



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 18-001

1:30 pm

Monday, January 22, 2018

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West, Hamilton

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor J. Partridge – City Business

Also in Attendance: Councillors D. Conley and M. Pearson

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1. Home for Good Local Funding Allocations (CES17042(b)) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)**

(Green/Farr)

That Report CES17042(b) respecting Home for Good Local Funding Allocations, be received.

CARRIED

- 2. Amendments to Housing Services Act, 2011 – Portable Housing Benefit Framework (CES18001) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)**

(Whitehead/Jackson)

That Report CES18001 respecting Amendments to Housing Services Act, 2011 – Portable Housing Benefit Framework, be received.

CARRIED

**3. Residential Care Facility Subsidy Program Waitlist (CES18003) (City Wide)
(Item 5.5)**

(Farr/Skelly)

That the current waitlist for the Residential Care Facility (RCF) Subsidy Program continue to be maintained.

CARRIED

4. Notre Dame Community Resource Centre (CES18005) (Ward 2) (Item 5.6)

(Jackson/Farr)

(a) That the Notre Dame House Community Resource Centre (CRC) provided through Good Shepherd Centre Hamilton receive annualized funding in the amount of \$200,000 through the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI), effective April 1, 2018 until March 31, 2019; and,

(b) That, for the purposes of CHPI contractual funding, the Notre Dame House CRC be considered as part of the Notre Dame House Youth Emergency Shelter.

CARRIED

5. Resolution from the City of Welland re: Development of Provincial Legislation for Private Supportive Living Accommodations (CES18006) (City Wide) (Item 5.7)

(Jackson/Green)

That Report CES18006 respecting a Resolution from the City of Welland re: Development of Provincial Legislation for Private Supportive Living Accommodations, be received.

CARRIED

6. Co-ordinated Access System for Social Housing (CES14052(d)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Skelly/Jackson)

(a) That the Access-to-Housing system of coordinated social housing access be approved for direct service delivery effective April 1, 2018 through the Housing Services Division;

(b) That the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services be directed and authorized to notify Del Management Systems Inc., in writing, of the City's decision not to renew the service agreement for the provision of the coordinated wait list service;

(c) That the Housing Services Division's budgeted staff complement be increased by 4.5 permanent full-time equivalent positions, effective March 1, 2018, as follows:

- (i) Three (3) Housing Administration Clerks (3 FTE) be approved and funded from the current net levy supported budget for wait list administration (Dept ID 624200) with no additional net levy impact to support the administrative and intake functions of the centralized wait list service;
 - (ii) One (1) Housing Support Worker (1 FTE) be approved and funded from the current net levy supported budget for the wait list administration (Dept ID 624200) with no additional net levy impact to support the enhancements and case management function to households accessing the wait list service or waiting for housing; and,
 - (iii) One (1) Supervisor, Housing Access & Supports (0.5 FTE) be approved and funded by converting an existing vacant 0.5 Housing Administration Officer position and by utilizing Social Infrastructure Fund administration dollars (6731640602) with no additional net levy impact to support the oversight of the administration of the centralized intake service and its integration with existing housing allowance and rent supplement programs;
- (d) That the estimated capital costs of \$1.1M that will be required for tenant fit-up renovations for any additional office space, as described in Report CES14052(d), be funded from the following 100% provincially funded programs with no additional levy impact;
- (i) \$700,000 from the Social Housing Reserve Fund (#112248);
 - (ii) \$300,000 from the provincially funded Social Housing Improvement Program (SHIP) administration funding allocation;
 - (iii) \$100,000 from the provincially funded 2018 Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program (SHARP) administration funding.

CARRIED

7. Urban Native Homes Incorporated – Management Plan Update (CES16024(a)) (Wards 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9) (Item 8.2)

(Jackson/Green)

- (a) That Council, in its capacity as Service Manager under the *Housing Services Act, 2011*, approve the request of Urban Native Homes Incorporated to transfer ownership and operation of its social housing assets to Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services, as set out in the Resolution of the Board of Directors of Urban Native Homes Incorporated, attached as Appendix A to Report CES16024(a);
- (b) That the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services Department or his designate be authorized and directed to execute a new

operating agreement with Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, that reflects the change of ownership and operation of the former Urban Native Homes social housing portfolio and subsidy allocation, including participation in existing rent supplement programs, as summarized in Appendix B to Report CES16024(a);

- (c) That the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services Department correspond with the Minister of Housing, and request that the transfer of social housing assets be exempt from land transfer taxes, in accordance with the provisions of the *Housing Services Act, 2011* and forward a copy of Council's resolution approving Recommendation (a) of Report CES16024(a) to the Ministry of Housing, as notification of:
 - (i) the transfer of ownership and operation of the social housing assets, as required under the *Housing Services Act, 2011*; and,
 - (ii) confirmation that, upon completion of the transfer of ownership and operations, Urban Native Homes' "project in difficulty" designation is no longer in effect; and,
- (d) That the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services Department or his designate be authorized and directed to provide any approvals or execute any documents, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, as may be necessary, to assist in the winding-down of Urban Native Homes Incorporated as an independent non-profit corporation.

CARRIED

8. McQuesten Urban Farm Farming and Community Engagement for the 2018 Season (CES17011(b)) (Ward 4) (Item 8.3)

(Green/Jackson)

That the scope of Contract C5-23-15 Farming Services for McQuesten Urban Farm with Plan B Organic Farms for the term February 7, 2018 to February 6, 2019 be expanded from \$96,000 to \$150,500 to be funded from the Maple Leaf Centre Action on Food Security grant in the amount of \$125,500 and from the Neighbourhood Action Strategy Capital fund (#20551255204) in the amount of \$25,000.

CARRIED

9. Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program (CES18004) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

(Whitehead/Skelly)

- (a) That the Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program (SHAIP) funds be deposited into Account # 000100-23194 "Prov Funding SHAIP" and applied accordingly;

- (b) That the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services Department, or his designate, be authorized and directed to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Housing, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (c) That capital project ID accounts be established for the program and administrative components respectively for the Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program; and,
- (d) That the General Manager of Community and Emergency Services Department, or his delegate, be authorized and directed to approve and execute funding agreements with eligible housing providers, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, for funding allocated through the Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program.

CARRIED

10. Gateway Arena Purchase (CM18004/CES18008) (Ward 10) (Item 8.5)

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That staff be directed to decline the offer to purchase the Gateway Ice Centre.

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

1. ADDED DELEGATION (Item 6)

- 6.1 Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respecting Housing Issues.

2. CORRECTION

- 8.1 The Report should be CES14052(d) (but was listed on the agenda as CES14052(c)).

(Farr/Skelly)

That the Agenda for the January 22, 2018 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None declared.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) December 7, 2017 (Item 3.1)

(Green/Jackson)

That the Minutes of the December 7, 2017 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Calvin Cain and Sonia Brown respecting Negative Impact of the New Minimum Wage rate on Housing, Residential Care Facilities and Pending Growth (Item 4.1)

(Whitehead/Skelly)

That the Delegation Request from Calvin Cain and Sonia Brown respecting Negative Impact of the New Minimum Wage rate on Housing, Residential Care Facilities and Pending Growth, be approved for the January 22, 2018 meeting.

CARRIED

(ii) Tony Tollis, ADT Consulting, respecting the Possible Sale of the Gateway Arena, to be heard when the Committee considers Item 8.5 (Item 4.2)

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That the Delegation Request from Tony Tollis, ADT Consulting, respecting the Possible Sale of the Gateway Arena, to be heard when the Committee considers Item 8.5, be approved for the January 22, 2018 meeting.

CARRIED

Councillor Conley requested that Item 8.5, respecting the Gateway Arena Purchase, be moved up in the agenda.

(Whitehead/Farr)

That Item 8.5 be moved up in the agenda, to be heard after Item 5.6.

CARRIED

(iii) Alan Whittle, Good Shepherd Centre Hamilton, respecting the Notre Dame Community Resource Centre, to be heard when the Committee considers Item 5.6. (Item 4.3)

(Jackson/Green)

That the Delegation Request from Alan Whittle, Good Shepherd Centre Hamilton, respecting the Notre Dame Community Resource Centre, to be heard when the Committee considers Item 5.6, be approved for the January 22, 2018 meeting.

CARRIED

(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) Hamilton Veterans Committee Minutes – October 24, 2017 (Item 5.1)

(Whitehead/Skelly)

That the Minutes of the Hamilton Veterans Committee dated October 24, 2017, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes (Item 5.2(a) and (b))

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes dated November 3, 2017 (Item 5.2(a)) and December 1, 2017 (Item 5.2(b)), be received.

CARRIED

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respecting Housing Issues (Item 6.1)

Kim Nolan and Tom Manzuk, Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD), addressed the Committee respecting Housing Issues.

(Merulla/Skelly)

That City Staff be directed to report back to the Emergency & Community Services (E&CS) Committee on the following points raised by the Delegation:

- (a) That ACPD be allowed to review the staff report and provide comment to the E&CS Committee prior to any action being taken by Committee or Council;
- (b) That the matter of persons who experience injury and hospitalization and have few or no accessible housing options upon discharge from a hospital or rehabilitation facility, should be addressed;
- (c) That solutions for persons with disabilities coming to study in post-secondary schools in Hamilton, who have limited to no accessible housing options, are needed; and,
- (d) That the City investigate the possibility of expanding accessible housing options for persons with disabilities in a way that makes economic growth and development the same for all persons regardless of ability.

CARRIED

(Jackson/Green)

That the Delegation from Kim Nolan and Tom Manzuk, Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, respecting Housing Issues, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Calvin Cain and Sonia Brown respecting Negative Impact of the New Minimum Wage rate on Housing, Residential Care Facilities and Pending Growth (Item 6.2)

Calvin Cain and Sonia Brown, addressed the Committee respecting the Negative Impact of the New Minimum Wage rate on Housing, Residential Care Facilities and Pending Growth.

(Farr/Skelly)

That the Delegation from Calvin Cain and Sonia Brown, respecting Negative Impact of the New Minimum Wage rate on Housing, Residential Care Facilities and Pending Growth, be received.

CARRIED

(iii) Tony Tollis, ADT Consulting, respecting the Possible Sale of the Gateway Arena (Item 6.3)

Tony Tollis, ADT Consulting, addressed the Committee respecting the Possible Sale of the Gateway Arena.

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That the Delegation from Tony Tollis, ADT Consulting, respecting the Possible Sale of the Gateway Arena, be received.

CARRIED

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of Report CM18004/CES18008's Alternative Option: Rent Ice from Gateway, and report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee on the potential advantages, disadvantages and ramifications of proceeding with this option.

CARRIED

For further disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 10.

(iv) Brother Richard MacPhee, Good Shepherd Centre Hamilton, respecting the Notre Dame Community Resource Centre (Item 6.4)

Brother Richard MacPhee, Good Shepherd Centre Hamilton, addressed the Committee respecting the Notre Dame Community Resource Centre.

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That the Delegate be granted an extension to the five minute speaking rule, and be allowed to speak for ten minutes.

CARRIED

(Green/Whitehead)

That the Delegation from Brother Richard MacPhee, Good Shepherd Centre Hamilton, respecting the Notre Dame Community Resource Centre, be received.

CARRIED

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

(i) Outstanding Business List – Items to be Removed (Item 11.1)

- (a) Item “G” – Co-ordinated Access System for Social Housing
(Addressed as Item 8.1)
- (b) Item “AA” – Resolution from the City of Welland re: the Development of Provincial Legislation requiring Registration, Licensing and Setting Provincial Standards for Private Supportive Living Accommodations
(Addressed as Item 5.7)
- (c) Item “EE” – Gateway Arena Purchase
(Addressed as Item 8.5)

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Farr/Green)

That, there being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee be adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla
Chair, Emergency & Community
Services Committee

Lisa Chamberlain
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk