



## EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 20-001

1:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with Regrets:** Councillor B. Clark – City Business

### THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

**1. Recommended Projects from Coming Together to End Homelessness: Call for Applications 2019 (HSC20004) (Item 9.1)**

**(Whitehead/Nann)**

- (a) That, the Coming Together to End Homelessness Call for Applications (CFA) recommended funding allocations, in the amount of \$7,576,159 (as outlined in Appendix "A" to Report HSC20004), be approved;
- (b) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities, or his designate, be authorized and directed to enter into and execute agreements according to the recommended funding allocations and any subsequent ancillary agreements required to give effect thereto in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (c) That Good Shepherd Non-Profit HOMES – Low Barrier Housing for Women application be referred to the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women and Transgender Community Sub-committee for further review and to seek external financial and operational partnerships.

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

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Ninder Nann

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Chair - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**2. Compliance Reporting for Long Term Care Homes (Macassa Lodge & Wentworth Lodge) (HSC20002) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)**

**(Jackson/Merulla)**

That Report HSC20002, respecting Compliance Reporting for Long Term Care Homes (Macassa Lodge & Wentworth Lodge), be received.

**CARRIED**

**3. Transfer from Reserve for Hamilton Veterans Committee (PED20031) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)**

**(Whitehead/Merulla)**

That \$15 K be transferred from the Volunteer Committee Reserve 112212 to the Hamilton Veterans Committee 55948-300324 to offset the cost of the 2019 City of Hamilton Remembrance Day ceremonies.

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

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Chair - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**4. Ontario Disability Support Program (Item 11.1)**

**(Jackson/Merulla)**

(a) That a letter be sent to the Ontario Minister of Children, Community and Social Services respecting the following:

- (i) Reversing budget cuts made and planned for the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services;
- (ii) Maintaining the current Ontario Disability Support Program definition of disability;
- (iii) Increasing social assistance rates;
- (iv) Respecting the rights of people living with disability to participate in decisions affecting them by creating a meaningful process of co-reviewing and co-designing programs of social assistance and adjudication processes; and,

- (b) that copies of the letter be sent to the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) and to the Mayors of other comparable-sized cities in Ontario.

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

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Chair - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**5. Hill Park Pickleball Courts Renovation (Item 11.2)**

**(Pauls/Whitehead)**

WHEREAS, Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports among adults and seniors in North America;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton converted two tennis courts at the Hill Park Recreation Centre into Pickleball courts for a one-year trial in 2015;

WHEREAS, the sport of Pickleball continues to grow in popularity in the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, there is a need to renovate and convert the existing two tennis courts at Hill Park Recreation Centre into Pickleball courts; and,

WHEREAS, Pickleball Hamilton has raised \$25,000 for the court renovation project;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That funding for the conversion and renovation of the existing two tennis courts into Pickleball courts at the Hill Park Recreation Centre (Project I.D. 4241909701) in the amount of \$ 200,000 be funded accordingly; \$175,000 from the Ward 7 Area rating Reserve account (#108057), and \$25,000 raised donation from Pickleball Hamilton be approved; and,
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute and required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, respecting the conversion and renovation of the existing two tennis courts into Pickleball courts at the Hill Park Recreation Centre, 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 - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Chair - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**6. Empowering Youth Leadership and Civic Engagement (Added Item 11.3)**

**(Nann/Merulla)**

WHEREAS, civic engagement and civic education are core components enabling young people to lead and act in an informed way;

WHEREAS, Model City Hall Hamilton is the first conference in Canada to offer high school students the opportunity to experience municipal politics at no cost;

WHEREAS, Model City Hall Hamilton is doing direct engagement of high school students in Ward 3; and,

WHEREAS, supporting excellence in youth-led initiatives is a practice of putting equity, diversity and inclusion in action;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That \$1350 be funded to Model City Hall Hamilton's 2020 conference from the Ward 3 Cell Tower fund Account (3301609603); and,
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents in relation to funding Model City Hall Hamilton's 2020 conference, 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 - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Chair - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**7. Ontario Works Funding Update (HSC20005) (City Wide)**

**(Whitehead/Merulla)**

That Report HSC20005, respecting Ontario Works Funding Update, be received and remain confidential.

**CARRIED**

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)**

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

**6. DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)**

- 6.1 Dr. Sally Palmer has requested an amendment to her delegation request; she now represents the McMaster Community Poverty Initiative, rather than the Hamilton Social Work Action Committee (for a future meeting)
- 6.3 Carolyn Buck and John Sharp, Pickleball Hamilton, respecting a request for funding to re-purpose unused tennis courts to pickleball courts to be managed by Pickleball Hamilton (for today's meeting)
- 6.4 Sheri Selway, Canadian Federation of University Women - Hamilton, respecting the crisis with social assistance rates, with a focus on how women and families are particularly affected (for a future meeting)

**12. NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)**

- 12.1 Empowering Youth Leadership and Civic Engagement

**(Nann/Jackson)**

That the agenda for the January 16, 2020 Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

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

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Chair - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 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) December 6, 2019 (Item 4.1)**

**(Nann/Jackson)**

That the Minutes of the December 6, 2019 meeting of the Emergency and Community Services Committee be approved, as presented.

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

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Chair – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)**

**(Merulla/Jackson)**

That the following Delegation Requests, be approved:

- (i) Dr. Sally Palmer, McMaster Community Poverty Initiative, respecting the decision of the Ontario government to give no cost-of-living raise to social assistance for 2019, and the escalation of food prices in 2019 (for a future meeting) (Item 6.1)
- (ii) Elizabeth McGuire, Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits, respecting social assistance rates (for today's meeting) (Item 6.2)
- (iii) Carolyn Buck and John Sharp, Pickleball Hamilton, respecting a request for funding to re-purpose unused tennis courts to pickleball courts to be managed by Pickleball Hamilton (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.3)
- (iv) Sheri Selway, Canadian Federation of University Women - Hamilton, respecting the crisis with social assistance rates, with a focus on how women and families are particularly affected (for a future meeting) (Added Item 6.4)

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

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Chair – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 8)**

**(Whitehead/Nann)**

That Item 11.1 respecting the Ontario Disability Support Program, be moved up on the agenda to be heard immediately after the Delegation from Elizabeth McGuire.

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

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Chair – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**(i) Elizabeth McGuire, Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits, respecting social assistance rates and the Ontario Disability Program (Item 8.1)**

Elizabeth McGuire, Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits, addressed the Committee respecting social assistance rates and the Ontario Disability Support Program.

**(Whitehead/Nann)**

That the Delegation from Elizabeth McGuire, Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits, respecting social assistance rates and the Ontario Disability Support Program, be received.

**CARRIED**

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 4.

**(Whitehead/Merulla)**

That Item 11.2 respecting the Hill Park Pickleball Courts Renovation, be moved up on the agenda to be heard immediately after the Delegation from Carolyn Buck and John Sharp.

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

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Chair – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

- (ii) **Carolyn Buck and John Sharp, Pickleball Hamilton, respecting a request for funding to re-purpose unused tennis courts to pickleball courts to be managed by Pickleball Hamilton (Item 8.2)**

Carolyn Buck and John Sharp, Pickleball Hamilton, addressed the Committee respecting a request for funding to re-purpose unused tennis courts to pickleball courts to be managed by Pickleball Hamilton.

**(Jackson/Whitehead)**

That the delegation from Carolyn Buck and John Sharp, Pickleball Hamilton, respecting a request for funding to re-purpose unused tennis courts to pickleball courts to be managed by Pickleball Hamilton, be received.

**CARRIED**

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 5.

**(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

- (i) **Recommended Projects from Coming Together to End Homelessness: Call for Applications 2019 (HSC20004) (Item 9.1)**

Edward John, Director, Housing Services, addressed the Committee respecting the Recommended Projects from Coming Together to End Homelessness: Call for Applications 2019.

**(Whitehead/Nann)**

That the presentation, respecting Recommended Projects from Coming Together to End Homelessness: Call for Applications 2019, be received.

**CARRIED**

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca) or through the Office of the City Clerk.

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

**(g) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)**

- (i) **Empowering Youth Leadership and Civic Engagement (Added Item 12.1)**

Councillor Nann introduced a Notice of Motion respecting Empowering Youth Leadership and Civic Engagement.

**(Nann/Merulla)**

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Empowering Youth Leadership and Civic Engagement.



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

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Chair – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 6.

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

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

**(Nann/Jackson)**

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

**(a) Items Considered Completed and to be Removed**

- (i) Ministry Inspection Report**  
Item on OBL: O  
Addressed as Item 10.1 on today's agenda

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

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Chair - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**(i) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)**

**(Merulla/Jackson)**

That Emergency and Community Services Committee move into Closed Session respecting Item 14.1, pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (b) and (d) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (b) and (d) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City employees, and labour relations or employee negotiations.

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

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Chair - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**(i) Ontario Works Funding Update (HSC20005) (City Wide)**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7.

**(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

**(Whitehead/Nann)**

That there being no further business, the Emergency and Community Services Committee be adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor E. Pauls  
Chair, Emergency and Community Services  
Committee

Tamara Bates  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk