



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 20-005

9:30 a.m.

Monday, August 17, 2020

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

Regrets: Councillor S. Merulla – City Business

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Consent Items (Added Items 6.1 and 6.2)

(Jackson/Nann)

That the following Consent Items be received, as presented:

- (a) **Reopening the Child Care and Early Years Systems (HSC20027(a)) (City Wide) (Added Item 6.1); and,**
- (b) **Temporary Emergency Benefit for Persons on Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program to Assist with COVID-19 Related Expenses (HSC20033) (City Wide) (Added Item 6.2)**

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

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

**2. Housing and Homelessness Action Plan Five-Year Review (CS11017(d))
(City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

(Clark/Nann)

That Hamilton's 10-year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan attached as Appendix "A" to Report CS11017(d), revised through the five-year review process be endorsed.

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

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

3. City of Hamilton Support for the Hamilton is Home Coalition of Affordable Housing Developers

(Nann/Pauls)

WHEREAS, there are 6231 households on the Access to Housing Social Housing Waitlist;

WHEREAS, over the last five years residential rents in Hamilton have increased 28% while the minimum wage has not kept up, making housing increasingly unaffordable for low income citizens;

WHEREAS, the local demand for affordable rental housing has grown at a faster pace than supply;

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted and exacerbated the insufficiency of congregate living situations for most people;

WHEREAS, the development of affordable housing is a strong economic stimulus tool and can leverage Federal, Provincial, private sector investment in Hamilton while meeting the needs of Hamilton's vulnerable residents;

WHEREAS, Hamilton's non-profit affordable housing developers have formed a coalition referred to as the Hamilton is Home Coalition with the goal of collectively developing 3,000 new affordable rental units in three years;

WHEREAS, the Federal Government's initial response to the Hamilton is Home Coalition concept was to invite the Coalition to apply to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Co-Investment Fund for financing and funding;

WHEREAS, since May 2018 most upper government funding for affordable housing development is being directly administered by CMHC with no

administration funds provided to the City to fund staff resources to support affordable housing development projects; and,

WHEREAS Council has endorsed the development of affordable housing as a top priority for the City of Hamilton;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton join the Hamilton is Home Coalition as an active participating member;
- (b) That Housing Services Division staff be directed to participate in and liaise with the Hamilton is Home Coalition;
- (c) That Housing Services Division staff be directed to report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee on the level of commitment and support expected of staff and other resources required by the Division to support the Hamilton is Home Coalition, facilitate the City's participation in and support for the Hamilton is Home Coalition proposals and projects, and adequately support expected affordable housing development proposals through 2021;
- (d) That the Real Estate Division be directed to conduct an updated analysis of City land holdings and potential land purchases from government agencies regarding their potential for affordable housing development and report back to the Affordable Housing Site Selection Sub-Committee with recommendations for appropriate sites to dedicate to affordable housing; and,
- (e) That the Mayor be directed to send a letter to the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, the Honourable Filomena Tassi, and the President and Chief Executive Officer of CMHC, Evan Siddall, informing them of Council's commitment to and prioritization of affordable housing development and expressing the City of Hamilton's support in principle for the Hamilton is Home Coalition and its forthcoming funding proposal.

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

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

**4. Hamilton Arena Partners (HAP) Operating Agreement Renewal
(CES14002(a)) (Ward 6) (Item 9.1)**

(Jackson/Nann)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton renew the Operating and Maintenance Agreement with Hamilton Arena Partners (HAP) for a further five year term effective March 6, 2019 which permits HAP to continue to maintain and operate the Mohawk 4 Ice Centre; and,
- (b) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department or his designate be authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, this Renewal Agreement, as well as any ancillary agreements, 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
NOT PRESENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Chair - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

**5. Stoney Creek Arena (HSC20029) (Ward 5) (Outstanding Business List Item)
(Item 9.2)**

(Whitehead/Clark)

That Report HSC20029, respecting Stoney Creek Arena, be received.

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

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

6. 2020 Arena Opening Plan (HSC20031) (City Wide) (Item 9.3)

(Whitehead/Jackson)

That Report HSC20031, respecting 2020 Arena Opening Plan, be received.

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

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
NOT PRESENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Chair - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

7. Municipal-Indigenous Relationship Building related to City-Initiated Archaeological and Natural Heritage Assessments (HSC20030) (City Wide) (Added Item 9.4)

(Nann/Whitehead)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton continue to facilitate, and fund Indigenous monitoring of City-initiated archaeological assessment work, as set out in the Indigenous Archaeological Monitoring Policy attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC20030, until such time as Municipal-Indigenous agreements are prepared as per Recommendation (b) of Report HSC20030;
- (b) That Urban Indigenous Strategy staff be directed to lead discussions between City staff and Indigenous communities to develop corporate-wide approaches for engaging with each community on City-initiated archaeological assessment work, which may include the negotiation of Municipal-Indigenous agreements, and report back to Council for review and approval; and,
- (c) That Urban Indigenous Strategy staff be directed to lead discussions between City staff and Indigenous communities to investigate opportunities to improve how the communities are engaged in City-initiated natural heritage assessment work, including the potential to facilitate and fund Indigenous monitors, and report back to Council with recommended approaches for review and approval.

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

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

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)

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

4. COMMUNICATIONS (Item 4.3)

- 4.3 Correspondence from Oleg Semkov, respecting Building a Recreation Park

Recommendation: Be received.

5. DELEGATION REQUESTS (Items 5.1-5.2)

- 5.1 Robert Manley, respecting Wesley: Conflict of Interest & Supporting Criminal Activity (for today's meeting)
- 5.2 Medora Uppal and Graham Cubitt, Hamilton is Home, respecting Endorsement of the Hamilton is Home initiative (for today's meeting)

6. CONSENT ITEMS

- 6.1 Reopening the Child Care and Early Years Systems (HSC20027(a)) (City Wide)
- 6.2 Temporary Emergency Benefit for Persons on Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program to Assist with COVID-19 Related Expenses (HSC20033) (City Wide)

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 9.4)

- 9.4 Municipal-Indigenous Relationship Building related to City-Initiated Archaeological and Natural Heritage Assessments (HSC20030) (City Wide)

(Whitehead/Nann)

That the agenda for the August 17, 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
NOT PRESENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Chair - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) July 13, 2020 (Item 3.1)

(Jackson/Clark)

That the Minutes of the July 13, 2020 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
NOT PRESENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 4)

(Nann/Jackson)

That the following Communications Items, be received, as presented:

(i) Correspondence respecting Men's Shelter in Old Cathedral School (Item 4.1)

- (a) Michelle Cho
- (b) Damon Joo
- (c) Artur Gndt
- (d) Tania Ferguson
- (e) William Ferguson

(ii) Correspondence from Shannon Fuller, Assistant Deputy Minister, Early Years and Child Care Division, Ministry of Education, respecting Child Care Re-Opening (Item 4.2)

- (a) Child Care Re-Opening Guidance
- (b) Child Care and EarlyON Sector Funding - Re-Opening Plan
- (c) Launch of Surveys to Support the Review of the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014
- (d) Child Care Re-Opening Update - Cohort Size
- (e) Revised Operational Guidance for Child Care Programs
- (f) Child Care and Early Years Programs Re-Opening Update
- (g) Child Care and EarlyON Sector Funding - Reconciliation and September Approach

(iii) Correspondence from Oleg Semkov, respecting Building a Recreation Park (Added Item 4.3)

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
NOT PRESENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Added Item 5)

(Whitehead/Clark)

That the following Delegation Requests, be approved for today's meeting:

- (i) Robert Manley, respecting Wesley: Conflict of Interest & Supporting Criminal Activity (for today's meeting) (Added Item 5.1)**
- (ii) Medora Uppal and Graham Cubitt, Hamilton is Home, respecting Endorsement of the Hamilton is Home initiative (for today's meeting) (Added Item 5.2)**

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
NOT PESENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

(f) ORAL/WRITTEN DELEGATIONS (Added Item 7)

- (i) Robert Manley, respecting Wesley: Conflict of Interest & Supporting Criminal Activity (Added Item 7.1)**

Robert Manley addressed the Committee respecting Wesley: Conflict of Interest & Supporting Criminal Activity, with the aid of a handout.

- (ii) Medora Uppal and Graham Cubitt, Hamilton is Home, respecting Endorsement of the Hamilton is Home initiative (Added Item 7.2)**

Medora Uppal and Graham Cubitt, Hamilton is Home, addressed the Committee respecting Endorsement of the Hamilton is Home initiative, with the aid of a presentation.

(Nann/Clark)

That the following Delegations, be received:

- (i) Robert Manley, respecting Wesley: Conflict of Interest & Supporting Criminal Activity; and,
- (ii) Medora Uppal and Graham Cubitt, Hamilton is Home, respecting Endorsement of the Hamilton is Home initiative

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 3.

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
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

(g) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

**(i) Housing and Homelessness Action Plan Five-Year Review
(CS11017(d)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

(Nann/Whitehead)

That the presentation from Edward John, respecting Housing and Homelessness Action Plan Five-Year Review, be received.

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
NOT PRESENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

(h) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 12)

(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 12.1)

(Clark/Jackson)

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

- (a) Items to be Removed
 - (i) Curling Facilities
Item on OBL: 19-F

Addressed as Item 8.2 on today's agenda

(i) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 13)

Committee determined that discussion of Item 13.1 was not required in Closed Session, so the item was addressed in Open Session, as follows:

(i) Closed Session Minutes – July 17, 2020

(Nann/Whitehead)

That the Closed Session Minutes of the July 17, 2020 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
NOT PRESENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Chair - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 14)

(Whitehead/Jackson)

That there being no further business, the Emergency and Community Services Committee be adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

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
NOT PRESENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor E. Pauls
Chair, Emergency and Community Services
Committee

Tamara Bates
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk