



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 21-009

1:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 9, 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: T. Whitehead – Leave of Absence

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Automatic Mechanical Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Devices (HSC21028) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Jackson/Merulla)

- (a) That Council approve the standardization of the ZOLL AutoPulse® Compression devices, components and accessories manufactured by ZOLL Canada Inc., pursuant to Procurement Policy #14 – Standardization, until December 31, 2030 and that the Chief, Hamilton Paramedic Service, be authorized to negotiate, enter into and execute any required Contract and any ancillary documents required to give effect thereto with an authorized distributor in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (b) That a sum not to exceed \$500,000 be authorized to be charged to the approved 2021 Capital Funding Project ID 7642151102 to fund the initial acquisition of the ZOLL AutoPulse® system devices, components and accessories, with all subsequent costs to be charged to the Hamilton Paramedic Service Operating Budget.

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
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

2. Single-Source Paramedic Service Linen Supply (HSC21029) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

(Jackson/Pauls)

- (a) That Council approve the single source procurement, pursuant to Procurement Policy #11 – Non-competitive Procurements, with Mohawk Medbuy Corporation for the supply, cleaning and replacement of linen blankets for the Hamilton Paramedic Service for a five-year period ending December 31, 2026; and,
- (b) That the Chief, Hamilton Paramedic Service, Healthy and Safe Communities Department or designate be authorized to negotiate, enter into and execute a Contract and any ancillary documents required to give effect thereto with Mohawk Medbuy Corporation, 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
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

3. Purchase of New Stair Chair Conveyance Equipment (HSC21030) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

(Jackson/Clark)

- (a) That Council approve the standardization of Stryker Conveyance equipment including the Stryker Stair Pro manufactured by Stryker pursuant to Procurement Policy #14 – Standardization, until December 31, 2030 (expected service life of the equipment); and,
- (b) That staff be directed to issue a competitive procurement process as outlined in the procurement By-Law No. 20-205 to obtain stated equipment.

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
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

**4. Harmonizing Eligibility Requirements for Subsidy Programs (HSC21026)
(City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

(Jackson/Nann)

- (a) That the financial eligibility criteria be harmonized for the following Hamilton low-income programs:
 - (i) Affordable Transit Pass;
 - (ii) Housing Stability Benefits;
 - (iii) Recreation Assistance Program;
 - (iv) Snow Angels; and,
 - (v) Special Supports;
- (b) That the income threshold used by the programs listed in recommendation (a) to make financial eligibility decisions be the Statistics Canada Low Income Measure (LIM);
- (c) That any 2021 cost impact due to changing the financial eligibility criteria to LIM be absorbed first within the Division surplus, and if necessary, any department overall surplus; and,
- (d) That the additional cost required to provide this service in 2022, estimated at \$98K be included in the 2022 Tax Operating Budget for Council deliberation and approval through the 2022 Budget process.

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
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

5. Service Manager Consents for CityHousing Hamilton's Development Reset (HSC20055(a)) (Wards 2 and 4) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 10.1)

(Clark/Pauls)

- (a) That \$246,244 be added to Housing Services' budget in 2024 from the levy or when occupancy occurs, to provide Rent-Geared-to-Income subsidy to all 45 units at CityHousing Hamilton's project at 104-106 Bay St. N.;
- (b) That in the Housing Services Division's 2024 budget or when occupancy occurs, \$103,560 in operating subsidy be transferred from 40 scattered units that CityHousing Hamilton has sold to its project at 55 Queenston Rd.;

- (c) That \$112,697 be added to the Housing Services Division's 2024 budget from the levy or when occupancy occurs to provide subsidy at Rent-Geared-to-Income levels for rent in 40 units at 55 Queenston Rd.;
- (d) That beginning in 2025, the Rent-Geared-to-Income subsidy be increased annually by the amount of the provincial rent increase guideline; and
- (e) That recommendations (a) to (d) of Report HSC20055(a) be approved and be contingent upon confirmation that CityHousing Hamilton has secured financing to complete construction of 104-106 Bay St. N. and 55 Queenston Rd.

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

6. Replacement for the Ontario Works Scheduler (HSC21022) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)

(Jackson/Clark)

- (a) That the single source procurement, pursuant to Procurement Policy #11 – Non-competitive Procurements, with Clark Marketing Communications for the replacement of the Ontario Works Scheduler, be approved and funded as follows:
 - (i) That the estimated one-time cost of \$21,000 be funded from Tax Stabilization Reserve (110046) generated from the Ontario Works forecasted 2021 Net Levy savings;
 - (ii) That the Ontario Works Scheduler maintenance cost estimate of \$38,600 annually, (\$19,300 Net Levy, \$19,300 Provincial funding), be approved by Council and added to the Ontario works 2022 base budget; and,
- (b) That the General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized to negotiate, enter into and execute a Contract and any ancillary documents required to give effect thereto with Clark Marketing Communications, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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

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

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

7. Municipal Affairs and Housing Social Services Relief Fund Phase 4 and Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (HSC20036(b)) (City Wide) (Added Item 10.3)

(Jackson/Pauls)

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 the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) to administer the additional Social Services Relief Fund Phase 4 (SSRF4) allocation to a maximum amount of \$13,823,000 and Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) allocation to a maximum amount of \$1,028,000 and any agreements with Community Services Provider(s), as well as any ancillary agreements, contracts, extensions and documents required to give effect thereto in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

8. Encampment Response Update (PED21188/HSC20038(c)) (City Wide) (Added Item 10.4)

(Clark/Pauls)

That Report PED21188/HSC20038(c) respecting an Encampment Response Update, be received.

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

6.1. Linda Maloney, respecting the statue of Sir John A. Macdonald

WITHDRAWN

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.3. Municipal Affairs and Housing Social Services Relief Fund Phase 4 and Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (HSC20036(b)) (City Wide)

10.4 Encampment Response Update (PED21188/HSC20038(c)) (City Wide) (Added Item 10.4)

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1. Youth Violent Crimes

(Pauls/Clark)

That the agenda for the September 9, 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

ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) July 8, 2021 (Item 4.1)

(Jackson/Merulla)

That the Minutes of the July 8, 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
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Correspondence from Robin McKee, Sir John A. Macdonald Society, respecting a petition not to remove the statue of Sir John A. Macdonald from Gore Park (Item 5.1)

(Jackson/Pauls)

That the correspondence from Robin McKee, Sir John A. Macdonald Society, respecting a petition not to remove the statue of Sir John A. Macdonald from Gore Park, 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
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

(Clark/Pauls)

That the following Delegation Requests, be approved:

(i) Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting recent community forums related to extreme heat in Hamilton (for a future meeting) (Item 6.2)

- (ii) Stephane Cox and Sharon Crowe, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic, regarding revocation of the Encampment Protocol (for today's meeting) (Item 6.3)
- (iii) Dr. Jill Wiwcharuk, Hamilton Social Medicine Response Team, regarding encampments (for today's meeting) (Item 6.4)
- (iv) Marcie McIleen, Keeping Six, respecting encampments (for today's meeting) (Item 6.5)

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
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Harmonizing Eligibility Requirements for Subsidy Programs (HSC21026) (City Wide)

(Jackson/Nann)

That the presentation from Erica Brimley, Manager Human Services, Ontario Works Division, respecting Harmonizing Eligibility Requirements for Subsidy Programs, 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
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

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

(g) DISCUSSION ITEM (Item 10)

(i) Encampment Response Update (PED21188/HSC20038(c)) (City Wide) (Added Item 10.4)

(a) (Clark/Nann)

That staff be requested to provide a comprehensive snapshot of housing and homelessness in Hamilton on a quarterly basis,

outlining all programs that have been utilized and the different resources that are available in collaboration with partners in the community and the shelter health network.

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

(b) (Nann/Pauls)

That staff be directed to develop an evaluation framework for the encampment response plan.

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

(h) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 9)

(i) Stephane Cox and Sharon Crowe, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic (Item 9.1)

Stephane Cox and Sharon Crowe, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic addressed the Committee regarding revocation of the Encampment Protocol,

(ii) Dr. Jill Wiwcharuk, Hamilton Social Medicine Response Team (Item 9.2)

Dr. Jill Wiwcharuk, Hamilton Social Medicine Response Team addressed the Committee regarding encampments.

(iii) Marcie McIleen, Keeping Six (Item 9.3)

Marcie McIleen, Keeping Six addressed the Committee respecting encampments.

(Pauls/Jackson)

That the following Delegations, be received, and referred to the consideration of Item 10.4, Encampment Response Update (PED21188/HSC20038(c)):

- (i) Stephane Cox and Sharon Crowe, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic (Item 9.1)
- (ii) Dr. Jill Wiwcharuk, Hamilton Social Medicine Response Team (Item 9.2)
- (iii) Marcie McIleen, Keeping Six (Item 9.3)

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Items 8 and (g)(i).

(i) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

Youth Violent Crimes (Added Item 12.1)

Councillor Clark introduced the following Notice of Motion:

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is experiencing several incidents of gun violence across the City;

WHEREAS, it has been reported in the Hamilton Police Services 2020 Youth Services Annual Report that there has been a decrease in youth violent crimes compared to 2019, it is recognized that this is still a serious issue in the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, Hamilton Police have indicated that the vast majority of youth violent crimes are targeted; and,

WHEREAS, residents have expressed concern about the risk of injury to innocent bystanders;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff from Healthy and Safe Communities Department be directed to review projects like Operation Ceasefire and other holistic community responses, that were designed to deter youth from joining gangs and holding guns;

- (b) That staff be directed to engage youth to inform the process and partner together to address the issues that are driving our youth to guns and gangs;
- (c) That staff invite the Ontario Solicitor General, Hamilton Police, youth workers, clergy, criminal justice practitioners, and other experts to identify solutions to create a city-wide action plan response to guns and gangs in our community;
- (d) That staff be directed to include a city-wide action plan response to guns and gangs in our community through Hamilton's Youth Strategy;
- (e) That staff be directed to share any data specific to guns, gangs and violence through our 2021 re-engagement for the Youth Strategy; and,
- (f) That the city-wide action plan response to guns and gangs in our community be created in collaboration with and incorporated into Hamilton's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan under the priority of violence.

(j) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

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

(Pauls/Clark)

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

(a) Items Considered Complete and to be Removed

1. Service Manager Consents for CityHousing Hamilton's Development Reset

Item on OBL: 20-I

Addressed as Item 10.1 on today's agenda

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nringer Nann

ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

(k) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Pauls/Clark)

That there being no further business, the Emergency and Community Services Committee be adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
ABSENT - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor N. Nann
Chair, Emergency and Community Services
Committee

Loren Kolar
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk