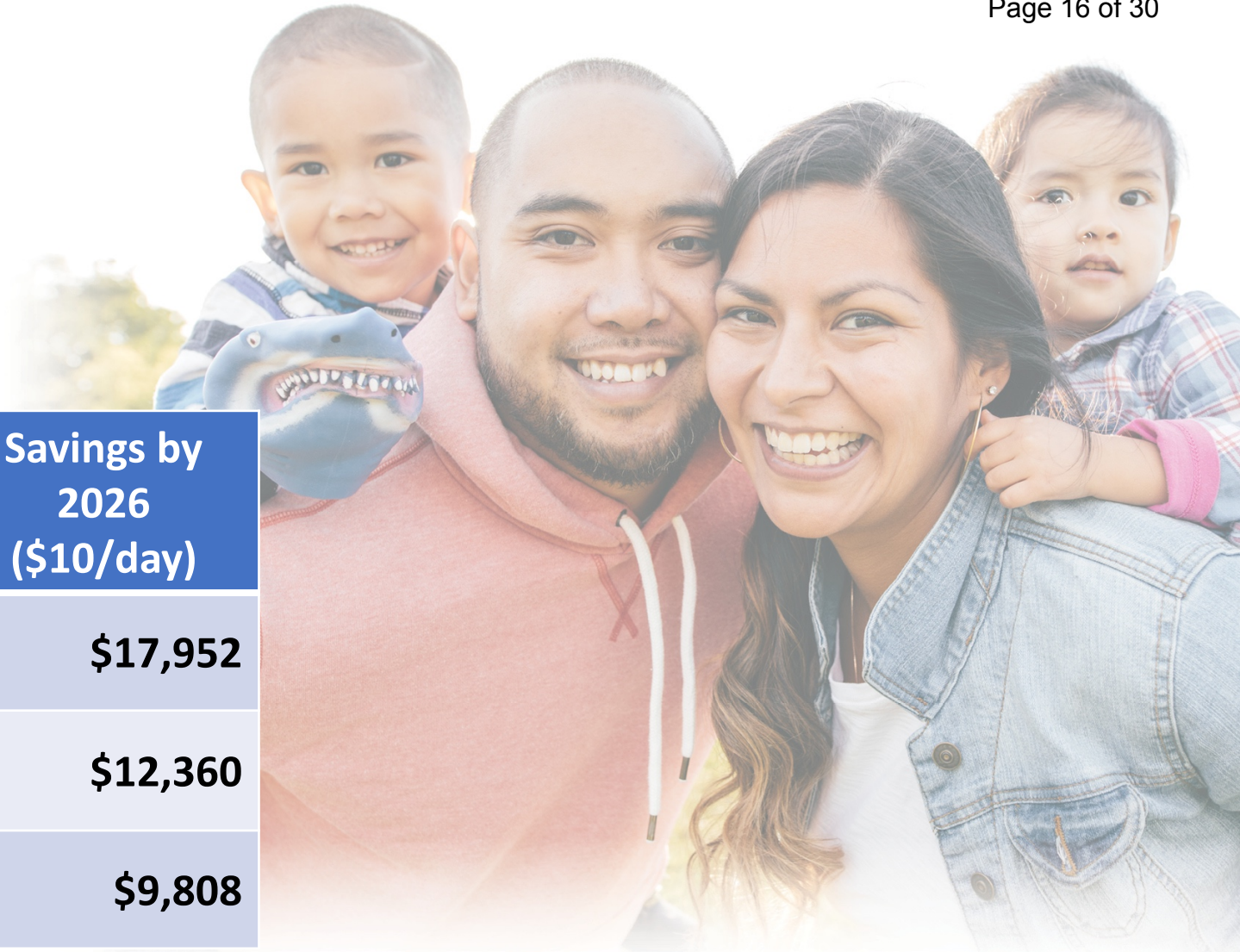
- Child care costs in Hamilton amounted to just **over 30% of women's income** (*Childcare fees in Canada's Big Cities, David Macdonald and Martha Friendly, CCPA. 2014*)
- In Hamilton, **For-Profit centres charge 37% more** than Not-For-Profit Centres (*CCPA 2019*)



# 2021 Child Care Facts

**Savings with Federal Plan to Umbrella families:**

Umbrella Child Care Fees in 2021*	Savings with a 50% reduction by 2022	Savings by 2026 (\$10/day)
<b>Infant: \$1,716/mth</b>	\$10,296	<b>\$17,952</b>
<b>Toddler: \$1,251/mth</b>	\$7,504	<b>\$12,360</b>
<b>Preschool: \$1,037/mth</b>	\$6,224	<b>\$9,808</b>





# 2021 Child Care Facts

## GENERAL HAMILTON STATS

- Approximate total Licensed childcare spaces:13,649
- Percentage of spaces subsidized: 19%
- Umbrella programs spaces subsidized: 32%
- Over 220 Children currently on Umbrella waitlists.
- 23% of children under 12 from low income families (15% is median for Ontario)



**Bates, Tamara**

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**Subject:** FW: Form submission from: Request to Speak to Committee of Council Form (Flaherty)

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

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

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 2:13 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

Submitted on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 - 2:12pm Submitted by anonymous user: 172.68.65.125  
Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Marni Flaherty

Name of Organization: Today's Family

Contact Number:

Email Address: mflaherty@todaysfamily.ca

Mailing Address: 44 Greendale Drive, Hamilton ON, L9C 5Z4

Reason(s) for delegation request:

Today's Family supports the motion made by Councillor Nrinder Nann of exploring a municipal agreement with the federal government to move the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care Plan forward.

Children and their families deserve affordable access to regulated, quality and equal opportunities for learning and play. Child care should be considered an investment in social infrastructure that promotes community and economic growth. In particular, progression on child care strategy would allow women to equally participate in re-shaping Hamilton's economy.

Supporting this motion would lead to better understanding of what it would take to partner with the Federal government to expand child care in our community. It might lead to a pilot project or demonstration project that would more firmly establish evidence of the value of this expanded service and that might convince Provincial governments and more community members of the benefits of this program.

Hamilton can prove the value of a connected and expanded child care system, and leverage its success to continue to advocate for a long-term, sustainable investment from the province.

Together, we are better. Other municipalities are actively considering the municipal agreement approach. In the spirit of the goals of the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care Plan, we must work together on a much larger impact to ensure that we are thinking ahead to the children and families of the future.

I look forward to being a part of this discussion and contributing to the progression and growth of child care in Hamilton to meet the current and future needs of children and their families.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No  
Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/559011>

**Bates, Tamara**

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**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: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 12:17 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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

Submitted on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 - 12:16pm Submitted by anonymous user: 162.158.126.179

Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency & Community Services Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Denise Davy

Name of Organization: Researcher

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: I wish to speak to the report on Winter Service Planning (HSC21048)

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.hamilton.ca/node/286/submission/560111>



Hamilton

**Seniors Advisory  
Committee**

**Minutes**

**October 1, 2021**

**10:00am – 12:00pm**

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**<https://www.youtube.com/user/InsideCityofHamilton>**

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**In Attendance:**

Penelope Petrie (Chair), Aref Alshaikhahmed, Sheryl Boblin, Jeanne Mayo, Maureen McKeating, Barry Spinner, Douglas Stone, Marian Toth, Marjorie Wahlman, Ann Elliott, Kamal Jain, Dahlia Petgrave, Carolann Fernandes, David Bloom, Sarah Shallwani, Noor Nizam

**Also, in Attendance:**

Lisa Maychak, Project Manager, Healthy & Safe Communities Department  
Kim VanderMeulen, Program Secretary, Healthy & Safe Communities  
Sonya Baldwin, Program Secretary, Healthy & Safe Communities  
Trevor Jenkins, Project Manager, Sustainable Mobility Planning and Economic Development  
Brian Hollingworth, Director, Sustainable Mobility Planning and Economic Development

**Absent with Regrets:**

Tom Jackson, City Councillor, Marjorie Wahlman

**Absent:**

Vince Mercuri, Dahlia Petgrave, Nrinder Nann

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**1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)**

Land Acknowledgement presented by A. Elliott

A. Alshaikhahmed has volunteered to read the Land Acknowledgement at the next meeting.

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

**(S. Boblin/A. Elliott)**

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the October 1, 2021 agenda, as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

**(C. Fernandes/A. Alshaikhahmed)**

That the Seniors Advisory Committee approves the Sep 10, 2021 Minutes.

**CARRIED**

## 4. STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)

- (i) **"Complete, Livable, Better Streets Design", Trevor Jenkins, Project Manager and Brian Hollingworth, Director, Sustainable Mobility Planning and Economic Development.**

T. Jenkins provided a presentation to the committee on Hamilton's Complete, Liveable, Better Streets Design. T. Jenkins ended his presentation with an opportunity for a question and answer period for the Senior Advisory Committee. Additional information can be found at <https://www.hamilton.ca/streets-transportation/streets-sidewalks/complete-livable-better-clb-streets>

**(J. Mayo/A. Elliott)**

That the Seniors Advisory Committee receive the presentation by Trevor Jenkins, Project Manager, Sustainable Mobility Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton.

**CARRIED**

## 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

- (i) **Proposed Resolution  
Vaccinations at Macassa and Wentworth Lodges.**

J. Mayo brought before forward the following resolution  
Mandatory COVID vaccinations at Macassa and  
Wentworth Lodges

**(J. Mayo/D. Broom)**

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;

- (a) The Seniors Advisory Committee urges the City to immediately impose an immediate requirement for all staff to be vaccinated and to forbid anyone from entering the buildings who has not been vaccinated;
- (b) Because the situation is dire and potentially life-threatening for all residents, that Councillors Tom Jackson and Nirinder Nann be informed of this resolution immediately and communicate it to the Mayor and all other Councillors

**CARRIED**

**(ii) Working Groups (Item 10.1)**

**(a) Getting Around Hamilton Working Group**

J. Mayo reported that Waterdown now has an on-demand transit pilot service. There was an increase in fares as of Sept 1. The Senior monthly and yearly pass also raised in price. The trans cab service in Stoney creek currently has issues but the group plans to deal with that at the next meeting. Also, a reminder that it is now the responsibility of the individual to renew their driver's license and vehicle sticker as the province is no longer sending out notices. This group is currently organizing workshops with the Hamilton Council on Aging. They have also made a funding proposal made to the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility.

**(b) Elder Abuse Working Group**

P. Petrie reported that there has been no movement at this time with the safety videos and Hamilton Police Services (HPS) and is unsure of what the delay is. The group was able to obtain statistics on elder abuse but have not had time to review yet. C. Fernandes has some booklets with information and informed the group that the HPS used to have workshops available for groups. Elder Abuse working group will investigate these workshops with HPS. P. Petrie mentioned getting someone from Catholic Family Services to come and speak to this advisory committee. P. Petrie has some contact names and will share them to with L. Maychak to contact.

**(c) Housing Working Group**

M. Toth reported that Jane Murrell, Supervisor-Health Hazards & Vector Disease, City Hamilton spoke to the group regarding City strategies for Heat Mitigation, such as opening cooling centres with bottled water available.

J. Murrell outlined the warning system that come from Climate Canada to the City and the criteria used to prompt the warnings.

The City of Hamilton has engaged landlords and offered suggestions to them to support their tenant's well-being during heat waves. Some interior building temperatures can be hotter than outside conditions. Currently, the City of Hamilton has no by-laws to enforce strategies nor an



emergency plan for heat events as exists for extreme winter conditions. Because of Climate Changes, such heat events are increasing in intensity and frequency, making the need for citizen safety more critical.

**(c) Communication Working Group**

D. Bloom reported the group's last meeting was cancelled and the next meeting is booked for October 20, 2021.

**(iii) Working Committees (Item 10. 2)**

**(a) Age Friendly Plan - Governance Committee**

A. Elliott reported that the list of members has been updated, and draft terms of reference was reviewed. The group looked at what recommendations should be focused on for the next year. A. Elliott encourages all SAC committee members to read the report with the seven areas and the recommendations.

**(b) Older Adult Network**

There are no updates at this time.

**(c) International Day of Older Persons Committee**

D. Stone reported that International Day of Older Persons is happening today, Oct 1, 2021.

This event will be aired on Cable 14 at 8pm Oct 1, 2021 and will be moderated by Connie Smith.

**(d) McMaster Institute for Research on Aging**

There are no updates from this committee.

**(e) Ontario Health Coalition**

C. Fernandes reported that the Ontario Health Coalition will be holding a meeting on Monday October 4, 2021 beginning at noon at Gore Park. This event will be held to hold government accountable.

**(f) Our Future Hamilton Update**

There are no updates from this committee

**(g) Senior of the Year Award**

L. Maychak reported the event will be televised on Oct 23, 2021 at 7pm on Cable 14 and the City YouTube channel. Video interviews were completed with all nominees and will be included. The week after the show is aired all winners and nominees will receive a certificate and gift. At this time there is hope that next year will be able to be done in person and there is a plan to invite this year's nominees to attend.

**6. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS****(i) Light Rail Transit – letter of support**

From the previous June minutes, it was raised by M. McKeating to send a letter of support of the Light Rail Transit (LRT). At this time the City has approved, and a letter of support is not required at this time. L Maychak suggested the committee could submit a CCR to give support.

J. Mayo requested that the June minutes to be amended to read "a motion to support LRT and accepted by a majority vote" and re-issued minutes to the committee. L Maychak to request clarity on this process.

**(ii) Feedback Social Determents of Health Covid19**

- Impressed with addressing challenges for vulnerable populations during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- In terms of the data, what are the next steps in addressing the inequities faced by vulnerable populations? Has there already been actions taken? If there have been actions taken SAC would like to know what has been done. A presentation to the committee would be greatly appreciated. Perhaps in December 2021?
- In terms of moving forward, SAC would like to be consulted.

Next steps – L. Maychak to request an update.

**(iii) All Advisory Committee Meeting**

J. Mayo found that the meeting seemed controlled by the City staff. The meeting was long because of the number of Advisory committees participating. Looking forward to future collaboration with other groups.

S. Boblin appreciated hearing from all the different groups but found there was limited time for discussion. It seemed that all groups related there is a need for communication between all as everyone seems to be experiencing similar issues.

P. Petrie commented that it was very interesting but there are issues finding items on the City website there seems to be an unclear path on how the public is to engage communication directly with the committee. Members were able to link with other groups to communicate with during this meeting.

L. Maychak provided clarification for public engagement that community members would contact the staff liaison for their assigned advisory committee.

M. Toth commented that possibly working with other groups may not be as powerful but individual groups working alone coming forth with the same issues may be more effective.

**(iv) Proposed Resolution**

Item moved to Discussion Items (Item 10.0)

- (v)** D. Broom provided an update on the deputation he had to the Hamilton Police Services Board as an individual citizen, not as a member of the Seniors Advisory Committee on May 21, 2021 regarding police investigation of abuse in long-term care facilities. D. Broom has reached out to Constable Andrea McLaughlin, Senior Support Officer, Hamilton Police Services, asking specific questions and requesting more information about what is currently happening at this time. A response was received that she is not the correct contact person. At this time, it is unclear on what will happen. It was suggested that committee could plan to advise council and J. Mayo suggested that D. Broom prepare a proposed resolution for the next meeting.

**8. ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

**(S. Boblin/M. Toth)**

That the Seniors Advisory Committee be adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Next Meeting: November 5, 2021



comment” relating to the care and deaths of residents in Long-Term Care and Retirement homes in the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Chief of Police Frank Bergen through Deputy Chief Ryan Diodati reported back to the Board asserting that from January 2020 through June 16, 2021, the Coroner’s Office investigated only 31 deaths, specifically at Long-Term Care homes in the City of Hamilton. Of these, only 4 were reviewed by the HPS and none of the four were deemed to be criminal in nature; and

WHEREAS the HPS and the Board failed to address the remaining 88 of the 119 deaths that took place in these homes in the City of Hamilton.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Council for the City of Hamilton be made aware that 88 of the remaining 119 deaths in Hamilton’s long-term care homes require Hamilton Police Services (HPS) investigation and that such inaction constitutes inadequate and ineffective police service as set out under section 31(1) of the Police Services Act;

That the following request be forwarded to the Police Services Board (PSB); and

That the Chief of Police Frank Bergen and the Hamilton Police Services Board appear before Council to explain why these 88 deaths have not been adequately investigated.

**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 Hamilton City Council and Hamilton Police Services to improve their involvement.

At the November 5, 2021 Senior Advisory Committee meeting, Item 11 (Motions), which refers to the resolution regarding the failure of Hamilton Police Services and the Hamilton Police Services Board to provide adequate police services in long-term care homes in Hamilton.

**Analysis/Rationale:**

The Senior Advisory Committee does not believe that enough action has been taken by Hamilton Police Services in response to the large number of deaths in long-term care homes that occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the Senior Committee urges the City of Hamilton to intervene by enforcing the recommendations listed above.