



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

1:30 p.m.
Monday, June 11, 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
D. Fisher, Assistant City Solicitor
G. Hendry, Director, Housing Services
D. Brodati, Policy and Program Specialist
J. Brown, Director Recreation
B. Browett, Paramedic Chief/ EMS Director
N. Purser, Manager, Transit Support Services, Public Works
I. Bedioui, Legislative Co-ordinator, City Clerk's Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL:

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

(Whitehead/Merulla)

That the resignation of Meaghan Ross from the Tenant Advisory Committee, be received.

CARRIED

**2. Response to Ancaster Seniors Achievement Centre Advisory Board
(CS12025) (Ward 12) (Item 5.3)**

(Whitehead/Merulla)

That Report CS12025 respecting Response to Ancaster Seniors Achievement Centre Advisory Board, be received.

CARRIED

3. Pay It Forward Movement (CS12026) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 5.4)

(Whitehead/Merulla)

That the Mayor correspond with the Premier of Ontario in support of the "Pay It Forward Day" initiative, encouraging the Premier to follow the lead of British Columbia in proclaiming the last Thursday of every April "Pay It Forward Day".

CARRIED

4. Cardiovascular Health Assessment Program (CHAP), Pilot Community Paramedic Neighbourhood Initiative (HES12013) (City Wide) (Item 5.5)

(Whitehead/Merulla)

That Report HES12013, respecting Cardiovascular Health Assessment Program (CHAP), Pilot Community Paramedic Neighbourhood Initiative, be received.

CARRIED

5. The loss of Federal Funding for the Katimavik Volunteer Program (Item 6.1)

(McHattie/Merulla)

That the Mayor correspond with the Federal Government to request that the Katimavik volunteer youth program be reinstated immediately.

CARRIED

6. Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement (SAC Report 12-002) (Item 7.1)

(Jackson/Morelli)

That the Mayor and Members of Council be requested to advocate:

- (a) against any action by the Provincial and/or Federal Governments to cut the Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement for all seniors;
- (b) for the age of eligibility to receive Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement being maintained at age 65.

CARRIED

7. Monthly Seniors Bus Pass (SAC Report 12-001) (Item 7.2)

(Morelli/Jackson)

That the Senior Advisory Committee Report SAC12-001, respecting the Monthly Seniors Bus Pass, be referred to Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) staff for a report back to the Public Works Committee.

CARRIED

8. Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (CS11017(b)) (City Wide) (Item 7.4)

(Jackson/McHattie)

- (a) That Phase One of the Housing and Homelessness Action Plan for Hamilton attached as Appendix A to Report CS11017(b) be endorsed;

- (b) That staff be directed to complete Phase Two: An Implementation Framework for the Housing and Homelessness Action Plan for Hamilton and report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee for consideration for approval by March 31, 2013;
- (c) That the staff report referenced in subsection (b) include information regarding the feasibility of the Shared Equity Home Ownership concept.

CARRIED

**9. Sole Shareholder Direction for CityHousing Hamilton (CS12003) (City Wide)
(Item 7.5)**

(McHattie/Farr)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton, in its capacity as sole shareholder of CityHousing Hamilton Corporation, approve the Declaration and Direction of the Sole Shareholder which establishes the governance model of the CityHousing Hamilton Corporation attached as Appendix A to Report CS12003 ;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Declaration and Direction of the Sole Shareholder, effective September 30, 2012 as set out in recommendation (a), on behalf of the City of Hamilton in its capacity as the sole shareholder of CityHousing Hamilton Corporation in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

10. Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion - Funding Agreement (CS11023(c)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(McHattie/Merulla)

That the General Manager of Community Services be authorized to execute the Extension of Letter of Agreement to extend the previously approved funding (\$75,000) for the Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, for the period of June 25, 2012 to June 25, 2013, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

11. Standardization of Paramedic, Firefighter and Public Access Defibrillators (HES12011) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Jackson/Merulla)

- (a) That staff be authorized to extend the period for investigation of the capabilities of new electrocardiogram monitor defibrillators and public access defibrillators as directed in Report HES08013 (August 27, 2008) as necessary, to June 30, 2014;
- (b) That the Director/Chief of Hamilton Emergency Medical Services, or his designate, be authorized and directed to continue purchasing defibrillators for paramedic and firefighter use from Zoll Medical Corporation, as necessary, until June 30, 2014;

- (c) That staff be authorized to continue purchasing public access defibrillator units (AEDs) and related accessories through the authorized distributor as identified by Zoll Medical Canada until June 30, 2014;
- (d) That the Director/Chief of Hamilton Emergency Medical Services, or his designate, be authorized and directed to negotiate and execute a new pricing agreement in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor to cover the period from June 13, 2012 until June 30, 2014 with Zoll Medical Canada which will include pricing for defibrillators and related accessories, supplies, replacement parts and maintenance.

CARRIED

12. EMS Monthly Response Time Performance Report – January 1, 2012 to March 31, 2012 (HES12012) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(Jackson/McHattie)

That Report HES12012 respecting EMS Monthly Response Time Performance Report – January 1, 2012 to March 31, 2012 be received.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

- (i) Added ceremonial activity with respect to an award presentation to Hamilton Paramedic, Mr. Randy Jones;
- (ii) Added delegation request Item 4.3 from Benjamin Ries, Staff Lawyer, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic, respecting the Housing and Homelessness Action Plan.

(Farr/Duvall)

That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

(b) CEREMONIAL ACTIVITY (Added Item)

Chair Partridge was assisted by Greg Soto, CPER Educator, and Brent Browett, Paramedic Chief/ EMS Director, in presenting the CPER Peer Paramedic Award of Excellence to Randy Jones. Randy Jones, who is an Advanced Care Paramedic, has been providing paramedic services for the past 13 years and was selected by the Centre for Paramedic Education and Research (CPER) and by his peers for this award.

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were none declared.

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

(McHattie/Merulla)

That the Minutes of the May 14, 2012 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS

(Merulla/McHattie)

That the following delegation requests be approved and the rules of order waived in order for them to address Committee at today's meeting:

- (i) Evelyn Myrie, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, 267 King Street East, Hamilton to present the Centre's annual report. (Item 4.1)
- (ii) Larry Huibers, Hamilton Housing Help Centre, 119 Main Street East, Hamilton, respecting the Housing and Homelessness Action Plan. (Item 4.2)
- (iii) Benjamin Ries, Staff Lawyer, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic, respecting the Housing and Homelessness Action Plan. (Added Item 4.3)

CARRIED

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

(Whitehead/Merulla)

The following Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes were received:

- (i) Tenant Advisory Committee Minutes of February 17, 2012;
- (ii) Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Minutes of April 17, 2012.

CARRIED

(g) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

- (i) **Rebecca Redden, respecting the loss of the volunteer program, Katimavik which has been eliminated by the Federal Government. (Item 6.1)**

Rebecca Redden read from a prepared statement copies of which were distributed. Her comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Background respecting Katimavik volunteer youth program;
- Not for profit organizations will lose the volunteer help;
- Small budget of \$900,000 per year;
- Ideal options for grade 12 students not ready to continue their education;

- Requested that Council write to the Federal government to request Katimavik be reinstated.

The speaker responded to questions from Committee.

(Duvall/Morelli)

That the delegation be received.

CARRIED

Committee approved Ms. Redden's request as outlined in Item 5 of this Report.

(h) PRESENTATIONS

(i) Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement (SAC Report 12-002) (Item 7.1)

Ron Smithson, Chair of the Seniors Advisory Committee addressed Committee and presented the report respecting Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement.

He responded to questions from Committee.

Committee expressed its appreciation for the input from the Seniors Advisory Committee and noted the presence of some of its members.

(Whitehead/Morelli)

That the presentation be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Monthly Seniors Bus Pass (SAC Report 12-001) (Item 7.2)

Ron Smithson, Chair of the Seniors Advisory Committee addressed Committee and presented the report respecting the Monthly Seniors Bus Pass.

He indicated that it would be helpful for seniors to have the option of purchasing a monthly pass rather than a yearly pass.

He responded to questions from Committee.

Nancy Purser, Manager of Transit Support Services was in attendance to assist Committee.

(Duvall/Farr)

That the presentation be received.

CARRIED

(iii) Food and Shelter Advisory Committee – 2012 Accomplishments to Date (Item 7.3)

Don Jaffray, Chair and Alex Ramirez, Vice Chair of the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and hand-outs were distributed.

They outlined the Advisory Committee's accomplishments to date and offered to be a helpful resource to Council. Their presentation included the Committee's mandate and primary goal and listed the following key issues:

- Sustainable women's homelessness services;
- Increased demand for emergency food and lack of sustainable system resources;
- Impacts to plans to re-locate the young women living in Lynwood/Charlton Hall due to the current zoning by-law in the immediate area;
- The need for increased bed bug education and response programs.

The presenters responded to questions from Committee.

(Jackson/McHattie)

That the presentation be received.

CARRIED

(iv) Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (CS11017(b)) (City Wide) (Item 7.4)

David Brodati provided an overview of the report with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and hand-outs were distributed. He acknowledged the contributions of Molly Elliot and Jennie Vengris in preparing the report. His comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Why a Housing & Homelessness Action Plan?
- The characteristics of the Action Plan;
- Action Plan alignment with key City initiatives;
- Broader Benefits of an Action Plan;
- Action Plan Process:
 - Housing & Homelessness Planning Group
 - Community Engagement
 - Two-Phased Approach
- Outcome Area 1: More affordable housing is available;
- Outcome Area 2: More people can afford their housing and have greater stability and choice;
- Outcome Area 3: People have the supports they need to help them obtain and maintain housing;
- Outcome Area 4: People live in housing that is good quality, safe and suitable to their needs;

- Outcome Area 5: People receive respectful, quality service and experience equity in housing.
- Next steps.

Staff responded to questions.

(Farr/McHattie)

That the staff presentation be received.

CARRIED

1. Larry Huibers, Hamilton Housing Help Centre, 119 Main Street East, Hamilton, respecting the Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (Item 4.2)

Larry Huibers of the Hamilton Housing Help Centre addressed Committee and read from a prepared statement and spoke in favour of the Housing and Homeless Action Plan.

He responded to questions from Committee.

(McHattie/Duvall)

That the delegation be received.

CARRIED

2. Benjamin Ries, Staff Lawyer, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic, respecting the Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (Added Item 4.3)

Benjamin Ries of the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic addressed Committee and read from a prepared statement, copies of which were distributed. He spoke in favour of Phase 1 of the Housing and Homeless Action Plan and outlined some concerns that the Legal Clinic hopes will be addressed in Phase 2.

His comments included but were not limited to:

- Who we are;
- Shared values/Cautious criticism;
- Our perspective: A rights-based Housing & Homelessness Planning System
- Plan must be consistent with Housing Services Act, 2011, Ontario Housing Policy Statement, and Hamilton's Local Needs;
- Strategies to make plans, plans to make strategies;
- Lack of Social Housing Policy Integration;
- True Public Consultation needed;
- Recommendation

He responded to questions from Committee and a discussion following.

Staff noted that Maria Antelo is the representative from the Legal Clinics on the Housing and Homelessness Planning Group.

(Jackson/Merulla)

That the delegation be received.

CARRIED

(Jackson/Farr)

That subsection (b) be amended by inserting the words "for consideration" before the words "for approval".

Amendment CARRIED

(Merulla/McHattie)

That subsection (c) be added as follows:

(c) That the staff report referenced in subsection (b) include information regarding the feasibility of the Shared Equity Home Ownership concept.

CARRIED

Main Motion as amended CARRIED

Committee thanked staff for all their work regarding this matter.

(v) Sole Shareholder Direction for CityHousing Hamilton (CS12003) (City Wide) (Item 7.5)

(Merulla/Jackson)

That the staff presentation be waived.

CARRIED

Committee thanked staff for their hard work and approved the Report.

Chair Partridge relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Whitehead and left the meeting.

(i) DISCUSSION

(i) Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion - Funding Agreement (CS11023(c)) (City Wide)

1. Evelyn Myrie, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, 267 King Street East, Hamilton to present the Centre's annual report. (Item 4.1)

Evelyn Myrie addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and copies of the hand-out were distributed.

Her comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Who we are;
- GC Members and staff;
- Civic Leadership;
- Community Development;
- Public Education;

- Collaborative Leadership;
- Advantage Diversity;
- Diversity Jump Start Workshops;
- Our funding Partners;
- Contact Us.

Evelyn Myrie responded to questions from Committee and Committee thanked her for her presentation.

(McHattie/Merulla)

That the presentation be received.

CARRIED

(j) GENERAL INFORMATION (Item 11)

(i) Outstanding Business List

(Merulla/Jackson)

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

- (aa) Item "D" - Electrocardiogram Monitor Defibrillator and Public Access Defibrillator Manufacturers – Competitive Process.
- (bb) Item "G" - Letter regarding the Needs of the Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre.
- (cc) Item "K" - "Pay it Forward Day"

(2.) That the following New Due Dates be approved:

- (aa) Item "I" - Follow-up report re: HHS ABC Program pre and post conditions after one year
New Due Date: October 4, 2012
- (bb) Item "L" - Neighbourhood Down Payment Assistance Program
New Due Date: November 12, 2012

CARRIED

(k) ADJOURNMENT

(Duvall/Merulla)

There being no further business, that the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor J. Partridge, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee