



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

1:30 p.m.
Monday, May 14, 2012
Hamilton City Hall
Council Chambers
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, Ontario

Present: Councillor J. Partridge, Chair
Councillor T. Whitehead, Vice-Chair
Councillors S. Duvall, J. Farr, T. Jackson, B. McHattie, S. Merulla and
B. Morelli

Also Present: J.A. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
T. Tollis, City Treasurer
R. D'Angelo, Director, Community Facilities and Capital Programs
A. Bradford, Acting Director of Tourism and Culture
G. Hendry, Director, Housing Services
K. Lubrick, Director, Employment and Income Support Division
J. Brown, Director Recreation
J. Doyle, Assistant Deputy, Hamilton Emergency Services, Fire
E. Filippone, Solicitor, Legal Services
I. Bedioui, Legislative Co-ordinator, City Clerk's Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL:

1. Resignation of Seniors Advisory Committee Member (Item 5.2)

(Merulla/McHattie)

That the resignation of May Ferguson from the Seniors Advisory Committee, be received.

CARRIED

2. 2010 Ontario Works Client Survey (CS11009(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

(Merulla/McHattie)

That Report CS11009(a) respecting 2010 Ontario Works Client Survey, be received.

CARRIED

3. EMS Monthly Response Time Performance Report – January 1, 2012 to February 29, 2012 (HES12010) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

(Merulla/McHattie)

That Report HES12010 respecting EMS Monthly Response Time Performance Report – January 1, 2012 to February 29, 2012, be received.

CARRIED

4. Ivor Wynne Stadium Licence Agreement between the City of Hamilton and Hamilton Tiger-Cats Football Club (2007) Corporation (CS12019) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Morelli/Farr)

- (a) That the Licence Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats Football Club (2007) Corporation, for the use of Ivor Wynne Stadium during the 2012 Canadian Football League season (attached as Appendix A to Report CS12019), be approved;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the said Licence Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats Football Club (2007) Corporation for the use of Ivor Wynne Stadium during the 2012 Canadian Football League season, in a final form satisfactory to the General Manager of Community Services and the City Solicitor;
- (c) That two concert dates to celebrate the final year of Ivor Wynne Stadium, which will be organized and paid for by the Tiger-Cat organization at a cost of \$25,000 per event, and which will be scheduled outside of the Tiger-Cats' regularly scheduled season, be approved as part of the Licence Agreement;
- (d) That the Policy for Special Event Planning; Ivor Wynne - Site Guidelines, item #9 be waived in order to allow the approval of the two concert dates as outlined in subsection (c).

CARRIED

5. Correspondence regarding cancellation of Remembrance Day Services at the Federal Building (HVC12-001) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Morelli/Merulla)

- (a) That the correspondence to the Federal Government regarding the cancellation of Remembrance Day Services at the Federal Building, 55 Bay St. North in Hamilton, hereto attached as Appendix "A", be approved for mailing under the signature of the Chair of the Hamilton Veterans Committee.
- (b) That the Mayor and Council communicate to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Veteran Affairs to express support for the Hamilton Veterans Committee's position with respect to the cancellation of the Remembrance

Day Services at the Federal Building, in Hamilton, and to request that the decision be reversed and the services be continued and that copies of the correspondence be forwarded to the area Members of Parliament (including Mike Wallace, the M.P. for the City of Burlington), Senator David Braley, the Royal Canadian Legion in Ottawa, the Royal Canadian Legion, Hamilton Branch, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

CARRIED

6. Hamilton Farmers' Market Sub-Committee Report 12-002 (Item 8.3)

(Merulla/Whitehead)

(a) Appointment of Chair

That Councillor Jason Farr be appointed Chair of the Hamilton Farmers' Market Sub-Committee.

(b) Privatization of the Hamilton Farmers' Market

- (i) That the terms of reference for a Request for Information respecting the Privatization of the Hamilton Farmers' Market, hereto attached as Appendix "B", be approved and issued in a form satisfactory to the Procurement Manager;
- (ii) That staff report back to the General Issues Committee by June 30, 2012 with the results of the Request for Information respecting the Privatization of the Hamilton Farmers' Market.

(c) Authority to Hear and Decide on Requests for Reconsideration

- (i) That where a stallholder's contract is terminated in accordance with its terms or otherwise, or where a person's application for a stall has been rejected, the stallholder or person, as the case may be, may, within fifteen (15) days of being notified of the termination or rejection, make a formal written request to meet with the General Manager of Community Services for reconsideration of the termination or rejection;
- (ii) That the General Manager of Community Services will review the matter and may affirm the termination or rejection or provide other direction on the matter;
- (iii) That the decision of the General Manager of Community Services, which may be made orally or in writing, will be final;
- (iv) That the necessary by-law be passed to reflect the resolution in Subsections (a), (b) and (c), in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (v) That the by-law in Subsection (d) be effective on the date it is passed;

- (vi) That the Terms of Reference of the Hamilton Farmers' Market Sub-Committee be amended to reflect the resolutions in Subsections (a), (b) and (c).

CARRIED

7. Operating Agreement between the City of Hamilton as Service Manager and CityHousing Hamilton Corporation (CS12002) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

(Merulla/Jackson)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton, in its capacity as Service Manager under the Housing Services Act, 2011, enter into an Operating Agreement with CityHousing Hamilton Corporation (CHH) substantially in the form attached as Appendix A to Report CS12002;
- (b) That the General Manager of the Community Services Department or designate be authorized and directed to execute the proposed Operating Agreement between the City of Hamilton and CityHousing Hamilton Corporation in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (c) The General Manager of the Community Services Department or designate be authorized and directed to approve and execute any amending or ancillary agreements as may be required to give effect to recommendation (a), in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

8. 2012 Proposed Provincial Budget and Changes to the Discretionary Benefits (CS12020(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.5)

(Merulla/Whitehead)

- (a) That discretionary benefits provided to Ontario Works (OW), Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Low Income Program recipients as approved in the 2012 City of Hamilton Operating Budget continue to December 31, 2012 at a net levy cost of \$1,816,727 to be funded from departmental surplus, corporate surplus or the Social Services Initiative Reserve Fund;
- (b) That staff be directed to report to the Emergency & Community Services Committee in October 2012 with options for the 2013 budget.

CARRIED

9. Transformation of Employment Ontario (CS10022(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.6)

(Jackson/Whitehead)

- (a) That Report CS10022(a) respecting Transformation of Employment Ontario, be received;

- (b) That the Community Services Department, Employment and Income Support Division's complement be reduced by three Full Time positions with the ending of the Provincial Ontario Employment Assistance Services Agreement, on July 31, 2012;
- (c) That the Employment Resource Centres located within the Ontario Works offices at 1550 Upper James Street and 2255 Barton Street East be closed effective July 31, 2012.

CARRIED

10. Standardization of Various Hamilton Emergency Services – Fire Emergency Equipment (HES12009) (City Wide) (Item 8.7)

(Whitehead/Jackson)

- (a) That MSA manufactured thermal imaging camera (TIC) be approved as the standard through December 31, 2016;
- (b) That CMC Rescue manufactured specialty rescue equipment (carabiners, racks, pulleys, ascenders, harnesses, etc) be approved as the standard through December 31, 2016;
- (c) That Petzl manufactured specialty rescue equipment (Rescucender, rope rescue gloves, helmets, headlamps, etc.) be approved as the standard through December 31, 2016;
- (d) That Hale manufactured fire pumps be approved as the standard through December 31, 2016;
- (e) That Akron manufactured valves and nozzles be approved as the standard through December 31, 2016;
- (f) That Niagara Foam (Single Source) be approved as the standard for Fire Fighting Foam through December 31, 2016;
- (g) That Industrial Scientific manufactured gas monitors be approved as the standard through December 31, 2016;
- (h) That Hurst Power Products (Single Source) manufactured hydraulic power equipment for auto extrication (spreaders, cutters, rams, and air lifting bags) be approved as the standard through December 31, 2016;
- (i) That Portacount (Single Source) be the approved manufacturer's standard for quantitative face fit testing for Hamilton Emergency Services Fire and EMS through December 31, 2016;
- (j) That Schlage Locks (Single Source) be the approved manufacturer's standard for Hamilton Emergency Services Fire and EMS through December 31, 2016;

- (k) That Padgenite manufactured insulated panels be approved as the standard through December 31, 2016;
- (l) That the Standardization of Ventilation and Rescue Saws [Cutters Edge, a division of Edge Industries Incorporated, approved by Council October 1, 2009 (HES09003)] be extended through December 31, 2016;
- (m) That the Standardization of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) provided by Scott Safety, approved by Council October 1, 2009 (HES09003), be extended through December 31, 2016;
- (n) That the Standardization of Nederman Canada for vehicle exhaust extraction systems, approved by Council October 1, 2009 (HES09003), be extended through December 31, 2016.

CARRIED

11. Westdale High School Tennis Facility (CS12024) (Ward 1) (Item 8.8)

(McHattie/Whitehead)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton enter into a Licence Agreement with the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board to refurbish the tennis courts located at Westdale High School, substantially based on the key terms attached as Appendix A to Report CS12024;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Licence Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board for the refurbishment and use of the Westdale High School tennis courts, as well as any related or ancillary documentation, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (c) That the General Manager of Community Services or designate be granted the delegated authority to approve any changes to the Licence Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board and to execute any related or ancillary documentation as may be required to give effect thereto, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

- (i) Added delegation request Item 4.2 from Tom Cooper, of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting the Roundtable's response to the changes to funding for discretionary health benefits;
- (ii) Staff requested corrections to Item 8.5 respecting the 2012 Proposed Provincial Budget and Changes to the Discretionary Benefits (CS12020(a)) (City Wide)

In the body of the report, there are corrections to Option #2 on page 8 of 9. The amended sections are highlighted below and the official copies of the Report were amended:

Option #2

Council may decide to reduce the Special Supports Discretionary Dental and Denture Program for OW, ODSP and Low Income effective July 1, 2012. This will reduce the dental and denture annualized operating budget of \$4,806,950 by \$1.8 million for July 1 to December 31, 2012 and \$3.7 million for 2013. This would have significant impact on individuals requiring dental work.

Financial: This would eliminate the pressure of \$1,816,727 for 2012 and \$3,756,517 for 2013.

(Whitehead/McHattie)

That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were none declared.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(Jackson/Duvall)

The Minutes of the April 10, 2012 meeting were approved as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUEST

- (i) Rebecca Redden, respecting the loss of the volunteer program, Katimavik which has been eliminated by the Federal Government (Item 4.1)**

(Whitehead/Merulla)

That the delegation request from Rebecca Redden respecting the loss of the volunteer program Katimavik be approved.

CARRIED

- (ii) Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting the Roundtable's response to the changes to funding for discretionary health benefits. (Added Item 4.2)**

(McHattie/Whithead)

(1.) That the delegation request from Tom Cooper, of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, be approved;

(2.) That the rules of order be waived in order to allow Tom Cooper to address Committee today respecting the Roundtable's response to the changes to funding to discretionary health benefits.

CARRIED

(e) VARIOUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Item 5.1):

(Merulla/McHattie)

That the following Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes be received:

- (i) Food and Shelter Advisory Committee meeting of March 8, 2012
- (ii) Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee meeting of March 20, 2012
- (iii) Seniors Advisory Committee meeting of April 13, 2012

CARRIED

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

- (i) Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting the Roundtable's response to the changes to funding for discretionary health benefits. (Added 4.2)**

Tom Cooper addressed Committee with Laura Cattari, also from the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction. Their comments expressed their concerns with the Province's proposed changes to the funding for discretionary health benefits and included but were not limited to the following:

- This is a new form of downloading;
- Hamilton has been an advocate of uploading as the need for social services does not respect municipal boundaries;
- The services for the most vulnerable are at risk;
- These services are not “discretionary” to those who need them (i.e. dentures, eye glasses, funeral services)
- This is imposing a cap on necessary benefits;
- Some people looking for work require eye glasses.
- This will impact the local suppliers of health care products which may result in business closures;
- Only the large national suppliers will survive which may result in a monopoly situation;
- Local jobs will be lost;
- The economy will be impacted;

The speakers responded to questions from Committee.

(Whitehead/Jackson)

That the delegation be received.

CARRIED

After some discussion, Committee approved the staff report.

(g) DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Correspondence regarding cancellation of Remembrance Day Services at the Federal Building (HVC12-001) (City Wide) (8.2)

The Committee expressed its disappointment that the Federal Government has cancelled the Remembrance Day Services at the Federal Building in downtown Hamilton.

(Morelli/Merulla)

That the recommendation be amended by adding subsection (b) as follows:

- (b) That the Mayor and Council communicate to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Veteran Affairs to express support for the Hamilton Veterans Committee’s position with respect to the cancellation of the Remembrance Day Services at the Federal Building, in Hamilton, and to request that the decision be reversed and the services be continued and that copies of the correspondence be forwarded to the area Members of Parliament (including Mike Wallace, the M.P. for the City of Burlington), Senator David Braley, the Royal Canadian Legion in Ottawa, the Royal Canadian Legion, Hamilton Branch, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

**Amendment CARRIED
Main Motion as amended CARRIED**

(ii) Hamilton Farmers' Market Sub-Committee Report 12-002 (Item 8.3)

The following is the preamble to Subsection (c) of the Sub-Committee recommendations:

(c) Authority to Hear and Decide on Requests for Reconsideration

Whereas section 11 of the Market By-law currently provides a stallholder whose contract has been terminated or an applicant for a stall whose application has been rejected, with a right to submit a request to appear as a delegation before the Hamilton Farmers' Market Sub-committee for reconsideration of the termination or rejection;

And whereas at its meeting of February 2, 2012, the General Issues Committee directed staff to explore alternative forms of governance for the Hamilton Farmers' Market;

And whereas during this period of transition, it is desirable to amend the reconsideration process;

And whereas requests for reconsideration may be heard more expeditiously if such requests are made to the General Manager of Community Services.

(iii) Transformation of Employment Ontario (CS10022(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.6)

Staff were requested to elaborate on the impact of the termination of funding for Employment Resource Centres and outline the pros and cons, at a future meeting. Staff agreed to report back at the June meeting.

(h) GENERAL INFORMATION (Item 11)

(i) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1 continued)

(Duvall/Jackson)

(1.) That the following Item be identified as completed and removed from the Outstanding Business List:

Item "A" – Farmers' Market – Implications of Operating the market by an Independent Operator

(2.) That the due date of the following Item be amended as indicated:

(i) Item B – Recreation Access Policy (Needs Assessment)
New due date: September 10, 2012

CARRIED

(i) ADJOURNMENT

(Farr/Whitehead)

There being no further business, that the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting, be adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor J. Partridge, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Ida Bedioui
Legislative Co-ordinator
May 14, 2012