



## EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 21-002

1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 25, 2021

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Regrets:** Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

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

#### 1. Appointment of Vice-Chair (Item 1)

**(Pauls/Merulla)**

That Councillor T. Jackson be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Emergency and Community Services Committee for 2021.

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor N. Nann

YES - Ward 4 Councillor S. Merulla

YES - Ward 6 Councillor T. Jackson

YES - Ward 7 Councillor E. Pauls

YES - Ward 9 Councillor B. Clark

NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor T. Whitehead

#### 2. Bernie Morelli Recreation Site Outdoor Natural Play Area (HSC21009) (Ward 3) (Item 7.1)

**(Clark/Pauls)**

- (a) That the City of Hamilton be authorized to enter into a ten-year Licence Agreement with the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, for the construction of an outdoor natural play area on lands owned by the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board at the Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre site on the terms set out in this Report; and,

- (b) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department or his designate, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, be authorized to execute the Licence Agreement and any extensions and ancillary agreements in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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

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

**3. Child Care and Early Years Funding Update (HSC21010) (City Wide) (Added Item 7.2)**

**(Pauls/Clark)**

That the City of Hamilton accept the additional 100% provincial 2021 Child Care and Early Years Reinvestment funding in the amount of \$2,818,886 from the Ministry of Education (attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC21010).

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

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

**4. Consent Items (Items 7.3 (a) to (c))**

**(Jackson/Merulla)**

That the following Consent Items be received, as presented:

- (a) Various Advisory Committee Minutes (Item 7.3):
- (i) Hamilton Veterans Committee (Item 7.3(a))
    - 1. September 29, 2020 (Item 7.3(a)(a))
    - 2. October 27, 2020 (Item 7.3(a)(b))
    - 3. December 8, 2020 (Item 7.3(a)(c))
  - (ii) Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee (Added Item 7.3(b))
    - 1. September 1, 2020 (Added Item 7.3(b)(a))
    - 2. October 6, 2020 (Added Item 7.3(b)(b))
    - 3. November 3, 2020 (Added Item 7.3(b)(c))

- (iii) Seniors Advisory Committee (Added Item 7.3(c))
  - 1. March 6, 2020 (Added Item 7.3(c)(a))
  - 2. November 6, 2020 (Added Item 7.3(c)(b))
  - 3. December 4, 2020 (Added Item 7.3(c)(c))
  - 4. January 8, 2021 - No Quorum Report (Added Item 7.3(c)(d))
  - 5. February 5, 2021 (Added Item 7.3(c)(e))

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

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

**5. Housing Focused Street Outreach (HSC21008) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)**

**(Pauls/Clark)**

That Report HSC21008, respecting Housing Focused Street Outreach, be received.

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

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

**6. Ministry of Long-Term Care Community Paramedic Funding (HSC21012) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)**

**(Jackson/Pauls)**

- (a) That the Chief of the Hamilton Paramedic Service be authorized to sign on reports, amendments, and changes to the Agreement originally signed by the City Manager, Hamilton Community Paramedicine Long-Term Care Program (CPLTC) Transfer Payment Agreement (attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC21012) for the period January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2024;
- (b) That subject to available funding the Hamilton Paramedic Service be authorized to increase their staffing complement by 12 Full Time Equivalents (FTE) to provide the staffing and activities as outlined in the CPLTC Proposal Hamilton (attached as Appendix "B" to Report HSC21012) and the Hamilton CPLTC Transfer Payment Agreement; and

- (c) That the Hamilton Paramedic Service be authorized to expend capital from existing vehicle and equipment reserves to acquire the vehicles and equipment necessary to fulfil the activities as outlined in Appendix "A" and Appendix "B" to Report HSC21012, such capital costs to be fully recovered over the period of the Agreement.

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

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

**7. Provincial Fire Safety Grant (HSC21013) (City Wide) (Added Item 10.3)**

**(Jackson/Pauls)**

That the Fire Chief be authorized to accept and utilize all grant funds provided by the Office of the Fire Marshal 2020/2021 Fire Safety Grant as per Appendix "A" to Report HSC21013 and be granted the authority to execute contracts, agreements, and documents required to give effect thereto in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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

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

**8. Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women, Non-Binary, and Transgender Community Sub-Committee Report 21-001 (Added Item 10.4)**

**(Pauls/Clark)**

**(i) Appointment of Vice-Chair (Item 1)**

That Rachel Bouwman be appointed Vice-Chair of the Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women and Transgender Community Sub-Committee for the remainder of the 2018-2022 term.

**(ii) Winter 2020 Housing and Emergency Shelter Supports (HSC21007) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

- (a) That Report HSC21007, respecting Winter 2020 Housing and Emergency Shelter Supports (City Wide), be received; and

- (b) That staff contact the Native Women's Centre to explore and address the funding gap resulting in the loss of 15 shelter beds at the Native Women's Centre.

**(iii) Canada Ontario Housing Benefit (Added Item 13.2)**

That the Council write to the Provincial and Federal Governments to advocate for an increase to the Canada Ontario Housing Benefit.

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

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

**9. Feasibility and Viability of Establishing a New Urban Indigenous Housing and Services Hub at 77 Gage Avenue North (Added Item 9.1)**

**(Nann/Clark)**

WHEREAS, through the Urban Indigenous Strategy, the City of Hamilton has committed to strengthening relationships with Indigenous communities and collaborate to address the unique needs and issues of Indigenous peoples;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has committed to increase accessible and affordable housing for Indigenous peoples through the Housing and Homelessness Action Plan;

WHEREAS, the number one barrier to increasing dedicated indigenous affordable housing development is access to suitable land;

WHEREAS, Indigenous peoples are the original stewards of this land;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Regional Indian Centre and Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services are requesting the City to partner with them to establish a first-of-its-kind Indigenous housing and services hub in Hamilton;

WHEREAS, the site formerly known as King George Elementary School, located at 77 Gage Avenue North, has remained vacant since the City acquired it in March 2018;

WHEREAS, the intended use of the property established by Council to serve as a Community Education and Services Hub with early years services and a mini library was not feasible due to a lack of confirmed capital funding from initial partners; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Site Selection Sub-Committee was formed with the purpose of building new affordable housing, and to develop a process for the disposition of City owned lands for the development of affordable housing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That City of Hamilton staff be directed to work with Hamilton Regional Indian Centre and Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services to review the feasibility and viability of establishing a new urban indigenous housing and services hub at 77 Gage Avenue North, with respect to matters including, but not limited to zoning, affordability, and long term sustainability, and report to the Affordable Site Selection Sub-Committee.

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

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

**10. Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) Service Manager Service Agreement (Added Item 12.1)**

**(Merulla/Nann)**

WHEREAS on December 12, 2012, City Council authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, to enter into the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) Service Manager Service Agreement with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (the Ministry) effective January 1, 2013 (the CHPI Agreement);

WHEREAS by letter dated March 10, 2021 (the Amendment), the Ministry has offered to amend the CHPI Agreement to provide additional funding of approximately \$12.3 Million to the City pursuant to the terms and conditions outlined in the Amendment including that the City must accept the Amendment not later than March 22, 2021;

WHEREAS the City Manager, relying on the authority delegated to her in Hamilton By-law 20-044—the Covid-19 Emergency Delegated Authority—agreed to the Amendment on behalf of the City on March 19, 2021;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That City Council endorses and approves the City Manager's decision to agree to the Amendment to the CHPI Agreement on behalf of the City of Hamilton; and

- (b) That the General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or designate, be authorized and directed to execute all necessary agreements and documents as may be required to implement the funds provided by the Ministry pursuant to the amendment in the continued delivery the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative, each such agreement being in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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

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

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**Retirement – Announcement**

Paul Johnson, General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities announced the retirement of Grace Mater, Director of Children's Services and Neighbourhood Development.

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

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

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

- 6.1. Audrey Davis and Justin Marchand, Hamilton Regional Indian Centre/Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services, respecting acquisition of former King George Elementary School to develop a housing and Friendship Centre hub (for today's meeting)

**7. CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)**

- 7.3. Various Advisory Committee Minutes

7.3.b. Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee

- 7.3.b.a. September 1, 2020  
7.3.b.b. October 6, 2020  
7.3.b.c. November 3, 2020

7.3.c. Seniors Advisory Committee

- 7.3.c.a. March 6, 2020  
7.3.c.b. November 6, 2020  
7.3.c.c. December 4, 2020

7.3.c.d. January 8, 2021 - No Quorum Report  
7.3.c.e. February 5, 2021

**10. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)**

10.3. Provincial Fire Safety Grant (HSC21013) (City Wide)

10.4. Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women, Non-Binary, and Transgender Community Sub-Committee Report 21-002

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

12.1. Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) Service Manager Service Agreement

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

**13.1 Amendments to the Outstanding Business List**

**13.1.a. Items Requiring a New Due Date**

- (ii) Mitigation of Effects of Reno-victions  
Item on OBL: 20-J  
Current Due Date: March 25, 2021  
Proposed New Due Date: ~~September 9, 2021~~ **April 22, 2021**

**(Clark/Jackson)**

That the agenda for the March 25, 2021 Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

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

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

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

Councillor Merulla declared an interest on Item 13.1.(a)(b) Mitigation of Effects of Reno-Victions, as he is a landlord.



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

**(i) February 4, 2021 (Item 4.1)**

**(Jackson/Clark)**

That the Minutes of the February 4, 2021 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 - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark  
NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

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

**(i) Audrey Davis and Justin Marchand, Hamilton Regional Indian Centre/Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services, respecting acquisition of former King George Elementary School to develop a housing and Friendship Centre hub (Added Item 6.1)**

**(Jackson/Clark)**

That the Delegation Request from Audrey Davis and Justin Marchand, Hamilton Regional Indian Centre/Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services, respecting acquisition of former King George Elementary School to develop a housing and Friendship Centre hub, be approved for today's meeting.

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

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

**(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 9)**

**(i) Audrey Davis and Justin Marchand, Hamilton Regional Indian Centre/Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services, respecting acquisition of former King George Elementary School to develop a housing and Friendship Centre hub (Added Item 6.1)**

Audrey Davis and Justin Marchand, Hamilton Regional Indian Centre/Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services, addressed the Committee

respecting the acquisition of the former King George Elementary School to develop a housing and Friendship Centre hub.

**(Pauls/Clark)**

That the Delegation from Audrey Davis and Justin Marchand, Hamilton Regional Indian Centre/Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services, respecting acquisition of former King George Elementary School to develop a housing and Friendship Centre hub, be received.

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

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

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 9.

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

**(i) Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) Service Manager Service Agreement (Item 12.1)**

**(Merulla/Nann)**

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) Service Manager Service Agreement.

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

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

For disposition on this matter, refer to Item 10.

**(g) GENERAL INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)**

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

**(Clark/Jackson)**

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

- 13.1.a. Items Requiring a New Due Date
- (i) Hamilton Youth Engagement Collaboration  
Item on OBL: 17-C  
Current Due Date: July 9, 2020  
Proposed New Due Date: September 9, 2021
  - (ii) Mitigation of Effects of Reno-victions  
Item on OBL: 20-J  
Current Due Date: March 25, 2021  
Proposed New Due Date: April 22, 2021
- 13.1 (b) Items Considered Complete and to Be Removed
- (i) Home for Good  
Item on OBL: 17-D  
Addressed as Item 8.1 on the August 17, 2020 Agenda
  - (ii) Expanding Housing and Support Services for Women  
Item on OBL: 19-C  
Addressed as Item 10.9 on the December 10, 2020 Agenda
  - (iii) Ministry's continued support for critical housing and leveraging federal funding under the National Housing Strategy through new provincial investments and outlining the City's funding for housing and homelessness programs as confirmed by the 2019 Ontario Budget  
Item on OBL: 19-H  
Addressed as Item 10.1 on the February 1, 2019 Agenda and Item 10.3 on the May 2, 2019 Agenda
  - (iv) Residential Care Facilities Subsidy Program Review  
Item on OBL: 19-J  
Addressed as Item 10.2 on the October 8, 2020 Agenda and Item 7.3 on the February 4, 2021 Agenda

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

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

**(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

**(Pauls/Merulla)**

That there being no further business, the Emergency and Community Services Committee be adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor N. Nann  
Chair, Emergency and Community Services  
Committee

Tamara Bates  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk