



**CITY OF HAMILTON**  
**HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT**  
**Recreation Division**

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Community and Emergency Services Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	November 5, 2020
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	YWCA Seniors Program Annual Operating Grant (HSC20018) (Ward 2 and 4)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
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<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Chris Herstek Director, Recreation Division Healthy and Safe Communities Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- (a) That the City of Hamilton be authorized to enter into a new five year Older Adult Program Operating Agreement with the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) effective April 1, 2020 for the operation of two Senior Recreation Centres in lower Hamilton on terms and conditions satisfactory to the City Solicitor and the Director of the Recreation Division (the "Operating Agreement");
- (b) That the Older Adult Program Operating Agreement include a clause permitting up to two extensions, each up to five additional years on the same terms and conditions as the Operating Agreement each at the discretion of the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department or his designate;
- (c) That the City of Hamilton be authorized to enter into an extension of the Lease Agreement with the YWCA for the premises located at 1715 Main Street East, Hamilton, for a period of up to one year commencing on January 1, 2021 and expiring not later than December 31, 2021 on the same terms and conditions as the existing Lease Agreement except rent which shall be prorated, at the discretion of the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department or his designate;

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OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

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- (d) That the City provide an annual operating grant, the amount of which will be determined annually as part of the City budget process and confirmed with the YWCA once operating budgets have been approved by City Council, over the term of the agreement; and,
- (e) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or his designate, be authorized to execute the Older Adult Program Operating Agreement, Lease Extension as well as any ancillary and extension agreements, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The relationship between the City of Hamilton and the YWCA has spanned over four decades. Both the City and the YWCA have been committed to working together to ensure the emotional and physical wellbeing of older adults in our city. The YWCA has been a substantial presence in the community and with the support of the City, will continue to advocate for older adults.

The Recreation Division would like to continue the arrangement with the YWCA for programming and operating two Senior Recreation Centres. Recreation staff will continue to be involved as part of the Seniors' Advisory Committee and to provide programming support to the YWCA. This arrangement has greatly benefited the older adult community in the City of Hamilton.

**Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable**

**FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Financial: The YWCA year one base funding will be established at the current funding level of \$286,507 to support the implementation of this agreement. As part of the tax supported budget process, an increase in operational funding consistent with the Recreation Division operating budget guideline, will be submitted for review and approval annually over the term of the agreement.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: Legal Services will prepare an Older Adult Program Operating Agreement, Lease Extension Agreement, as well as any ancillary and extension agreements, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

The Hamilton YWCA has worked in partnership with the City of Hamilton since 1975 to ensure that quality and affordable programming and services for older adults are

offered. Programming is normally offered from 75 MacNab Street and 52 Ottawa Street North in lower Hamilton, however while the Ottawa Street North location has been under construction, the YWCA has been operating that centre from Sir Winston Churchill Recreation Centre pursuant to a Lease Agreement with the City which is set to expire on December 31, 2020. It is anticipated that the YWCA programming will again return to the Ottawa Street North location in early 2021 when construction at that location is complete.

The Older Adult Program Operating Agreement between the City and the YWCA expired on March 31, 2020. Continued support of senior's programming by the City and the YWCA will benefit all Hamilton residents and is supported by the Recreation Division.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS**

Not Applicable

### **RELEVANT CONSULTATION**

Staff consulted with the YWCA Senior's Program team and Director of Finance who are supportive of entering a new Older Adult Program Operating Agreement. YWCA staff are committed to providing quality programs for the older adult community with financial support from the City of Hamilton.

### **ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The City of Hamilton has enjoyed a long-standing partnership with the Hamilton YWCA and City staff recognize the benefits provided for the community. Entering a new Operating Agreement will allow the YWCA to continue their programming without interruption to participants in a vulnerable and growing demographic.

Both organizations are committed to the physical and emotional wellbeing of older adults in the City of Hamilton and have a shared goal to enrich and support independent and active living. The YWCA offers reduced rates to older adults for their FITpass and AQUApass, provide programming specific to this demographic and offer a volunteer senior to senior program to provide in-home social support to older adults isolated in the community. The City provides an annual grant to help fund these older adult programs and Recreation staff continue to represent the City's interests as part of the Senior Advisory Committee.

If the Operating Agreement is not extended, the City would be responsible for any operating costs associated with running older adult programming. In addition, relocating

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the current YWCA program would cause significant disruption to community members who are enrolled in the programs and rely on these services in the lower Hamilton area.

Given that the Lease between the YWCA and the City with respect to the Sir Winston Churchill Recreation Centre is set to expire on December 31, 2020 and that the Ottawa Street North centre may not be available for programming until 2021, staff are requesting an extension of the Lease.

**ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

Not Applicable

**ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN**

**Economic Prosperity and Growth**

Hamilton has a prosperous and diverse local economy where people have opportunities to grow and develop.

**Healthy and Safe Communities**

Hamilton is a safe and supportive City where people are active, healthy, and have a high quality of life.

**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

None