



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 14-006

1:30 p.m.

Monday, September 22, 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 REPORTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL:

- 1. Lodges - Power of Attorney (CES14049) (Wards 6 and 13) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 5.1)**

(Jackson/Morrow)

That Report CES14049 respecting Lodges - Power of Attorney be received.

CARRIED

- 2. Cardiac Safe City and CPR Training (CES14036) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)**

(Jackson/Morrow)

That Report CES14036 respecting Cardiac Safe City and CPR Training be received.

CARRIED

- 3. 2014 Green Venture Base Funding (CES14055) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)**

(McHattie/Merulla)

- (a)** That the City of Hamilton enter into a funding agreement with Hamilton-Wentworth Green Venture ("Green Venture") which incorporates the following terms and conditions:

- (i) That funding in the amount of \$40,000 be provided to Green Venture, as already approved in the 2014 budget;
 - (ii) That the agreement include an option for the City to renew for four additional one-year periods to provide \$40,000 annually to Green Venture for 2015-2018 inclusive, subject to annual budget approval and the annual receipt of Green Venture's annual report and audited financial statements;
- (b) That the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services be authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, all necessary documentation to implement the agreement as outlined in Recommendation (a) in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

**4. 2015 Hamilton Environmental Summit (CES14045) (City Wide)
(Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 5.4)**

(McHattie/Merulla)

That the City of Hamilton organize and host a third annual Environmental Summit, which will take place on or near Earth Day in April 2015 at a cost of \$10,000 (gross) to be funded through the Neighbourhood and Community Initiatives Division's existing budget.

CARRIED

5. Hamilton's Plan for an Age-Friendly City (CES14053) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

(Jackson/Whitehead)

- (a) That *Hamilton's Plan for an Age-Friendly City*, attached as Appendix A to Report CES14053, be endorsed;
- (b) That the Neighbourhood and Community Initiatives Division of the Community & Emergency Services Department continue its partnership with the Hamilton Council on Aging to develop the implementation process and its associated actions;
- (c) That funding in the amount of \$50,000 be referred to the 2015 Capital Budget process to ensure implementation of the current draft plan and any subsequent revisions required;
- (d) That the City of Hamilton apply to join the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities.

CARRIED

6. Seniors Advisory Committee – 4 Year Report (14-007) (Item 8.1)

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee – 4 Year Report (14-007) be received.

CARRIED

7. Hamilton Municipal Senior of the Year Awards Ceremony (CS13023(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Jackson/Merulla)

(a) That the Hamilton Municipal Senior of the Year Awards ceremony continue as a large scale gala event to recognize seniors across all sectors of the community;

(b) That the funding for an additional .5 FTE staff to manage the Hamilton Municipal Senior of the Year Awards ceremony, in the amount of \$50,000, be referred to the 2015 budget process.

CARRIED

8. New 100% Funded Positions at Macassa and Wentworth Lodges (CES14058) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(Jackson/Merulla)

That an increase of staff complement of 2.4 Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) (one Nurse Manager and 1.4 FTE Administrative support), to provide additional nursing and support services care at Macassa and Wentworth Lodges, funded 100% through the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, in the amount of \$204,650, be approved.

CARRIED

9. Hamilton Paramedic Service – Service Delivery Update September 2014 (Period January 1 through August 31) (CES14050) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.4)

(McHattie/Jackson)

That Report CES14050 respecting Hamilton Paramedic Service – Service Delivery Update September 2014 (Period January 1 through August 31) be received.

CARRIED

**10. Affordable Transit Pass Pilot Program Extension (CES14040) (City Wide)
(Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.5)**

(McHattie/Merulla)

- (a) That the Affordable Transit Pass (ATP) pilot program be continued from January 1 to May 31, 2015 at a cost of \$126,685 (net) to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve;
- (b) That the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services Department or her designate, be authorized to implement spending caps, benefit frequency limits or other controls necessary to ensure costs are contained within the approved budget amount as outlined in Recommendation (a).

CARRIED

11. Hamilton Snow Angels Program (CES14041) (City Wide) (Item 8.6)

(Merulla/Jackson)

- (a) That approval be given to Volunteer Hamilton to continue with the co-ordination and administration of the Snow Angels Program for the 2014-2015 snow season in the amount of \$100,000 (gross/net), to be funded from the existing Emergency and Community Service Departmental Operating Budget;
- (b) That the administrator of the Snow Angels Program contract with a third party to service residents that have not been matched to a volunteer for the 2014-2015 season in the amount of \$120,000 (gross/net), to be funded from Departmental Surplus, Corporate Surplus or the Tax Stabilization Reserve.

CARRIED

12. Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario (IAH) Program Extension (CES14059) (City Wide) (Item 8.7)

(McHattie/Merulla)

- (a) That the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario funds be deposited into Account # 000100-23194 "Prov Funding IAH";
- (b) That the General Manager of the Community and Emergency Services Department or her designate be authorized and directed to deliver and administer the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario program;
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the "Service Manager Administration Agreement – Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario (2014 Extension)" with content acceptable to the

General Manager of the Community and Emergency Services Department or her designate and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

- (d) That the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services or her designate be authorized and directed to execute all agreements as may be required to deliver the Investment in Affordable Housing in Ontario Program, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (e) That the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services Department or her designate be authorized to increase Housing Services Division's budgeted complement by one full time permanent position, that being a Program Manager for the Investment in Affordable Housing Program, at an annual cost of \$133,450, using the Investment in Affordable Housing Program administration funds.

CARRIED

**13. Co-ordinated Access System for Social Housing (CES14052) (City Wide)
(Item 8.8)**

(McHattie/Whitehead)

That Report CES14052 respecting Co-ordinated Access System for Social Housing be received.

CARRIED

14. Hamilton Fire Fighters Drum and Bugle Corp (Item 8.9)

(Jackson/Merulla)

Whereas the Hamilton Fire Fighters Drum and Bugle Corp have been valued ambassadors of the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Fire Department for many years;

And Whereas, as a way to support their efforts, the Fire Department has been for a number of years, through its operating budget, funding the annual cost of the Hamilton Fire Fighters Drum and Bugle Corp's musical instructors fees and instrument/uniform maintenance in the amount of approximately \$7,000.00;

And Whereas, the Hamilton Fire Fighters Drum and Bugle Corp has approached the Hamilton Fire Department with their 2014 funding request documentation which included their 2013 musical instructors fees in the amount of \$2,400.00 and the funding of their 2014 Fire /Liability insurance for their facility in the amount of \$3,439.89;

And Whereas, the funding of the Fire /Liability insurance for the Hamilton Fire Fighters Drum and Bugle Corp facility is a new request;

Therefore, be it resolved, that approval be given to cover the 2014 funding request of the Hamilton Fire Fighters Drum and Bugle Corp in the total amount of \$5,839.89 which includes the musical instructors fees and the Fire/Liability insurance of their facility to be charged to the Fire Department operating budget.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised that Robert Fyfe, Chair of the Hamilton Veterans Committee is not able to attend today's meeting to make the presentation listed as Item 7.1 on the agenda. Therefore, Item 7.1 will be presented to Committee at a later date.

(McHattie/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)

(i) September 8, 2014

(Partridge/Whitehead)

That the Minutes of the September 8, 2014 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS

(Jackson/Merulla)

That the following delegation requests be approved to be heard today:

- (i) Denise Doyle – CEO, YWCA Hamilton, respecting Hamilton's Plan for an Age-Friendly City (Item 4.1)**

- (ii) Anju Joshi – Department of Health, Aging and Society, McMaster University, respecting Hamilton’s Plan for an Age-Friendly City (Item 4.2)
CARRIED

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

- (i) **Tom Cooper, on behalf of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, to provide an update on the Work of the Roundtable and Information in Changes to the Roundtable’s Sponsor Organization (Approved September 8, 2014) (Item 6.1)**

(Jackson/Morrow)

That the rules of order be waived to allow for a fifteen minute time limit on the delegation.

CARRIED

Howard Elliott, Chair of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction addressed Committee and indicated that there will be some administrative changes to the Roundtable.

Tom Cooper made a PowerPoint presentation and copies of the hand-out were distributed.

The topics covered by the presentation included the following:

- Our commitment;
- Our role: Creating new space for discussion – 80 members from Multiple Sectors across the Community;
- Action Plan;
- Goals:
- The Work Groups
- Shifting Attitudes Work Group
- Living Wage Work Group
- Living Wage Canada
- Social Policy Work Group
- Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy
- Social Assistance Rates 1993-2013 (Factored for Inflation)
- In real terms, Social assistance rates are lower today than they were in the late 1990’s under Mike Harris
- Please fix social assistance - everybody in Ontario deserves dignity, opportunity and a future

Celeste Licorish, who is the Speakers Bureau Coordinator addressed Committee respecting the “Speak now Hamilton” program.

Committee thanked the presenters for their work on the Roundtable. Tom Cooper responded to questions from Committee.

(Whitehead/Partridge)

That the presentation from Tom Cooper and members of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction be received.

CARRIED

(f) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Hamilton Veterans Committee Presentation of their Accomplishments To-date (Item 7.1)

Item deferred to the next meeting.

(ii) Hamilton's Plan for an Age-Friendly City (CES14053) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

Paul Johnson addressed Committee and thanked Council for its direction to work on this initiative. He advised that there was a typo on page 6 of the report. The actual number of older age citizens reads 81,575 and it should read 147,800. The Committee Clerk was requested to correct the report for the official record.

Mark Weingartner, Senior Policy Analyst for the City of Hamilton addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and he was joined by Doctor Margaret Denton, Vice President of the Hamilton Council on Aging and Professor Emeritus at McMaster University. Copies of the hand-out were distributed and a copy has been retained for the Clerk's record and a copy has been uploaded onto the City's website.

Doctor Denton spoke to the following:

- Population of Hamilton is Aging;
 - Percentage of Population 55 Years and Older
- WHO Response to an Aging Population Age-Friendly Cities & Communities (AFC);
- Hamilton Council on Aging;
- Four Steps to an Age-Friendly City (WHO, 2007);
- Hamilton: A City of ALL Ages
- Age-Friendly Hamilton Collaborative 2010-2014 - To engage the community in Age-Friendly planning;
- Hamilton: A City of ALL Ages – Three Years On;
- Steering Committee (2014) - To guide the development of an Age-Friendly Plan

- “We believe the community is enhanced by the wisdom, experience and participation of older adults.”

Mark Weingartner spoke to the following:

- The need for an Age-Friendly Plan;
- Definitions;
- Research, engagement and consultation;
- Vision;
- Hamilton’s Plan for an Age-Friendly City;
- Goal 1 - Housing;
- Goal 2 – Getting around Greater Hamilton;
- Goal 3 – Communication & Information;
- Goal 4 – Health & Community Services;
- Goal 5 – Social Participation: Recreation, Learning, Arts & Culture;
- Goal 6 – Civic Engagement, Volunteerism & Employment;
- Goal 7 – Age-Friendly Public Service;
- Summary of Recommendations.

The presenters and staff responded to questions from Committee. Ron Smithson, Chair of the Seniors Advisory Committee participated and also answered questions from Committee.

(Jackson/Merulla)

That the staff presentation respecting Hamilton’s Plan for an Age-Friendly City be received.

CARRIED

1. Denise Doyle – CEO, YWCA Hamilton, respecting Hamilton’s Plan for an Age-Friendly City (Item 4.1)

Denise Doyle, CEO of the YWCA Hamilton spoke in support of the report.

(Merulla/McHattie)

That the delegation by Denise Doyle be received.

CARRIED

2. Anju Joshi – Department of Health, Aging and Society, McMaster University, respecting Hamilton’s Plan for an Age-Friendly City (Item 4.2)

Anju Joshi from the Department of Health, Aging and Society, at McMaster University spoke in support of the report. She indicated that the older population should not be viewed as a problem but as an asset as they benefit society with their wisdom and experience.

(Merulla/McHattie)

That the delegation by Anju Joshi be received.

CARRIED

Committee approved the staff recommendations including the following:

- (b) That staff be directed to report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee on suitable implementation measures (including cost and resource implications) that will be undertaken by the City of Hamilton to support the implementation of *Hamilton's Plan for an Age-Friendly City*.

For the balance of the recommendations refer to Item 5.

(g) DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Seniors Advisory Committee – 4 Year Report (14-007) (Item 8.1)

Ron Smithson, Chair of the Seniors Advisory Committee addressed Committee and provided a brief overview of the Seniors Advisory Committee report. He noted the Advisory Committee's commitment to the previous Item 7.2 respecting *Hamilton's Plan for an Age-Friendly City*.

Committee recognized the phenomenal year of the Seniors Advisory Committee.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 6.

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

(i) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

The Outstanding Business List was amended as follows:

(Merulla/McHattie)

- (a) That the following completed items be removed:

“D”- That staff report back with an update and recommendation(s) for the Affordable Transit Program

“H” - That Legal staff, the Director of Audit Services and the Administrator for Homes for the Aged be directed to devise a policy respecting Powers of Attorney for residents of City of Hamilton

homes for the aged and report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

“I” - Cardiac Safe City -Staff to report back on Heart and Stroke Foundation recommendations

“J”- Hamilton Environmental Summit 2014 – staff to consult with community stakeholders to develop terms of reference for an Environmental Roundtable

CARRIED

(ii) Final Meeting of the Term

As this was the final meeting of the term, Joe-Anne Priel distributed a list of the staff's accomplishments which she acknowledged were made possible by Committee's co-operation and she thanked the members for their support over the past four years.

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Merulla/Jackson)

There being no further business, that the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor J. Farr, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Ida Bedioui
Legislative Co-ordinator
Office of the City Clerk