



## **EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT 14-003**

1:30 p.m.  
Monday, May 12, 2014  
Council Chambers  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West

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

**Also present:** Councillor B. Johnson

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### **THE EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 14-003 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

**1. 2013-2014 Ontario Works Service Plan (CS11010(a) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)**

That Report CS11010(a) respecting 2013-2014 Ontario Works Service Plan be received.

**2. 2012-2015 Early Years Community Plan Implementation Strategy (CES14017) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

That Report CES14017 respecting 2012-2015 Early Years Community Plan Implementation Strategy, be received.

**3. Hamilton Veterans Committee Report 14-001 (Item 8.2)**

- (a) That the mandate of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be amended to reflect the following:

Reporting to Council, through the Emergency and Community Services Committee, the Hamilton Veterans Committee oversees the planning and delivery of military remembrance and commemoration activities on behalf of the City of Hamilton. When directed by Council, the Committee will

provide input on projects and issues that are of concern to Hamilton Veterans.

- (b) That the membership of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be revised to –  
Up to 9 members of which one may be a member at large.

Members are required to be a City of Hamilton resident AND one of the following:

A veteran; OR

A current or former member of the Canadian Forces; OR

A current or former member of the Canadian Forces Reserves.;  
OR

Meet the requirement of a member at large.

A member (at large) is required to demonstrate a special interest in veterans' projects and issues through their work in the community

**4. Hamilton Veterans Committee Report 14-002 (Item 8.3)**

- (a) That the Eligibility Criteria for the "Fields of Honour", Woodland Cemetery – Section 18 be revised to include:
- (i) Veterans and their Partners;
  - (ii) War Veterans who were members of Her (His) Majesty's or Allied Armed Forces, on active service during periods of war subsequent to the Korean War;
  - (iii) Members of the Canadian Armed Forces who have served in all Peace-Keeping Conflicts and were honourably discharged; and,
  - (iv) Members of the Canadian Armed Forces who are honourably discharged.
- (b) That all other criteria and protocols for the "Fields of Honour" be updated to reflect current Hamilton Municipal Cemetery policies and procedures.

**5. Hamilton Veterans Committee Report 14-003 (Item 8.4)**

- (a) That Council, on behalf of the Hamilton Veterans Committee, the only municipal organization of its kind in Canada, invite the Minister of Veterans Affairs, The Honourable Julian Fantino to:

- (i) Participate in one of the committee's monthly meetings;
  - (ii) Participate in the re-opening of Veteran's Place at Gore Park in 2015;
  - (iii) Endorse a discussion led by the Hamilton Veterans Committee with the Royal Canadian Legion Branches and other Veterans organizations in the City of Hamilton to campaign to Federal and Provincial Governments to develop a funding formula for the future sustainability for those organizations; and,
  - (iv) Fund the development of a yearly event poster and brochure that highlights places (memorial halls, cenotaphs, Fields of Honour) where citizens can go to remember.
- (b) That staff be directed to assist the Veterans Committee in facilitating discussions with the various Veterans organizations regarding issues of sustainability including the preparation of the work plan to include a timeline to complete this research.

**6. Housing and Human Rights (CES14023) (City Wide) (Item 8.5)**

That Report CES14023 respecting Housing and Human Rights be received.

**7. Pressure at Emergency Shelters Serving Single Homeless Women (CS13051(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.6)**

That the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services be authorized and directed to provide \$152,150 from the Community and Emergency Services departmental surplus, the Social Services Initiative Reserve (#112214), or any combination thereof to Good Shepherd Centres to increase the number of emergency shelter beds from 20 to 30 at Mary's Place for the period of June 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015.

**8. Fee Waiver Policy Update (CES14001) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.7)**

That the Revised Fee Waiver/Reduction Policy attached as Appendix "A" to Report 14-003, be approved.

**9. Veteran's Parking (Item 9.2)**

That staff be directed to investigate the implications to provide free parking, at City of Hamilton operated parking lots and on-street parking meters, for all Veterans with an Ontario Veterans licence plate and report back to the Planning Committee and the Emergency and Community Services Committee.

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:**

**A. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITY**

**1. Public Access Defibrillation Success**

On February 20, 2014 Mr. Steven Yull, the Principal at Queen Victoria School collapsed in front of his staff. The Vice Principal, Ms Holly Shanlin, initiated CPR and successfully used the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) which had just been installed in the school four months prior and the training completed only two months prior.

Chair Farr called Ms. Holly Shanlin, Mr. Derek Walker and Mr. Phil Melki to the podium to receive their Certificates of Recognition for providing assistance.

Chair Farr also called Mr. Steven Yull, Principal of Queen Victoria School to the podium to address Committee.

**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Committee Clerk advised of the following added delegation request:

- (i) David Steckham of the Hamilton Veteran's Committee wishing to speak to Item 9.2 respecting Veteran's Parking. (Added Item 4.2)

The agenda was approved as amended.

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

There were none declared.

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

The Minutes of the March 24, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.

**(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)**

- (i) **Matt Thompson, Beasley Neighbourhood Association, to speak at the September 8, 2014 meeting to report on the Beasley Residential Temperature Project.**

The delegation request from Matt Thompson of the Beasley Neighbourhood Association, to speak at the September 8, 2014 meeting to report on the Beasley Residential Temperature Project was approved.

**(ii) David Steckham of the Hamilton Veteran's Committee wishing to speak to Item 9.2 respecting Veteran's Parking. (Added Item 4.2)**

The delegation request from David Steckham of the Hamilton Veteran's Committee wishing to speak to Item 9.2 respecting Veteran's Parking was approved and the rules of order were waived to allow Mr. Steckham to address Committee at today's meeting.

**(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5.1)**

The following Advisory Committee Minutes were received:

- (i) Tenant Advisory Committee Minutes February 26, 2013
- (ii) Tenant Advisory Committee Notes April 30, 2013
- (iii) Tenant Advisory Committee Minutes March 26, 2013
- (iv) Tenant Advisory Committee Minutes June 12, 2013
- (v) Tenant Advisory Committee Minutes November 4, 2013
- (vi) Tenant Advisory Committee Minutes December 12, 2013
- (vii) Tenant Advisory Committee Minutes February 6, 2014
- (viii) Food & Shelter Advisory Committee Minutes February 13, 2014
- (ix) Seniors Advisory Committee February 7, 2014
- (x) Seniors Advisory Committee March 7, 2014
- (xi) Hamilton Veterans Committee March 11, 2014

**(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS**

- (i) Matt Jelly respecting proposal of a series of reforms to the City of Hamilton's Zero Tolerance Policy for Violence in Recreational Properties & Facilities (Approved March 24, 2014) (No copy)**

Matt Jelly addressed Committee and read from the City of Hamilton's Zero Tolerance Policy for Violence in Recreational Properties & Facilities

He noted that all people and citizens should be held to the same standards. Council and the City Manager chose not to take action against a recent incident involving a Councillor and a member of the public who was in attendance at City Hall. If this had happened to a Councillor or a staffer there would have been consequences.

He urged Council to enact a city wide zero tolerance policy that also includes Councillors without requiring an application to the Integrity Commissioner.

Committee received the delegation.

**(ii) David Steckham of the Hamilton Veteran's Committee wishing to speak to Item 9.2 respecting Veteran's Parking. (Added Item 4.2)**

David Steckham addressed Committee and read from a prepared statement. He advised that he served in the Canadian Armed Forces for 20 years. He acknowledged that free Veteran's parking was approved with stipulations. He is looking to have the stipulations removed.

He outlined the duties of the members of the armed forces who wear the following hats:

Green Beret  
Maroon Beret  
Blue Beret  
Air Force Wedge  
Air Force Beret

He noted that all can be traded in for combat helmets.

He acknowledged there is a concern for potential abuse. In his opinion only the spouses of veterans, who have provided a support role to those serving their country, may be in a position take advantage of free parking. Hamilton is unique as it is the only city in all of Canada who has a Veteran's Committee. The City has spent tens of thousands of dollars for a war memorial for veterans who have died in combat – what about the living?

Mr. Steckham responded to questions from Committee. Committee received the delegation.

For disposition of this matter refer to Item 9 and Information Item (i)(ii).

**(g) PRESENTATIONS**

**(i) 2012-2015 Early Years Community Plan Implementation Strategy  
(CES14017) (City Wide)**

Jody Guilmette, Manager of the Early Years Program and Debbie Meyers, Chair of Best Start Network addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. Copies of the hand-out were distributed and a copy has been retained in the Clerk's file for the public record.

They covered the following topics:

- What is Early Years Community Plan?
- Importance of the Early Years Community Plan
- Key Findings of the Early Years Community Plan
- Inclusion – How will these challenges be addressed?
- Child Care Stabilization and Transformation – How will these challenges be addressed?
- System Integration – How will these challenges be addressed?
- Access to Information - How will these challenges be addressed?
- Next steps.

The presenters responded to questions from Committee. Committee received the presentation and the staff report.

**(h) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)**

**(i) Senior Advisory Committee Report 14-006 (Item 8.1)**

Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Seniors Advisory Committee Report 14-006 were referred to the Fire Chief and the Paramedics Chief for report back to Committee.

Recommendation 3 was referred to the Director of Transportation for report back to Committee.

**(ii) Hamilton Veterans Committee Report 14-001 (Item 8.2)**

Committee amended subsection (a) of the recommendation by deleting the words "appropriate standing" and inserting the words "Emergency and Community Services" therein.

For disposition of this matter refer to Item 3.

**(iii) Hamilton Veterans Committee Report 14-003 (item 8.4)**

Committee amended subsection (a) of the recommendation by inserting the words “City Council on behalf of” after the word “That”

For disposition of this matter refer to Item 5.

**(iv) Fee Waiver Policy Update (CES14001) (City Wide)(Item 8.7)**

Committee approved the staff report respecting Fee Waiver Policy Update including subsection (b) as follows:

- (b) That the item respecting the Fee Waiver Policy be considered complete and removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee Outstanding Business List.

**(i) MOTIONS (Item 9)**

**(i) Urban Fitness Trail (Item 9.1)**

Committee amended Item 9.1 respecting Urban Fitness Trail

- (a) by deleting the words “*undertake an assessment to develop the first*” and inserting the words “*investigate the feasibility of developing an*” therein;
- (b) by adding the following subsection (b):
  - (b) *That staff be further directed to brief the Ward Councillor on the investigative results, and report back to Committee on any proposed work plans/budget as required to implement any new project.*

The amended Item 9.1 was approved and reads as follows:

Whereas, the City of Hamilton has a significant parcel of land dormant in the McQuesten Neighbourhood; and

Whereas, the McQuesten Neighbourhood is in the process of developing the first urban farm which conforms to better Public Health, Community Services and Neighbourhood Strategies to be the best place in Canada to raise a child, promote innovation, engage citizens and provide diverse economic opportunities; and

Whereas, the obesity issue as it pertains to Public Health is of concern;



Therefore be it resolved:

- (a) That staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of developing an urban fitness trail in that parcel of land that would connect to the Redhill Valley Trail, the Bruce Trail and the Hamilton-Brantford Rail Trail thereby providing an expansion on the City's existing trail system which is second to none;
- (b) That staff be further directed to brief the Ward Councillor on the investigative results, and report back to Committee on any proposed work plans/budget as required to implement any new project.

**(ii) Veteran's Parking (Item 9.2)**

The motion was amended by adding the words "and the Emergency and Community Services Committee" after the words "Planning Committee".

**(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor J. Farr, Chair  
Emergency & Community Services Committee

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Office of the City Clerk