



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 19-009

1:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 15, 2019
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor T. Whitehead (City Business)

Also Present: Councillor J. Farr

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. **Local Impact of the Celebrate Ontario Fund on Festivities in Hamilton (PED19147) (City Wide) (Referred from the July 8, 2019 General Issues Committee meeting) (Item 7.1)**

(Jackson/Pauls)

That Report PED19147, respecting the Local Impact of the Celebrate Ontario Fund on Festivities in Hamilton, be received.

CARRIED

2. **Accessing Capital Repair Funds from the National Housing Strategy (HSC19048) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

(Nann/Jackson)

a) That the General Manager of Corporate Services, the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities, and the Chief Executive Officer of CityHousing Hamilton be directed to engage in discussions with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to:

- i) Negotiate funding principles and to determine the extent of the municipal contribution with respect to the CityHousing Hamilton

repair/renewal portfolio wide funding application under the National Housing Strategy – Co-investment Fund repair/renewal stream;

- (b) That staff report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee with an update as soon as practical on the proposed funding agreement, expected municipal contribution and implementation strategy for CityHousing Hamilton repair/renewal funding application; and,
- (c) That staff apply any future year-end Alectra and/or Hamilton Utilities Corporation dividend surpluses to reduce the reliance on debt financing for Council approved Housing projects, and that staff report back on amended reliance on debt through future Tax Supported Capital Budget reports/presentations.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 5 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

3. Hamilton Housing Summit (HSC19037) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List) (Item 10.1)

(Jackson/Clark)

That Report HSC19037 be referred to the Government Relations Sub-Committee to further inform the development of a government relations strategy to address Hamilton's housing issues with a focus on increasing rental housing supply, particularly affordable rental housing, better meeting the needs of the aging population, and repairing the ageing social housing stock.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 5 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

4. Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (HSC19042) (Ward 2) (Item 10.2)

(Nann/Clark)

That Report HSC19042, respecting the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative, be received.

CARRIED

5. Asylum Seekers (HSC19044) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)

(Jackson/Nann)

- (a) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department or his designate be authorized to enter into and execute an Agreement with the Federal Ministry of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada to receive payments covering actual and forecasted costs of secondary migration of asylum seekers within Hamilton's homeless-serving system; and,
- (b) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department or his designate be authorized:
 - (i) To enter into and execute an Agreement with the Federal Ministry of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada or the City of Toronto to receive funds to accommodate a predetermined number of asylum-seeking households from Toronto to Hamilton; and,
 - (ii) To implement spending caps, benefit frequency limits, or other controls necessary to ensure costs are contained within the approved budgeted amount.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 5 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

6. Feasibility of Assisting Major Festivals (Shut Out of Celebrate Ontario Grant Funding) (HSC19045) (Wards 2, 3, and 12) (Item 10.4)

(Nann/Clark)

That Report HSC19045, respecting the Feasibility of Assisting Major Festivals (Shut Out of Celebrate Ontario Grant Funding), be received.

CARRIED

7. School-Based Child Care Capital Projects (HSC19049) (Wards 2, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 15) (Item 10.5)

(Jackson/Pauls)

That Report HSC19049, respecting School-Based Child Care Capital Projects, be received.

CARRIED

**8. Changes to Provincial Funding – Long Term Care (HSC19047) (City Wide)
(Added Item 10.6)**

(Jackson/Pauls)

That Report HSC19047, respecting Changes to Provincial Funding – Long Term Care, be received.

CARRIED

(Jackson/Pauls)

WHEREAS, the July 26, 2019 (further to the May 29, 2019 memo) announcement regarding the elimination of both the High Wage Transition Fund and the Structural Compliance Fund effective October 1, 2019 amount to an “in year” funding and an ongoing funding change, that reduces provincial funding (annualized at \$554,530); and,

WHEREAS, reducing provincial funding shifts the funding to the municipal tax payer, unless service level reductions are implemented;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Long-Term Care requesting that there is a dialogue with the Provincial Government (including our local Government MPP Skelly) to impress upon them to reconsider their decision not to proceed with the elimination of the High Wage Transition Fund and the Structural Compliance Fund;
- (b) If the Province intends to proceed with the elimination of these funding sources that the effective date be moved forward to April 1, 2020 to allow the City to better address this funding reduction through the 2020 budget process; and,
- (c) This resolution be circulated to ALL local MPPs.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 5 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

9. Deputy Fire Chief Appointment (HSC19005(a)) (City Wide) (Added Item 10.7)

(Jackson/Nann)

That the By-law to Appoint a Deputy Fire Chief, attached as Appendix “A” to Report HSC19005(a), which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be passed.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 5 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

10. Valley Park Tennis Courts (Ward 9) (Added Item 11.1)

(Clark/Jackson)

WHEREAS, the 4 tennis courts located in Valley Park provide outdoor recreation opportunities for the residents of Upper Stoney Creek; and

WHEREAS, the community has requested that the City of Hamilton install wind screens on the fencing surrounding the tennis courts; and

WHEREAS, wind screens protect the courts from deteriorating and provide a better court atmosphere to play tennis;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the purchase and installation of the wind screens for the Valley Park Tennis Courts in the amount of \$ 4000.00 be funded from the Ward 9 Area Rating Reserve (108059) account.
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents in relation to funding the Valley Park Tennis Courts, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 5 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

11. Restorative Practices Council and Senior Leadership Team Workshop (Added Item 11.2)

(Merulla/Clark)

WHEREAS, the city of Hamilton is committed to proactive civic engagement;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is committed to the successful implementation of our Human Rights, Diversity and Inclusion Strategic plan;

WHEREAS, the City Council and Senior Leadership Team regularly meets and consults with a wide variety of residents, associations, stakeholders, and businesses;

WHEREAS, our communities are advising us that they are experiencing an increase in hateful, bigoted and oppressive activity;

WHEREAS, a key to any successful consultation or dialogue is the ability to see issues and concerns through the lenses of different communities and individual; and,

WHEREAS, the restorative practices circles have been tremendously successful in broadening the perspectives, understanding and active listening skills of participants;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

- (a) That the City Manager be directed to organize a one-day Restorative Practices Council and Senior Leadership Team Workshop with two facilitators from the John Howard Society, Garth Bell and Ruth Greenspan; and,
- (b) That the City Manager be directed to formally include the use of restorative justice approach within the anti-hate strategy.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 5 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

1. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

- 10.6 Changes to Provincial Funding – Long Term Care (HSC19047) (City Wide)
- 10.7 Deputy Fire Chief Appointment (HSC19005(a)) (City Wide)

2. NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

12.1 Valley Park Tennis Courts

12.2 Restorative Practices Council and Leadership Team Workshop

(Clark/Nann)

That the agenda for the August 15, 2019 Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) July 11, 2019 (Item 4.1)

(Nann/Jackson)

That the Minutes of the July 11, 2019 meeting of the Emergency and Community Services Committee be approved, as presented.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

(Jackson/Clark)

That the following Delegation requests, be approved:

- (i) Antoinette Laffrenier, The King's Way Outreach Centre, respecting municipal support for the King's Way Outreach Centre (for a future meeting) (Item 6.1)

- (ii) Robert Manley, respecting closing the Wesley Day Centre (for today's meeting) (Item 6.2)
- (iii) Chad Roglich, Wesley Community Homes Inc., respecting the lease agreement between Wesley Community Homes Inc. and Wesley Urban Ministries for the premises at 195 Ferguson Avenue North (for today's meeting) (Item 6.3)
- (iv) Cam Banach, Wesley Community Homes Inc., respecting the lease agreement between Wesley Community Homes Inc. and Wesley Urban Ministries for the premises at 195 Ferguson Avenue North (for today's meeting) (Item 6.4)
- (v) Brian Cheeseman, respecting Wesley Community Homes Inc. and Drop in Centre operated by Wesley Urban Ministries (for today's meeting) (Item 6.5)

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Robert Manley, respecting closing the Wesley Day Centre (Item 8.1)

Robert Manley was not present when called upon.

(ii) Cam Banach, Wesley Community Homes Inc., respecting the lease agreement between Wesley Community Homes Inc. and Wesley Urban Ministries for the premises at 195 Ferguson Avenue North (Item 8.2)

Cam Banach, Wesley Community Homes Inc., addressed the Committee respecting the lease agreement between Wesley Community Homes Inc. and Wesley Urban Ministries for the premises at 195 Ferguson Avenue North.

(Pauls/Jackson)

That the Delegation from Cam Banach, respecting the lease agreement between Wesley Community Homes Inc. and Wesley Urban Ministries for the premises at 195 Ferguson Avenue North, be received.

CARRIED

(iii) Chad Roglich, Wesley Community Homes Inc., respecting the lease agreement between Wesley Community Homes Inc. and Wesley

Urban Ministries for the premises at 195 Ferguson Avenue North (Item 8.3)

Chad Roglich, Wesley Community Homes Inc., addressed the Committee respecting the lease agreement between Wesley Community Homes Inc. and Wesley Urban Ministries for the premises at 195 Ferguson Avenue North.

(Nann/Jackson)

That the Delegation from Chad Roglich, respecting the lease agreement between Wesley Community Homes Inc. and Wesley Urban Ministries for the premises at 195 Ferguson Avenue North, be received.

CARRIED

(iv) Brian Cheeseman, respecting Wesley Community Homes Inc. and Drop in Centre operated by Wesley Urban Ministries (Item 8.4)

Brian Cheeseman addressed the Committee respecting Wesley Community Homes Inc. and Drop in Centre operated by Wesley Urban Ministries, with the aid of a handout.

The handout is available at www.hamilton.ca and through the Office of the City Clerk.

(Clark /Pauls)

That the Delegation from Brian Cheeseman, respecting Wesley Community Homes Inc. and Drop in Centre operated by Wesley Urban Ministries, be received.

CARRIED

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Asylum Seekers (HSC19044) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)

(Clark/Nann)

That staff report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee regarding the 15 asylum-seeking households being received and resettled in Hamilton, and on the overall success of the program.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 5 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(g) NOTICES OF MOTION

(i) Valley Park Tennis Courts (Ward 9) (Added Item 12.1)

Councillor Clark introduced a Notice of Motion respecting the Valley Park Tennis Courts.

(Clark/Jackson)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting the Valley Park Tennis Courts.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a 2/3 majority vote of 5 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

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

(ii) Restorative Practices Council and Senior Leadership Team Workshop (Added Item 12.2)

Councillor Merulla introduced a Notice of Motion respecting a Restorative Practices Council and Senior Leadership Team Workshop.

(Merulla/Clark)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting a Restorative Practices Council and Senior Leadership Team Workshop.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a 2/3 majority vote of 5 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 11.

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

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

(Clark/Jackson)

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

(a) Items to be Removed from the Outstanding Business List

- (i) Heat Response Plan**
Item on OBL: D
Addressed as Item 7.1 on the June 20, 2019 agenda.
- (ii) Hamilton Housing Summit**
Item on OBL: N
Addressed as Item 10.1 on today's agenda.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 5 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Nann/Pauls)

That there being no further business, the Emergency and Community Services Committee be adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla
Chair, Emergency and Community Services
Committee

Tamara Bates
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk