



## **EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 15-009**

1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 9, 2015

Council Chamber

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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**Present:** Councillor T. Whitehead, Chair  
Councillor M. Green, Vice-Chair  
Councillors J. Farr, T. Jackson, A. Johnson, S. Merulla, and  
J. Partridge

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### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL:**

**1. Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee (CES15053) (City Wide)  
(Item 5.1)**

**(Partridge/Merulla)**

- (a) That the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee be established;
- (b) That the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, attached as Appendix A to Report CES15053 be approved;
- (c) That the City's selection process be initiated to appoint citizen members to the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee; and,
- (d) That staff be directed to report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee with a base budget submission request, to be referred to the 2016 budget process, for the newly created Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2. 2016 Homelessness Point-in-Time Count (CES15055) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)**

**(Farr/A. Johnson)**

That report CES15055 regarding the 2016 Homelessness Point-in-Time Count, be received.

**CARRIED**

**3. 2015 Down Payment Assistance Program (CES15054) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)**

**(Farr/Partridge)**

That Report CES15054 regarding the 2015 Down Payment Assistance Program be received.

**CARRIED**

**4. Hamilton's Charter of Rights of Children and Youth and Participatory Responsibility (CES15051(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)**

**(Jackson/Partridge)**

That the Hamilton's Charter of Rights of Children and Youth and Participatory Responsibility, attached as Appendix A to Report CES15051 (a), be endorsed.

**CARRIED**

**5. Neighbourhood Action Strategy Annual Update 2015 (CES15052) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

**(Farr/Merulla)**

That Report CES15052 respecting Neighbourhood Action Strategy Annual Update 2015, be received.

**CARRIED**

**6. Recreation User Fee Harmonization (CES15029(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

**(Farr/Jackson)**

That the harmonization of the rental fees for parks, pools, and registered programs, as attached in Appendix A to Report CES15029(a), be approved and incorporated into the 2016 Tax Supported User Fee Report for consideration during the 2016 budget process.

**CARRIED**

**7. Ontario Works SAMS Update (CES15020(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

**(Green/Farr)**

That Report CES15020(a) regarding Ontario Works SAMS Update, be received.

**CARRIED**

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE:**

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

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

**ADDED DELEGATION REQUEST (ITEM 4)**

- 4.1 Delegation request from Brother Richard McPhee respecting the matter of homelessness (for the November 23, 2015 Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting).

**ADDED DISCUSSION ITEM (ITEM 8)**

- 8.2 Ontario Works SAMS Update (CES15020(a)) (City Wide)

**(Partridge/Jackson)**

That the agenda for the November 9, 2015 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

**(i) October 13, 2015 (Item 3.1)**

**(Farr/Jackson)**

That the Minutes of the October 13, 2015 Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(d) DELEGATION REQUEST (Item 4)**

**(i) Request from Brother Richard McPhee regarding Homelessness (Item 4.1)**

**(Jackson/Partridge)**

That the delegation request from Brother Richard McPhee regarding homelessness be approved for the Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting of November 23, 2015.

**CARRIED**

**(e) DELEGATIONS (Item 6)**

There were no delegations.

**(f) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)**

**Neighbourhood Action Strategy 2015 Annual Update (ITEM 7.1)  
(CES15052) (City Wide)**

Suzanne Brown provided some introductory remarks and introduced Erika Morton, co-chair Stinson Community Association, Dr. Jim Dunn, lead on the Hamilton Neighbourhood Survey from McMaster University, and Dr. Sarah Wakefield, lead on the Neighbourhood Action Evaluation in partnership with the Social Planning and Research Council, University of Toronto. A presentation was provided by each of the individuals regarding the Neighbourhood Action Strategy Annual Update 2015 including (but not limited to) the following:

- Introductions for Stinson Community Association, Neighbourhood Action Evaluation (implementation), Hamilton Neighbourhoods Survey Outcomes;
- Purpose and methods with elements of what the focus was as well as the key components;
- Some points on changing city culture;
- Inclusion and equity;
- The tracking of City of Hamilton's response to neighbourhood action plans;
- Baseline survey highlights – good news;
- Baseline survey highlights – areas for improvement; and
- Summary of next steps.

**(Farr/Merulla)**

That the presentation respecting Neighbourhood Action Strategy Annual Update 2015 (CES15052), be received.

**CARRIED**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 5.

**(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

**(Merulla/Green)**

That there being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting, be adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor T. Whitehead, Chair  
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Nancy Fiorentino  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk