



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

1:30 p.m.
Monday, February 10, 2014
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor B. McHattie, Personal
Councillor S. Duvall, City Business

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL:

- 1. Land Ambulance Service Grant (LASG) Agreement Approval (CES14010)
(City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

(Whitehead/Merulla)

That the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services be authorized and directed to enter into and execute current and future agreements with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC), to receive grants for Land Ambulance Services, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

- 2. Procurement Policy 11 Approval of the Extension of the Contract with Del Management Solutions Inc. (CES14008) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)**

(Jackson/Whitehead)

- (a)** That an extension of up to one year of the Procurement Policy 11 be approved for a single source contract with Del Management Solutions Inc. (DMS) for the administration of the centralized wait list for social housing applicants in the annual amount of \$335,198, to be charged to DeptId and account 625010-57010.

- (b) That a payment to Del Management Solutions Inc. (DMS) in the amount of \$27,298.34 for remaining expenses in 2013 for administration of the centralized wait list for social housing applicants be charged to Deptld and account 625010-57010.

CARRIED

3. Hamilton Arena Partners (HAP) Operating Agreement Extension - Mohawk 4Ice Centre (CES14002) (Ward 6) (Item 5.3)

(Jackson/Whitehead)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton renew the Operational and Maintenance Agreement with Hamilton Arena Partners (HAP) to operate the Mohawk 4Ice Centre from March 6, 2014 to March 5, 2019 based on the terms of the existing agreement, with updates to the terms where required;
- (b) That the General Manager, Community and Emergency Services Department, be authorized and directed to execute a Renewal Agreement between the City of Hamilton and Hamilton Arena Partners, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

4. Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion – Follow-up (FCS14009) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 5.4)

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That Report FCS14009 respecting Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion – Follow-up be received.

CARRIED

5. Establishment of Polling Stations in Rental Buildings (CL14002) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 5.5)

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That Report CL14002 respecting Establishment of Polling Stations in Rental Buildings be received.

CARRIED

6. Hamilton Municipal Senior of the Year Awards Ceremony (CS13023(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.6)

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That Report CS13023(a) respecting Hamilton Municipal Senior of the Year Awards Ceremony be received.

CARRIED

- 7. Seniors Advisory Committee – Shared Bike Program (Report # SAC14004) (Item 5.7) (Jackson/Whitehead)**

That Report SAC14004 respecting Seniors Advisory Committee – Shared Bike Program be received.

CARRIED

- 8. Seniors Advisory Committee – Urban Hamilton official Plan and Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (Report # SAC14001) (Item 5.8)**

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That Report SAC14001 respecting Seniors Advisory Committee – Urban Hamilton official Plan and Housing and Homelessness Action Plan be received.

CARRIED

- 9. Seniors Advisory Committee – Pedestrian Mobility Plan (Report # SAC14002) (Item 5.9)**

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That Report SAC14002 respecting Seniors Advisory Committee – Pedestrian Mobility Plan be received.

CARRIED

- 10. Seniors Advisory Committee – Recreation Programs for Hamilton's Ethno-Cultural Groups (Report # SAC14003) (Item 5.10)**

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That Report SAC14003 respecting Recreation Programs for Hamilton's Ethno-Cultural Groups be received.

CARRIED

- 11. Seniors Advisory Committee – Annual Presentation (Report SAC14-005) (Item 7.1)**

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That Report SAC14-005 respecting Seniors Advisory Committee – Annual Presentation be received.

CARRIED

**12. Access to Services for Undocumented Individuals (CES14003) (City Wide)
(Item 8.1)**

(Whitehead/Partridge)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton's anti-racism staff training program entitled "Equipped to Serve" be revised to ensure that all staff support the City of Hamilton's commitment to provide access to services without fear for immigrants without full status or without full status documents;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton continue to work with the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic and other community stakeholders to develop a public education strategy to generate awareness regarding the issues that face immigrants without full status or without full status documents when accessing services in the community;
- (c) That the City of Hamilton request the Federal government review its current Immigration and Refugee policies and programs and identify ways to better assist residents with undocumented status in Canada to regain their full status;
- (d) That the City of Hamilton request that the Provincial government review its policies for all provincially funded programs to include residents of Ontario without full status or without full status documents.

CARRIED

13. Renewal of Incontinence Products (CES14009) (Wards 6 & 13) (Item 8.2)

(Jackson/Partridge)

That TENA® adult incontinent products continue to be specified as standard products, and remain on the City of Hamilton's Approved Products Listing for the Incontinence Management Program within Macassa Lodge and Wentworth Lodge.

CARRIED

**14. Renewal of Homelessness Partnering Strategy (CES14005) (City Wide)
(Item 8.3)**

(Merulla/Jackson)

- (a) That the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services be authorized to enter into and execute an Agreement with Service Canada to:

- (i) Become the Community Entity for the facilitation and administration of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Program and;
 - (ii) Execute any further documents or agreements as may be required to give effect to the foregoing, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (b) That the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services be authorized:
 - (i) To approve funding for those projects that have been selected through either the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Program Call for Applications or as identified within the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Community Plan;
 - (ii) To enter into and execute agreements with the agency(s) responsible for the delivery of those projects and;
 - (iii) To execute any further documents or agreements, as may be required, to give effect to the foregoing, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
- (c) That the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Agreement between the City of Hamilton and Service Canada be effective April 1, 2014 until March 31, 2019.

CARRIED

15. Social Service Utilization by Individuals From Outside Hamilton (CES14006) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

(Whitehead/Merulla)

That Report CES14006 respecting Social Service Utilization by Individuals From Outside Hamilton be received.

CARRIED

16. Transfer of Outstanding Business Item to the General Issues Committee Budgets (Enhancements) Committee Meeting

(Merulla/Partridge)

That Item B of the Outstanding Business list respecting a follow-up report regarding the Hamilton Health Sciences ABC Program pre and post conditions after one year be referred to the General Issues Committee Budgets (Enhancements) Committee meeting.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

Chair Farr welcomed Councillor Robert Morrow to the Committee.

A. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

1. Acknowledgment of the Hamilton Fire Department Combat Challenge Team receiving World Recognition

Chair Farr presented the following members of the Hamilton Fire Department Combat Challenge Team with Certificates congratulating them on receiving world recognition for their achievements in various competitions: Firefighters Dean Morrow, Louis Boiteau, Mike Cascioli, Danny Folino, Justin Couperus, Mike Jones and Andy Waldron.

2. Recognition to the citizens that assisted the victims of a stabbing incident on Eastbourne Avenue

Chair Farr presented Certificates in recognition of the bravery of the following residents who by their fast, selfless acts on Eastbourne Avenue last September 3, 2013 saved the lives of a young mother and her baby daughter who were the victims of a stabbing incident:

Paul Ferrante
Ben Washington
Tracey McLeod
Jeanne Dacey
Shelly Portman-Secuur

The following residents were not able to attend today's meeting but they were recognized and certificates will be delivered to them:

Marie Treasa Levasseur
Fabrizio Calviso
Trina Weber
Steve Kudlacek

The Chair also read out the names of the Hamilton Paramedics who responded to the emergency and who were in attendance at today's meeting:

First Response - Naomi Henderson
Transport -Hugh Hart and Daniel Drobotenko
Transport -Zoran Crevar and Jose Dias
Transport -Dave Dean and Jeff Zondag
Transport -Chris Bayards and Vince Giampapa
Supervisor- Liz Bates

Supervisor Jeremy Knight
Supervisor Craig McCleary

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised that at the request of the delegations listed in Item 6.1, the order that they will be addressing Committee has been changed. A copy of the amended speaking order was distributed. Also, the delegations will address Committee at Item 8.1.

(Whitehead/Morrow)

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)

(Whitehead/Merulla)

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

CARRIED

(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Seniors Advisory Committee – Annual Presentation (Report SAC14-005) (Item 7.1)

Ron Smithson, Chair of the Seniors Advisory Committee provided a verbal overview of the Annual report outlining the Advisory Committee's achievements over the past year.

Chair Smithson responded to questions from Committee.

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That the presentation by Chair Ron Smithson, respecting the Seniors Advisory Committee's annual report be received.

CARRIED

Councillor Jackson recognized the leadership of Chairman Ron Smithson and the contributions of the Seniors Advisory Committee.

For disposition of this matter refer to Item 11.

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 11)

(i) Access to Services for Undocumented Individuals (CES14003) (City Wide)

Paul Johnson, Director of Neighbourhood and Community Initiatives provided a brief verbal introduction to the Report. He thanked the staff, particularly Marie Antelo, and the students from the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic who contributed information used to prepare the Report.

Paul Johnson responded to questions from the Committee.

Delegations:

1. Caitlin Craven from the Hamilton Sanctuary Coalition and Maria Antelo, from the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City (Item 6.1)

Caitlin Craven and Josee Oliphant from the Hamilton Sanctuary Coalition addressed Committee presenting recommendations copies of which were distributed and a copy is included in the Clerk's record and has been uploaded onto the City's website.

Maria Antelo from the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic addressed Committee and spoke in support of the recommendations. She thanked City staff and the community researchers who assisted in this initiative.

2. Karol Johana Pulgarin Velazquez, regarding making Hamilton a Sanctuary City

Karol Johana Pulgarin Velazquez spoke in support of the recommendations from the Hamilton Sanctuary Coalition and the staff report.

3. Doctor Gary Warner, respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City

Doctor Gary Warner spoke in support of the recommendations from the Hamilton Sanctuary Coalition and the staff report.

4. Hodan Ali, from Refugee Hamilton Centre for Newcomer Health, respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City

Hodan Ali, from Refugee Hamilton Centre for Newcomer Health was not in attendance.

5. Christopher Cutler, regarding making Hamilton a Sanctuary City

Christopher Cutler spoke in support of the recommendations from the Hamilton Sanctuary Coalition and the staff report.

6. Blake McCall, regarding making Hamilton a Sanctuary City

Blake McCall, representative of the Canadian Union of Public Employees spoke in support of the recommendations from the Hamilton Sanctuary Coalition and the staff report.

7. Ines Rios, from the Immigrant Women's Shelter, regarding making Hamilton a Sanctuary City

Ines Rios, from the Immigrant Women's Shelter spoke in support of the recommendations from the Hamilton Sanctuary Coalition and the staff report.

8. Erin Crickett will speak in place of Sandra Lemus, from the Sexual Assault Centre of Hamilton & Area (SACHA), respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City

Erin Cricket from the Sexual Assault Centre of Hamilton & Area (SACHA) spoke in support of the recommendations from the Hamilton Sanctuary Coalition and the staff report.

9. Nora Melara-Lopez, from the Ecumenical Support Committee for Refugees, respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City

Nora Melara-Lopez, from the Ecumenical Support Committee for Refugees spoke in support of the recommendations from the Hamilton Sanctuary Coalition and the staff report.

10. Scott Jones, from Micah House Refugee Reception Services, respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City

Scott Jones, from Executive Director of Micah House Refugee Reception Services spoke in support of the recommendations from the Hamilton Sanctuary Coalition and the staff report.

11. Krista D'Aoust, from the Neighbour to Neighbour Centre, respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City

Krista D'Aoust, from the Neighbour to Neighbour Centre spoke in support of the recommendations from the Hamilton Sanctuary Coalition and the staff report.

12. **Omselama Abdul Sied, Chair of the Canadian African Multicultural Association (CAMA), respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City.**

James Puok of the Canadian African Multicultural Association (CAMA) addressed Committee in place of Omselama Abdul Sied and spoke in support of the recommendations from the Hamilton Sanctuary Coalition and the staff report.

13. **Pauline Kajiura, from Community Information Hamilton, respecting making Hamilton a Sanctuary City**

Pauline Kajiura, from Community Information Hamilton spoke in support of the recommendations from the Hamilton Sanctuary Coalition and the staff report.

(Partridge/Whitehead)

That the delegations respecting the staff report entitled "Access to Services for Undocumented Individuals" be received.

CARRIED

For disposition of this matter please refer to Item 12.

(f) MOTIONS (Item 9)

(i) Condo Conversion Program (Item 9.1)

(Whitehead/Jackson)

That staff be directed to review and assess the Condo Conversion Program to determine the following:

- (a) Is the 2% threshold adequate?
- (b) Has there been an impact on rental rates?
- (c) Has it resulted in lower quality rental units?
- (d) What are the tax implications as a result of a conversion?

CARRIED

(g) GENERAL INFORMATION (Item 11)

(i) Outstanding Business List

(Merulla/Partridge)

That the following changes to the Outstanding Business list be approved:

- (1) Changes to the due dates as indicated:
 - (i) Item "G" - Staff to report back on options to update fee waiver policy.
New Due Date: April 14, 2014
 - (ii) Item "M" - Staff to report back with an update and recommendations for the Affordable Transit Program.
New Due Date: September 8, 2014
 - (iii) Item "N" - That staff report back re: Petition from residents of the St. Thomas More Precinct respecting concerns with the negative effects on the neighbouring residents when the sports field at St. Thomas More High School is rented out to outside groups.
New Due Date: March 24, 2014
- (2) Removal of the following Items which have been identified as completed:
 - (i) Item "F" - That staff report back to E&CS on a collaborative plan, following a review of activities by HCCI, the City of Hamilton Access and Equity Office, the City of Hamilton's Anti-Racism Committee, and other organizations involved in civic inclusion activities
 - (ii) Item "H" - Staff to report back on the financial implications of the Senior of the Year Awards Ceremony.
 - (iii) Item "J" - Staff to engage with Public Health staff and local agencies to investigate how undocumented individuals are treated in Hamilton, and report to the E&CS Committee.
 - (iv) Item "O" - That staff report back with finalized answers respecting what Council can and cannot do with respect to the Elections, particularly if it is feasible to approve the costs to allow the establishment of a polling station in a rental building

CARRIED

(h) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

**(i) Private and Confidential Minutes of the December 9, 2013 meeting
(Item 12.1)**

(Partridge/Merulla)

- (a) That the Private and Confidential Minutes of the December 9, 2013 meeting be approved as presented;
- (b) That the Private and Confidential Minutes of the December 9, 2013 meeting remain private and confidential and restricted from public disclosure.

CARRIED

(i) ADJOURNMENT

(Merulla/Whitehead)

There being no further business, that the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor J. Farr, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Ida Bedioui
Legislative Co-ordinator
Office of the City Clerk