



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 22, 2013
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillors S. Duvall and B. Morelli, personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL:

1. **Letter of resignation from Alex Ramirez from the Food & Shelter Advisory Committee (Item 5.2)**

(McHattie/Jackson)

That the letter of resignation from Alex Ramirez from the Food & Shelter Advisory Committee be received.

CARRIED

2. **Ontario Works Addiction Services Initiative Evaluation (CS10086(b)) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)**

(McHattie/Jackson)

That Report CS10086(b) respecting Ontario Works Addiction Services Initiative Evaluation be received.

CARRIED

3. **Beasley Community Centres Operating Agreement (CS13018(a)) (Ward 2) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.1)**

(Farr/McHattie)

(a) That the Operating Agreement between the City of Hamilton and Wesley Urban Ministries for the operation of the Beasley Community Centres

from November 1, 2013 to September 30, 2015 in the amount of \$85,512 to be funded from the Recreation Division's existing operating budget (attached as Appendix A to Report CS13018(a)), be approved;

- (b) That the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services be authorized and directed to execute the Operating Agreement between the City of Hamilton and Wesley Urban Ministries for the operation of Beasley Community Centres, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised there were no changes to the agenda.

(McHattie/Partridge)

That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were none declared.

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

(Farr/McHattie)

That the Minutes of the September 9, 2013 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(Partridge/Farr)

The following delegation request be approved and the rules of order be waived in order to address Committee at today's meeting:

- (i) Brian Duxbury of Duxbury Law Professional Corporation respecting application for Residential Care Facilities Subsidy – 28 Burris Street, 223 Balsam Avenue, 43 London Street North, 57 Proctor Boulevard. (Item 4.1.)

CARRIED

(e) CONSENT (Item 5)

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

(McHattie/Jackson)

That the following Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes be received:

- (i) Seniors Advisory Committee – June 7, 2013
- (ii) Food & Shelter Advisory Committee – May 9, 2013
- (iii) Hamilton Veterans Committee – July 9, 2013
- (iv) Hamilton Veterans Committee – August 13, 2013

CARRIED

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Brian Duxbury of Duxbury Law Professional Corporation respecting application for Residential Care Facilities Subsidy – 28 Burris Street, 223 Balsam Avenue, 43 London Street North, 57 Proctor Boulevard. (Item 4.1)

Mr. Brian Duxbury of Duxbury Law Professional Corporation addressed Committee and indicated that he is representing his client, Mr. Ayman Mikhael, who is the new owner of the Residential Care Facilities at 28 Burris Street, 223 Balsam Avenue, 43 London Street North and 57 Proctor Boulevard. He referred to his letter dated September 25, 2013 which was printed in the agenda regarding his client's applications for subsidies which were denied because he did not meet the deadline. He is appealing to the Committee to grant his client the subsidies which he needs in order to operate the homes effectively.

Mr. Duxbury responded to questions from Committee.

(Merulla/Partridge)

That the delegation from Mr. Brian Duxbury respecting the Application for Residential Care Facilities Subsidy for 28 Burris Street, 223 Balsam Avenue, 43 London Street North and 57 Proctor Boulevard be received.

CARRIED

(g) MOTIONS (Item 9)

Chair Whitehead relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chair Farr in order to present the following motion:

(i) Adult Group Home Facilities in the City of Hamilton (Item 9.1)

(Whitehead/Merulla)

Whereas the City of Hamilton licenses and funds Residential Care Facilities that provide housing with supports to frail seniors, and adults with mental health and intellectual disabilities; and,

Whereas the Province of Ontario may also license and fund group homes that serve adults with similar circumstances;

Therefore, be it resolved:

- (a) That staff from Housing Services Division be directed to report back with information on group homes in Hamilton serving adults including:
 - (i) the number of homes, locations, eligibility criteria and funding sources;
 - (ii) the possible partnerships between the Residential Care Facility program and Provincially administered programs to improve the accessibility of services for Hamilton residents.

CARRIED

Chair Whitehead assumed the Chair.

(h) GENERAL INFORMATION (Item 11)

(i) Outstanding Business List

(Partridge/McHattie)

- (1) That the due dates of the following outstanding business list items be amended as indicated:

Item "J" - Staff to update Committee regarding measures taken to contain discretionary benefit costs in 2013 and recommendations for the 2014 budget.

Due date: October 8, 2013

Proposed New Due Date: November 25, 2013

Item "K" - Funding Status of the Housing Stability Benefits.

Due date: October 8, 2013

Proposed New Due Date: November 25, 2013

CARRIED

(Farr/McHattie)

- (2) That the following item be identified as being completed and removed from the Outstanding Business List:

Item "O" – Consultation and report back re: Beasley Community Centres Operating Agreement.

CARRIED

(i) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

(i) Performance Review – Community and Emergency Services Directors (Item 12.1)

(McHattie/Partridge)

That Committee move into Closed Session at 2:00 p.m. pursuant to Section 8.1(b) of the Procedural By-law and Section 239 of the Municipal Act to deal with personal matters about identifiable individuals, including City employees

CARRIED

Committee reconvened in Open Session at 2:27 p.m. with nothing to report.

(j) ADJOURNMENT

(Farr/Jackson)

There being no further business, that the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor T. Whitehead, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

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Office of the City Clerk