



## **EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 16-007**

**1:30 pm**

**Wednesday, August 10, 2016**

**Council Chambers**

**Hamilton City Hall**

**71 Main Street West, Hamilton**

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**Present:** Councillors M. Green (Chair), A. Johnson (Vice Chair), J. Farr  
S. Merulla, T. Jackson, D. Skelly, T. Whitehead, J. Partridge

**Also Present:** Councillor C. Collins

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

**1. Disposal of Obsolete Gear (CES16032) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)**

**(Skelly/Partridge)**

That Report CES16032 respecting Disposal of Obsolete Gear, be received.

**CARRIED**

**2. 2016-2017 Snow Angel Program (CES14041(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

**(Jackson/Whitehead)**

That Report CES14041(b) respecting 2016-2017 Snow Angel Program, be received.

**CARRIED**

**3. Capital Funding Proportional Allocation Policy for Social Housing (CES16030) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

**(Whitehead/Partridge)**

(a) That the "Capital Funding – Proportional Allocations" policy attached as Appendix "A" to Report CES16030, be approved; and,

- (b) That the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services Department be authorized and directed to approve and execute capital funding agreements, prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, on behalf of the City of Hamilton for funding allocations made with respect to recommendation (a) of Report CES16030.

**CARRIED**

**4. Municipal Housing Facilities By-law (CES16031) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

**(Whitehead/Jackson)**

- (a) That the Municipal Housing Facilities By-law, attached as Appendix A to Report CES16031, which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be enacted; and,
- (b) That By-law 03-148 be repealed.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Skelly assumed the Chair.

**5. Child Care System Special Needs Resourcing (CES16034) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)**

**(Whitehead/Partridge)**

That Report CES16034 respecting Child Care System Special Needs Resourcing, be received.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Green assumed the Chair.

**6. Resolution from the City of Welland respecting the Development of Provincial Legislation requiring Registration, Licensing and Setting Provincial Standards for Private Supportive Living Accommodations. (Item 8.5)**

**(Whitehead/Partridge)**

That staff be directed to report back at the next Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting respecting the development of Provincial Legislation requiring registration, licensing and setting Provincial Standards for Private Supportive Living Accommodations.

**CARRIED**

**7. Supportive Funding of Beasley Youth Asset Development Initiative (Item 9.1)**

**(Farr/Skelly)**

WHEREAS, City Council has made a concerted effort to focus on initiatives to help improve the lives of youth and prepare them for success in the future;

WHEREAS, the John Howard Society of Ontario works with at risk individuals and is committed to providing a continuum of prevention and intervention services supporting individuals and families to develop the skills and assets necessary to make positive and long lasting life changes, thus enabling them to become fully contributing members of the community;

WHEREAS, the John Howard Society of Hamilton, Burlington & Area developed the Beasley Youth Asset Development Initiative as a community project that works with all of Beasley's resources including community groups, schools, businesses, agencies and faith organizations to increase the developmental assets of children and youth in this neighbourhood;

WHEREAS, all 11 of the Neighbourhood Action Plans developed through the Neighbourhood Action Strategy have consistently identified the availability of community services, developing educational opportunities, employment preparedness training and employment opportunities for youth as priorities; and,

WHEREAS, the Beasley Neighbourhood Action Plan specifically speaks to creating a Youth Neighbourhood Association, promoting creativity, academic opportunities, language skills opportunities, current job skill opportunities within Beasley for youth;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That City Council support the John Howard Society of Hamilton, Burlington & Area and the Beasley Youth Asset Development Initiative by the provision of \$10,000 in funding, (\$5,000 in 2016 and \$5,000 in 2017) from the Neighbourhood Action Strategy Fund under Project id# 2051255204.

**CARRIED**

**8. Skate the Dream / McMaster's Women's Hockey (Added Item 10.1)**

**(Farr/Whitehead)**

WHEREAS, the McMaster Women's Hockey Team has historically provided many hours of volunteer instruction and mentorship during our Skate the Dream program at Eastwood Arena;

WHEREAS, the McMaster's Women's Hockey team has indicated a desire to become more involved as volunteers in the Skate the Dream program each of the four nights weekly that the program runs;

WHEREAS, the McMaster Women's Hockey Team is currently non-varsity, but are working with Athletic Director Glen Grunewald to reinstate varsity status and get back to competing with the many other Ontario University varsity clubs;

WHEREAS, facilitators of Skate the Dream, The Boys and Girls Club of Hamilton East calls the McMaster Women's Hockey Team's involvement "invaluable" and "very important in achieving the goals and objectives of teaching our youth how to skate and play hockey and become team players in life"; and

WHEREAS, the Skate the Dream program has provided for a significant increase in ice time at Eastwood arena, but the arena remains the most underutilized in the City of Hamilton inventory; and

WHEREAS, all of us would be very proud to call Eastwood the Home of McMaster University Women's hockey;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That recreation staff be directed to provide the McMaster Women's Hockey team one hour of practice/game ice time for every two hours of volunteering time to be accommodated on weeknights following the Skate the Dream programming and to a maximum of four hours of ice time per week.

**CARRIED**

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**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:**

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

The Committee Clerk advised of the following change to the Agenda:

10.1 Added Notice of Motion respecting Skate the Dream / McMaster's Women's Hockey

**(Partridge/Jackson)**

That the Agenda for the August 10, 2016 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

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

Councillor Green declared an interest with Items 6.1 and 10.1, respecting Ontario Autism Program Changes, as his spouse is an IBI and ABA Behavioural Therapist.

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

**(i) July 6, 2016 (Item 3.1)**

**(Merulla/Skelly)**

That the Minutes of the July 6, 2016 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

**(i) William Urie, Hamilton Olympic Club, respecting the 90th anniversary of the Hamilton Olympic Club (for the September 12, 2016 meeting) (Item 4.1)**

**(Jackson/Partridge)**

That the delegation request submitted by William Urie, Hamilton Olympic Club, respecting the 90th anniversary of the Hamilton Olympic Club, be approved to appear before the Emergency & Community Services Committee September 12, 2016 meeting.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) Calvin Cain, OHSNA Hamilton, respecting formal recognition and transformation process of former Domiciliary Hostel Program to Provincial Housing with Support Program funding category (for the August 10, 2016 meeting) (Item 4.2)**

**(Merulla/Skelly)**

That the delegation request submitted by Calvin Cain, OHSNA Hamilton, respecting formal recognition and transformation process of former Domiciliary Hostel Program to Provincial Housing with Support Program funding category, be approved to appear before the Emergency & Community Services Committee August 10, 2016 meeting.

**CARRIED**

**(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)**

**(i) Various Advisory Committee Minutes (Item 5.1)**

**1. Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes - February 5, 2016 (Item 5.1 (a))**

**(Partridge/Merulla)**

That the Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes dated February 5, 2016, be received.

**CARRIED**

**2. Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes - March 4, 2016 (Item 5.1 (b))**

**(Jackson/Merulla)**

That the Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes dated March 4, 2016, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS AND DELEGATIONS (Item 6)**

**(i) Calvin Cain, OHSNA Hamilton, respecting formal recognition and transformation process of former Domiciliary Hostel Program to Provincial Housing with Support Program funding category (Item 6.1)**

Calvin Cain, OHSNA Hamilton, addressed Committee respecting formal recognition and transformation process of former Domiciliary Hostel Program to Provincial Housing with Support Program funding category, with the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation. A copy of the presentation has been retained for the official record.

Calvin Cain's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Supportive Housing Program – Program Reviews
  - City of Hamilton Sponsored Review
  - Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton
  - Domiciliary Hostel Working Group
  - Program Review and Report: Hamilton and Ontario
  - Continuous Improvement Group
- Supportive Housing Program – Now
  - Waitlist
  - Available Beds on a negative trend

- Housing with Related Supports
- Implications
- Systematic Closures of Supportive Housing
- Supportive Housing Program – Request
  - Recognition of the “Supportive Housing Program”
  - Termination to the waitlist: Apply adequate funding
  - Urgent and strategic plan

**(Whitehead/A. Johnson)**

That the presentation by Calvin Cain respecting formal recognition and transformation process of former Domiciliary Hostel Program to Provincial Housing with Support Program funding category, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(g) MOTIONS (Item 9)**

**(i) Residential Care Facilities Subsidy Program (Item 9.2)**

**(Whitehead/Skelly)**

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario's Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy Update identifies a number of strategies to improve access to and the quality of supported housing;

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario has identified Housing with Related Supports as a program area that can be funded by the City of Hamilton under the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative;

WHEREAS, Hamilton currently has service agreements with 53 Residential Care Facilities (RCF), also known as Domiciliary Hostels, that provide housing and support to more than 740 residents;

WHEREAS, the needs of subsidized RCF residents have changed over time as have the service systems intended to support them; and,

WHEREAS, subsidized RCF operators have indicated an interest in having the RCF Subsidy program and its name better reflect the realities of serving clients today;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

That staff be directed to conduct a review of the current housing with related supports subsidy program to include: an assessment of the current residents and their support needs, an inventory of other housing with support programs in the community, a recommendation of what populations the program should serve, a review of best practices on the

provision of housing with supports for those populations, a program model to best serve those populations, a review of current physical infrastructure, identify the gaps between the current system and the proposed model, with a plan to end the wait list by the end of this year and report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee with a transition plan.

**CARRIED**

**(h) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)**

Councillor Farr introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**Skate the Dream / McMaster's Women's Hockey (Added Item 10.1)**

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**(Farr/Whitehead)**

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Skate the Dream / McMaster's Women's Hockey.

**CARRIED**

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 8.

**(i) GENERAL INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)**

**(i) Outstanding Business List Amendments (Item 11.1)**

**(Partridge/Jackson)**

That the following items be considered complete and removed from the Outstanding Business List:

Item D: Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting  
Affordable Childcare Services

Item I: Snow Angel Program 2015-2016

Item Q: Capital Funding – Proportional Allocation Policy for Social  
Housing

**CARRIED**

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

**(Jackson/Skelly)**

That, there being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee be adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor M. Green  
Chair, Emergency & Community  
Services Committee

Lisa Chamberlain  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk