



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 14-004

1:30 p.m.
Monday, June 9, 2014
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PRESENTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL:

- 1. Field Renovations on Adjacent Lands (CES14021) (Wards 7 & 9)**
 - (a) That the City of Hamilton negotiate and enter into a Licence Agreement with the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board (HWCDSB), based on the terms to have access and continued use of City of Hamilton owned property adjacent to school board lands located at 200 Acadia Drive, Hamilton for the purpose of renovating and housing a portion of the current sports field on two properties owned separately by the HWCDSB and the City of Hamilton;
 - (b) That the City of Hamilton negotiate and enter into a Licence Agreement with the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB), based on the terms to have access and continued use of City of Hamilton owned property adjacent to school board lands located at 108 Highland Road West, Hamilton for the purpose of renovating and housing a portion of the current sports field on two properties owned separately by the HWDSB and the City of Hamilton;
 - (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute separate Licence Agreements between the City of Hamilton, the HWDSB and HWCDSB for use of the respective shared properties located at 200 Acadia Drive, Hamilton and 108 Highland Road West, Hamilton, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,

- (d) That the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services or designate be granted the delegated authority to approve any changes to the Licence Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the HWDSB and the City of Hamilton and the HWCDSD and to execute any related or ancillary documentation as may be required to give effect thereto, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

2. Mohawk 4lce Centre Annual Report 2012 & 2013 (CES14029) (Ward 6) (Item 5.4)

That Report CES14029 respecting Mohawk 4lce Centre Annual Report 2012 & 2013, be received.

3. Emergency Capital Repairs to Township of Glanbrook Non-Profit Housing Corporation (CES14032) (Ward 11) (Item 5.5)

That the General Manager of the Community and Emergency Services Department be authorized and directed to fund the Township of Glanbrook Non-Profit Housing Corporation at Orchard Court, Library Lane, Binbrook up to a total of \$150,000, for emergency capital repairs from the Social Housing Reserve Fund (#112248).

4. Conversions of Rental Housing Properties to Condominiums (CS11042(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

That Report CS11042(a) respecting Conversions of Rental Housing Properties to Condominiums, be received.

5. Renewal of Homelessness Partnering Strategy (CES14005(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

That Report CES14005(a) respecting the Renewal of Homelessness Partnering Strategy, be received.

6. Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (CS11017(d)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

- (a) That the current balance of \$365,577 and any future funds in the Revolving Home Ownership Reserve (#112254) be utilized for down payment assistance as outlined in the Provincial Investment in Affordable Housing Program and that the program be targeted to priority neighbourhoods identified in the City's Neighbourhood Development Strategy;

- (b) That the balance of \$1,099,506 in the Supplement/Housing Allowance Reserve (#112252) be targeted for rent subsidy assistance for eligible households as follows:
 - (i) Individuals participating in Housing First initiatives;
 - (ii) Transitioning social housing tenants who are deemed to be “over-housed” into units more appropriate to their needs;
 - (iii) Emergency situations where spikes in homelessness require rapid housing response; and,
 - (iv) To cover any pressures to existing rent supplement/housing allowance programs.
- (c) That the balance of \$241,230 in the Hamilton Emergency Home Repair Reserve (#102045) be utilized for an emergency home repair program for homeowners receiving social assistance (Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program) to undertake emergency minor repairs of up to \$5,000 that could otherwise create a risk of homelessness;
- (d) That the remaining balance of \$244,785 in the Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit (SHRRP) Reserve (#112253) be transferred to CityHousing Hamilton for the repair of singles and semi style housing to make these units available for rental, thereby reducing the City’s Affordable Housing Wait List and that the Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit (SHRRP) Reserve (#112253) be closed out; and,
- (e) That the General Manager of Community & Emergency Services or her designate be authorized to approve funding for eligible applicants from the Revolving Home Ownership Reserve (#112254), the Hamilton Emergency Home Repair Reserve (#102045), and the Supplement/Housing Allowance Reserve (#112252) .

7. Canada Learning Bond Initiative (CES14030) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

That Report CES14030 respecting Canada Learning Bond Initiative, be received.

8. Electronic Ambulance Call Reporting System for Emergency Medical Services Standardization/Agreement Approval (CES14016) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

- (a) That the Interdev Technologies Inc. (Interdev) “iMEDIC” Electronic Ambulance Call Reporting System program (iMEDIC), be designated a “Standard” system pursuant to Procurement Policy #14 – Standardization, with this designation being subject to review at the end of term of any new agreement; and,

- (b) That the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services be authorized and directed to negotiate a single-source agreement, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, with Interdev Technologies Inc. for continued provision of the iMEDIC program and associated products, support and professional services to meet the needs of the Hamilton Paramedic Service for a three-year term – 2014 to 2016 and the cost of the three-year agreement not to exceed a cumulative total of \$340,000.00 plus HST, to be funded from the Paramedic Service annual operating budget.

9. Transfer of Outstanding Business List Item (Item 11.2)

That the following Outstanding Business List Item be transferred to the Board of Health:

- Item D (a) Staff to consider the information regarding the Food4Kids program and report back.
- (b) That staff report back regarding the Universal School Nutrition Program

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CEREMONIAL ACTIVITY (Item A)

Recognition – Lifeguards Who Rescued Girl at Pinkly Lewis Pool

Chair Farr and Ward Councillor Morrow presented certificates of recognition to two Recreation staff who were instrumental in rescuing a young girl at Pinky Lewis pool. On May 23, 2014, Lifeguards Daniel Pereira-McClory and Jennifer Ulman pulled a child (12 year old Rachel Neema) from the bottom of the pool semi-conscious. Due to their quick response, the child was conscious and breathing when she was transported to the hospital and has made a complete recovery.

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

The agenda was approved as presented.

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were none declared.

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

The Minutes of the May 12, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.

(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5.1)

(i) Various Advisory Committee Minutes for Information

The following Advisory Committee Minutes/Meeting Notes were received:

1. Hamilton Veterans Committee Minutes of April 8, 2014
2. Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Notes of March 18, 2014
3. Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Notes of April 15, 2014
4. Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Notes of May 20, 2014
5. Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes of April 4, 2014

(ii) Sir Allan MacNab Track and Sports Field Facility Upgrades (CES14025) (Ward 8) (Item 5.2)

Committee TABLED this item until the June 11, 2014 Council meeting in order to allow staff to confirm the funding amount for the project.

(f) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Conversions of Rental Housing Properties to Condominiums (CS11042(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Kirsten Maxwell, Policy and Program Specialist, addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. Copies of the hand-out were distributed. A copy has also been retained in the Clerk's file for the public record and has been uploaded onto the City's website.

The presentation covered the following topics:

- Outline;
- Council Direction;
- Annual Potential Condo Conversions (Draft Approval);
- Urban Hamilton Official Plan Policies – Criteria;
- Rental Housing Supply;
- Is the 2% vacancy threshold adequate?
- Other Vacancy Thresholds;
- Has there been an impact on rental rates?
- Has there been an impact on quality?
- What are the municipal tax implications?
- Summary.

Kristen Maxwell responded to questions from Committee. Committee received the presentation and the staff report.

(ii) Renewal of Homelessness Partnering Strategy (CES14005(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

Gillian Hendry, Director of Housing Services, addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. Copies of the hand-out were distributed. A copy has also been retained in the Clerk's file for the public record and has been uploaded onto the City's website.

The presentation covered the following topics:

- Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS);
- Federal funding program;
- What is Housing First?
- Housing First Activities;
- What are Homelessness Prevention Programs?
- Homelessness Prevention Activities;
- Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI);
- Combined funding for Call for Applications;

- Next steps.

Gillian Hendry responded to questions from Committee. Committee received the presentation and the staff report.

(g) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

**(i) Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (CS11017(d)) (City Wide)
(Item 8.1)**

Committee amended subsection (d) of the recommendation by deleting the words “the Social Housing Capital Reserve Fund (#112248)” and inserting the words “CityHousing Hamilton for the repair of singles and semi style housing to make these units available for rental, thereby reducing the City’s Affordable Housing Wait List” therein, to read as follows:

- (d) That the remaining balance of \$244,785 in the Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit (SHRRP) Reserve (#112253) be transferred to ~~the Social Housing Capital Reserve Fund (#112248)~~ *CityHousing Hamilton for the repair of singles and semi style housing to make these units available for rental, thereby reducing the City’s Affordable Housing Wait List* and that the Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit (SHRRP) Reserve (#112253) be closed out;

For disposition of this matter refer to Item 6.

(h) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

Councillor Whitehead presented the following notice of motion:

(i) Quality Index for Rental Units (Added Item)

That staff be directed to report back on the feasibility of conducting a quality index for rental units in the City of Hamilton.

(i) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

(i) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

On a motion, Committee approved the following changes to the Outstanding Business list:

1. The following Items were identified as completed and removed:

Item "J" - Staff to review and assess the Condo Conversion Program

Item "C" - Neighbourhood Down Payment Assistance Program

Item "H(a)" That staff report back re: 10 yr housing and homelessness strategy with detailed plan for initial implementation

2. The following new due date was approved:

Item "E" - Staff to undertake feasibility study of constructing & operating indoor recreation facilities at the Mohawk 4 Ice Centre and report back.
Due Date: June 9, 2014
Proposed New Due Date: Q1/2015

(j) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)

Verbal Update respecting an Identifiable Individual (Item 12.1)

Committee moved into Closed Session at 3:10 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 an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Committee reconvened in Open Session at 3:17 p.m. The Chair advised that a verbal update regarding an identifiable individual was provided in Closed Session with nothing to report in Open Session.

(k) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor J. Farr, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

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Office of the City Clerk