



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 19-003

1:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 2, 2019
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Present: Councillors S. Merulla (Chair), E. Pauls (Vice-Chair), B. Clark, T. Jackson, N. Nann, and T. Whitehead

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1. Request that the City of Hamilton Appeal to the Provincial Government to Pause the Plan to Change the Ontario Autism Program to Allow for Further Consultation (Item 8.3)**

(Jackson/Nann)

That the City of Hamilton request the Government of Ontario:

- To maintain the Autism funding at its current levels and models;
- To pause any changes to the Ontario Autism Program, pending further consultation with families and stakeholders, and
- That funding would be tied to a needs-based model for clinically prescribed therapies.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Ninder Nann
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair Sam Merulla
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

2. Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy (HSC19008(a)) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)

(Clark/Nann)

- (a) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities, or his designate, be authorized and directed to enter into and execute an Agreement with Employment and Social Development Canada to administer the Reaching Home Program as of April 1, 2019 and any ancillary agreements required to give effect thereto in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (b) That the current temporary Social Policy Analyst position (1 FTE) be converted to a permanent position, to meet the additional Federal obligations, in the amount of \$97,178 funded through the Reaching Home administrative funding allocation, with no net levy impact, be approved; and
- (c) That the current temporary Senior Project Manager position (1 FTE) be converted to a permanent position, to meet the additional Federal obligations, in the amount of \$115,180 funded through the Reaching Home administrative funding allocation, with no net levy impact, be approved.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:

- YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES - Chair Sam Merulla
- YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead
- YES - Councillor Brad Clark

3. St. Matthew's House – Request for Service Manager Consent to Sell Units (HSC19015) (Ward 3) (Item 10.2)

(Whitehead/Nann)

- (a) That Council, in its capacity as Service Manager under the *Housing Services Act, 2011*, approve the request of St. Matthew's House to sell two properties comprised of nine housing units at 247 East Avenue North (five units) and 44 St. Matthew's Avenue (four units) subject to the following condition:
 - (i) that the sale proceeds be reinvested into St. Matthew's House Senior Support Program in partnership with both private and social housing landlords to maintain homelessness prevention for the aging population; and

- (b) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department or his designate be authorized and directed to reallocate the net existing operating budget for St. Matthew's House of \$111,700 from Dept ID 625084 to increase the Hamilton Housing Allowance Program operating budget to \$1.146M (Dept ID 626029) to offer additional housing allowances to approximately 30 households from the centralized wait list.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:

- YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES - Chair Sam Merulla
- YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead
- YES - Councillor Brad Clark

4. Recreation and Social Infrastructure at 430 Cumberland Ave. (Ward 3) (Item 11.1)

(Nann/Jackson)

WHEREAS, CityHousing Hamilton located at 430 Cumberland Avenue aims to improve the quality of life of residents, specifically young families and youth with outdoor recreational, community garden and safety enhancements on site;

WHEREAS, this social infrastructure project requires further investment in order to be completed; and,

WHEREAS, funding will enable increased recreation, health and social benefits to the residents of 430 Cumberland Avenue;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That a total of \$65,000 be invested in 430 Cumberland Avenue for playground equipment and a half basketball court be funded from the Ward 3 Discretionary Funds in the following way:

- (a) \$20,000 from the 2017 Ward 3 Discretionary Funds No. 3301709300;
- (b) \$45,000 from the 2018 Ward 3 Discretionary Funds No. 3301809300; and,
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerks be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:

- YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES - Councillor Tom Jackson

YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair Sam Merulla
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

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

1. COMMUNICATIONS (Items 5.2 and 5.3)

5.2 Correspondence from the Early Years and Child Care Division of the Ministry of Education respecting 2019 Child Care and Early Years Allocations

Recommendation: be received.

5.3 Correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing respecting Hamilton 2019-2020 Allocation

Recommendation: be received.

2. DELEGATION REQUESTS

6.1 Dianne McIntyre and Laura Delsey, respecting a Request that the City of Hamilton Appeal to the Provincial Government to Pause the Plan to Change the Ontario Autism Program, withdrew their delegation request.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 8.1)

8.1 Ruth Greenspan, John Howard Society of Hamilton, Burlington and Area, respecting the Hamilton Restorative Justice Initiative, requested that her delegation be rescheduled for a future meeting.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Added item 10.3)

10.3 2019 Provincial Funding Update (HSC19023) (City Wide)

(Whitehead/Pauls)

That the agenda for the May 2, 2019 Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair Sam Merulla
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

(i) April 4, 2019 (Item 4.1)

(Whitehead/Jackson)

That the Minutes of the April 4, 2019 meeting of the Emergency and Community Services Committee be approved, as presented.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair Sam Merulla
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(Pauls/Jackson)

That the following Communications be approved, as follows:

(i) Correspondence from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, respecting Addiction Services Initiative Wind-Down (Item 5.1)

Recommendation: be received.

(ii) Correspondence from the Early Years and Child Care Division of the Ministry of Education, respecting 2019 Child Care and Early Years Allocations (Item 5.2)

Recommendation: be received.

- (iii) **Correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, respecting Hamilton 2019-2010 Allocation (Item 5.3)**

Recommendation: be received.

CARRIED

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 8)

- (i) **Paul Empringham, Ancaster Minor Hockey, respecting the Protection of Interests and Availability of Ice for the Ancaster Minor Hockey League (Item 8.2)**

Paul Empringham addressed the Committee respecting the Protection of Interests and Availability of Ice for the Ancaster Minor Hockey League.

(Clark/Whitehead)

That the presentation from Paul Empringham respecting the Protection of Interests and Availability of Ice for the Ancaster Minor Hockey League, be received.

CARRIED

- (ii) **Nancy Silva-khan, respecting a Request that the City of Hamilton Appeal to the Provincial Government to Pause the Plan to Change the Ontario Autism Program to Allow for Further Consultation (Item 8.3)**

(Pauls/Jackson)

That Nancy Silva-khan be permitted to address the Committee for an additional 10 minutes in order to complete her presentation.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair Sam Merulla
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

Nancy Silva-khan addressed the Committee respecting a Request that the City of Hamilton Appeal to the Provincial Government to Pause the Plan to Change the Ontario Autism Program to Allow for Further Consultation.

(Clark/Nann)

That the presentation from Nancy Silva-khan respecting a Request that the City of Hamilton Appeal to the Provincial Government to Pause the

Plan to Change the Ontario Autism Program to Allow for Further Consultation, be received.

CARRIED

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) 2019 Provincial Funding Update (HSC19023) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)

Paul Johnson provided an update respecting 2019 Provincial Funding Update (HSC19023) (City Wide).

(Whitehead/Pauls)

That Item 10.1, respecting 2019 Provincial Funding Update (HSC19023) (City Wide), be received.

CARRIED

(g) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 13.1)

(Whitehead/Pauls)

That the following amendments to the Emergency and Community Services Committee's Outstanding Business List, be approved:

(a) Items considered complete and needing to be removed:

- (i) Gage Hancharek respecting PLURD (Peace, Love, Unity, Respect, Dignity)**
Addressed as Item 7.2 on today's agenda – Report HSC19022
Item on OBL: EEE
- (ii) Requiring the City of Hamilton to be More Accessible to the Hearing Impaired**
Addressed as Item 7.3 on today's agenda - -Report HUR17023(a)
Item on OBL: WW

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:

- YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES - Chair Sam Merulla
- YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead

YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That there being no further business, the Emergency and Community Services Committee be adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla
Chair, Emergency and Community Services
Committee

Tamara Bates
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk