



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT 20-010

1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

Regrets: Councillors B. Clark – City Business and T. Whitehead – Personal

THE EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 20-010 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women, Non-Binary, and Transgender Community Sub-Committee Report 20-002 (Item 7.1)

(i) Change to the Membership of the Sub-Committee

That the membership of the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women, Non-Binary, and Transgender Community Sub-Committee be amended, as follows:

- four (4) members of Council;
- two (2) representatives from the Women’s Housing Planning Collaborative (WHPC);
- one (1) representative from the Community University Policy Alliance on Gender Based Homelessness;
- three (3) Council appointed volunteer citizens with experience and interest in homelessness prevention and the provision of affordable housing; and,
- A minimum of one (1) staff representative from the City’s Homelessness Policy and Programs Team, Housing Services Division will also sit on the Sub-Committee as a non-voting member.

**2. Poverty Reduction Investment Plan Update (CES16043(d)) (City Wide)
(Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 10.1)**

That Report CES16043(d), respecting Poverty Reduction Investment Plan Update, be received.

3. 2020 Arena Opening Plan (HSC20031(b)) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)

(i) That Report HSC20031, respecting 2020 Arena Opening Plan (City Wide), be received.

(ii) WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton entered the Red “Control” category of the Province’s Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework on Monday November 16, 2020:

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario confirmed the new capacity limits for recreation facilities and programming;

WHEREAS, the maximum indoor capacity for practice and training in arenas and recreation centres is 10 patrons; and

WHEREAS, the new indoor capacity limits will create a financial hardship for the recreation user groups in the sports and fitness activities of hockey, ringette, figure skating, speed skating, sledge hockey, basketball, volleyball;

THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED:

(a) That staff be directed to reduce current fees to half of the Council approved user rates retroactively to November 16, 2020 for all affiliated ice and gym user groups for as long as the City of Hamilton is within the Red “Control” category of the Province’s Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework; and

(b) That staff report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee during the 2021 City Operating Budget process with the potential impact this may have on the department’s revenue.

4. Federal Reaching Home Funding Allocation (HSC20053) (City Wide) (Item 10.4)

That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or their designate, be authorized and directed to enter into and execute an Agreement with Employment and Social Development Canada to administer Canada’s COVID-19 Economic Response Plan to Support People Experiencing and At Risk of Homelessness to a maximum amount of \$7,958,350 and any agreements with Community Services Provider(s) delivered in alignment with Reaching Home Directives, as well as any ancillary agreements, contracts, extensions and documents required to give effect thereto in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

5. Paramedic Service Update (HSC20057) (City Wide) (Item 10.5)

That Report HSC20057, respecting Paramedic Service Update (City Wide), be received.

6. Access to Housing (ATH) Offers and Refusals Policy Change (HSC20058) (City Wide) (Item 10.6)

That Report HSC20058, respecting Access to Housing (ATH) Offers and Refusals Policy Change, be received.

7. Long Term Care Home Incident Investigation Report (LS20028(a)/HSC20049(a)) (City Wide) (Item 14.1)

That Report LS20028(a)/HSC20049(a), respecting Long Term Care Home Incident Investigation Report, be received and remain confidential.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

8. Delegations (Items 8.1-8.3)

- 8.1 Angela Pugliese, respecting the Crisis with Supportive Housing for those with Disabilities (approved November 5, 2020)
- 8.2 Robert Scott Innes, respecting an update on progress on affordable low-cost housing program (approved November 5, 2020)
- 8.3 Francis Lao, McMaster Medical School Day of Action Committee, respecting homelessness in Hamilton (approved November 5, 2020)

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10.3)

- 10.3 Macassa Lodge - Redevelopment Project (HSC20050) (Ward 7) –
WITHDRAWN

The agenda for the November 19, 2020 Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

(i) November 5, 2020 (Item 4.1)

The Minutes of the November 5, 2020 meeting of the Emergency and Community Services Committee were approved, as presented.

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Angela Pugliese, respecting the Crisis with Supportive Housing for those with Disabilities

Angela Pugliese, addressed the Committee respecting the Crisis with Supportive Housing for those with Disabilities.

The content of the delegation from Angela Pugliese, regarding the Crisis with Supportive Housing for those with Disabilities, was referred to staff to consider what actions may be taken and report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee.

(ii) Robert Scott Innes, respecting an update on progress on affordable low-cost housing program

Robert Scott Innes, addressed the Committee respecting an update on progress on affordable low-cost housing program.

(iii) Francis Lao, McMaster Medical School Day of Action Committee, respecting homelessness in Hamilton

Francis Lao, Mary Boulos, and Stephanie Li, McMaster Medical School Day of Action Committee, addressed the Committee respecting homelessness in Hamilton with the aid of a presentation.

Staff were directed to review the content of the Delegation from Francis Lao, Mary Boulos, and Stephanie Li, respecting homelessness in Hamilton, and report back at the next appropriate Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting on the feasibility of the recommendations in the presentation with particular consideration to the timely nature of some aspects of the presentation related to homelessness rate and preparation for this winter season.

The following Delegations, were received:

(a) Angela Pugliese, respecting the Crisis with Supportive Housing for those with Disabilities

(b) Robert Scott Innes, respecting an update on progress on affordable low-cost housing program

- (c) Francis Lao, McMaster Medical School Day of Action Committee, respecting homelessness in Hamilton

(g) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)

The Emergency and Community Services Committee determined that it was not necessary to move into Closed Session respecting Item 14.1.

**(i) Long Term Care Home Incident Investigation Report
(LS20028(a)/HSC20049(a)) (City Wide) (Item 14.1)**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7.

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

That there being no further business, the Emergency and Community Services Committee was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor E. Pauls
Chair, Emergency and Community Services
Committee

Tamara Bates
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk