

# Renewal Contract for Beasley CC

Emergency & Community Services Committee

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# What brings me here today

- I recently learned that the renewal of the contract between the City of Hamilton and Wesley Urban Ministries had been postponed (due to the municipal election) - September 30, 2018
- I also recently learned that it was subject to renewal today at this committee - April 4, 2019

# What brings me here today

- I'm concerned about the continuing risks to the City of Hamilton, and the community, under the terms of the current arrangement
- I'm not here to discuss any feedback or concerns about Wesley Urban Ministries or about the specific programs they deliver; my comments are about the City of Hamilton and its obligations and are my own

# Timeline of Events

- November 2010 - BCC opens
- September 2013 - Contract given to WUM (first one?)
- September 2015 - Contract given to WUM
- September 2018 - Contract expires
- April 2019 - Renewal proposed to ECS

# What I've Done So Far

- Spoken to staff at the City
- Spoken to WUM
- Reviewed past City reports
- Reviewed past community feedback
- Reviewed WUM public documents

# Current Risks to the City

- **Funding**

Owned by WUM, not by the City: any cessation of WUM's operations would leave both the City and the community without programming (City ~\$44,000)

\*The reasons for this are that the City cannot access the same charitable funding streams that can be accessed by WUM

# Current Risks to the City

- **Contingency Plan**

There is not currently a contingency plan in place to identify or mitigate the risks to the City or the community should there be any cessation of services by WUM (for any reason)

# Current Risks to the City

- **Creation of a “monopoly”**

This situation has, essentially, meant that WUM is the perpetual contract holder; if the City, for any reason, wished to end their contract with WUM they would not be able to do so without consequently ending / impacting programming



# Current Risks to the City

- **Community feedback**

There has not been a mechanism from the City (to collect feedback about programming and service delivery before the renewal of the contract; there has also not been notice to the public of the renewal of the contract for these community services)

# Current Risks to the City

- **Detailed reporting**

The current staff report does not address these issues in detail, nor does it outline the funding for the basis of the “Pros and Cons” in order for this committee to make a decision today; a more detailed staff report, including past and current operating agreements and detailed numbers from WUM specific to BCC’s programming

# What I'm Asking For

- That the contract not be renewed today
- That staff reports back with a risk and contingency plan, detailed information including specific program funding and the operating agreement, and a City-side (not WUM) plan for gathering community feedback