



## **EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 21-013**

1:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Regrets:** Councillors E. Pauls and T. Whitehead – Personal

**Also Present:** Councillor M. Wilson

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

#### **1. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2022**

##### **(i) (Merulla/Jackson)**

That Councillor Clark be appointed Chair of the Emergency and Community Services Committee for 2022.

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Ninder Nann

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

ABSENT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

##### **(ii) (Jackson/Nann)**

That Councillor Merulla be appointed Vice Chair of the Emergency and Community Services Committee for 2022.

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Ninder Nann

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

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

**2. Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes – October 1, 2021 (Deferred from November 18, 2021) (Item 7.1)**

**(Jackson/Clark)**

That the Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes of October 1, 2021, be received.

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

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

**3. Stryker Power Load Conveyance Equipment Standardization (HSC21038) (City Wide) (Deferred from November 18, 2021) (Item 7.2)**

**(Merulla/Jackson)**

- (a) That the Stryker Power Cot/Power Load system be designated a “Standard” system pursuant to Procurement Policy #14 – Standardization, such designation to be reviewed again no later than December 31, 2032;
- (b) That the Preventative Maintenance programs and any repairs for the Stryker Power Cot/Power Load system, manufactured by Stryker Canada Inc, be authorized to be performed by Stryker Canada Inc or a Stryker Canada Inc authorized repair facility; and,
- (c) That the Chief, Hamilton Paramedic Service, or their designate, be authorized to negotiate, enter into and execute any required contract and any ancillary documents required to give effect thereto with Stryker Canada Inc or an authorized Stryker Canada Inc distributor, 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  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
ABSENT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark  
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

**4. Reaching Home: Canada's Homeless Strategy Community Homelessness Report 2019-2020, 2020-2021 (HSC21044) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)**

**(Clark/Merulla)**

- (a) That Report HSC21044, respecting Reaching Home: Canada's Homeless Strategy Community Homelessness Report 2019-2020, 2020-2021, be received; and
- (b) That staff report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee in January 2022 on the current efforts in dealing with the Ontario Health Team with regards to increasing funding for supportive housing in Hamilton.

**Result: Main Motion, As Amended, CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:**

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

**5. Adaptation and Transformation of Services for People Experiencing Homelessness Update 4 (HSC20020) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

**(Clark/Nann)**

- (d) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department or their designate be authorized to enter into contracts necessary to hire and retain a consultant to find the ways and means of implementing a New Westminster style by-law in Hamilton to deal with the issue of 'renovictions' in the approximate amount of \$100 K, funded from the projected 2021 Housing Services Division surplus through the Tax Stabilization Reserve #110046 and if necessary, from in-year surpluses of the department; any unspent Housing Services Division 2021 surplus be transferred to the Housing Supplement/Housing Allowance Reserve, #112252 be approved.

**Result: Sub-Section (d), as Amended, CARRIED by a vote of 3 to 0, as follows:**

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

**(Clark/Nann)**

- (a) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department or their designate be authorized to continue to enter into contracts necessary to secure access and purchase of service for continued enhancement of supports for Hamilton's homeless-serving system during COVID-19 and be funded from any available source jointly deemed appropriate by the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department and the General Manager of the Finance and Corporate Services Department including, but not limited to, one or more of the following sources: Reaching Home, Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative, any available provincial or federal funding:
- (i) Transitioning 378 Main Street East (the former Cathedral Boys School) into a temporary shelter for women (approximately 80-100 beds) at an approximate cost of \$1 M for the period of January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022;
  - (ii) Adding approximately 28 temporary emergency shelter beds as men's system overflow at an approximate cost of \$350 K for the period of January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022;
  - (iii) That the establishment of a funding source of up to \$500 K to support independent agencies and community entities (e.g. community collaboratives/churches/social clubs, etc.) who may be interested in supporting vulnerable residents through the winter months until March 31, 2022 but who may not have the operational funds to be viable, be approved;
  - (iv) That the creation of an Emerging Needs Fund to prevent and address homelessness experienced by Indigenous community members of Hamilton to respond to needs arising as a result of COVID-19 in the amount of \$500 K for the period of January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022 be approved;
- (b) That an additional grant in the approximate amount of \$500 K to the YWCA Hamilton for capital renovations required to continue to operate Carol Anne's Place as a temporary drop in program for 22 single homeless women until June 30, 2022, funded from the projected 2021 Housing Services Division surplus through the Tax Stabilization Reserve #110046 and if necessary, from in-year surpluses of the department; any unspent Housing Services Division 2021 surplus be transferred to the Housing Supplement/Housing Allowance Reserve, #112252 be approved;
- (c) That an additional grant in the approximate amount of \$150 K to the Good Shepherd Centre Hamilton for capital renovations required to continue to operate Cathedral as a temporary shelter for women until June 30, 2022,

funded from the projected 2021 Housing Services Division surplus through the Tax Stabilization Reserve #110046 and if necessary, from in-year surpluses of the department; any unspent Housing Services Division 2021 surplus be transferred to the Housing Supplement/Housing Allowance Reserve, #112252 be approved;

- (e) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department or their designate be directed and authorized, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, to enter into, execute and administer all agreements and documents necessary to implement the purchases and grants outlined above on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department or his designate and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (f) That the item respecting Encampment Response Update be identified as completed and removed from the Outstanding Business List.

**Result: Motion on the balance, CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:**

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

**6. ZOLL Defibrillators Standardization for the Hamilton Fire Department and Hamilton Paramedic Service (HSC21039) (City Wide) (Deferred from November 18, 2021) (Item 10.1)**

**(Jackson/Merulla)**

That Report HSC21039, respecting ZOLL Defibrillators Standardization for the Hamilton Fire Department and Hamilton Paramedic Service, be received.

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

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

**7. Snow Angels Program Update (HSC21046) (City Wide) (Deferred from November 18, 2021) (Item 10.2)**

**(Jackson/Merulla)**

That Report HSC21046, respecting Snow Angels Program Update, be received.

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

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

8. **2021/2022 Winter Service Planning (HSC21048) (City Wide) (Deferred from November 18, 2021) (Item 10.3)**

**(Clark/Nann)**

That Report HSC21048, respecting 2021/2022 Winter Service Planning, be received.

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

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

9. **Seniors Advisory Committee – Citizen Committee Report, respecting Proposed resolution regarding Hamilton Police Service Board and Hamilton Police Services failure to provide adequate and effective police services in long-term care homes in the City of Hamilton (Deferred from November 18, 2021) (Item 10.4)**

**(Jackson/Nann)**

That Seniors Advisory Committee – Citizen Committee Report, respecting Proposed resolution regarding Hamilton Police Service Board and Hamilton Police Services failure to provide adequate and effective police services in long-term care homes in the City of Hamilton, be received and referred to the Police Services Board.

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
ABSENT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

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

**10. Agreements with Community Housing Providers to use Access to Housing (HSC21041) (City Wide) (Item 10.5)**

**(Jackson/Clark)**

That the City enter into agreements with community housing providers for the purposes of using the Access to Housing Waitlist to offer units not governed by the *Housing Services Act* on such terms and conditions consistent with the terms and conditions described in Appendix "A" to Report HSC21041, with such additions or modifications thereto as the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities and the City Solicitor deem acceptable, and that the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities or her designate be authorized to execute and administer the agreement 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  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
ABSENT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark  
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

**11. 2022 Budget Submissions from Advisory Committees (Items 10.6-10.8 and 10.10)**

**(Clark/Jackson)**

That the 2022 Budget Submissions from the following Advisory Committees, be received and referred to the 2022 Budget process for consideration:

- (a) Hamilton Veterans Committee (Item 10.6)
- (b) Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee (Item 10.7)
- (c) LGBTQ Advisory Committee (Item 10.8)
- (d) Seniors Advisory Committee (Added Item 10.10)

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

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

**12. LGBTQ Advisory Committee – Citizen Committee Report, respecting Appointment of Additional Committee Members (Item 10.9)**

**(Clark/Jackson)**

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee – Citizen Committee Report, respecting Appointment of Additional Committee Members, be received.

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

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

**13. 2021 Ministry of Long-Term Care Funding Enhancement (HSC21052) (Wards 7 and 13) (Added Item 10.9)**

**(Jackson/Merulla)**

That new 100% Provincial Funding from the Ministry of Long-Term Care to provide care and services seven days a week to our residents in Long Term Care facilities of Macassa Lodge and Wentworth Lodge for additional 39.65 FTEs effective November 1, 2021 with an estimated gross cost of \$1,531,724 and net cost of \$0 annually be approved.

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

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

**14. Housing Focused Street Outreach Team Staffing (HSC21008(a)) (City Wide)**

**(Clark/Jackson)**

(a) That the direction to staff in Report HSC21008(a), Housing Focused Street Outreach Team Staffing, be approved; and,

(b) That Report HSC21008(a), respecting Housing Focused Street Outreach Team Staffing, remain confidential.

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

YES – Chair – Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES – Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla



YES – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
ABSENT – 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:

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.2. November 18, 2021

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

5.6. Michelle Cho, respecting Cathedral Shelter

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 8.2

5.7. Damon Joo, respecting Cathedral Shelter

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 8.2

5.8. Carmen Orlandis, respecting Cathedral Shelter

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 8.2

5.9. Olivia O'Connor, Hamilton ACORN, respecting Renoviction

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 8.2

5.10. Regina Henry, respecting Couples Shelter

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 8.2

**6. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

6.2. Douglas Sporbeck, Hamilton ACORN, respecting Renoviction (for today's meeting) - Video Delegation

- 6.3. Elizabeth Ellis, Hamilton ACORN, respecting Renoviction (for today's meeting) - Video Delegation
- 6.4. Darlene Wesley, Hamilton ACORN, respecting Renoviction (for today's meeting)
- 6.5. Zechariah Hockridge, ACORN Hamilton, respecting Renoviction (for today's meeting)
- 6.6. Kristain Jewers, ACORN, respecting Renoviction (for today's meeting)
- 6.7. Marcie McIlveen, respecting Couples Shelter (for today's meeting)

## 10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 10.10. 2022 Budget Submission - Seniors Advisory Committee (HSC21050) (City Wide)
- 10.11. 2021 Ministry of Long-Term Care Funding Enhancement (HSC21052) (Wards 6 and 13)

## 12. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 12.1. Comprehensive, Human-rights Based, Health-focused Housing Solutions for Residents Living Encamped across Hamilton

### (Jackson/Clark)

That the agenda for the December 9, 2021 Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

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

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

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

Councillor Merulla declared an interest to Item 8.2, respecting Adaptation and Transformation of Services for People Experiencing Homelessness Update 4, subsection (d), respecting Renoviction, as he is a landlord.

Councillor Merulla declared an interest to Items 9.2 to 9.6, Delegations, respecting Renoviction, as he is a landlord.

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

**(Jackson/Merulla)**

That the following Minutes of the Emergency and Community Services Committee be approved, as presented:

- (i) November 4, 2021 (Item 4.1)
- (ii) November 18, 2021 (Added Item 4.2)

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

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

**(d) COMMUNICATION ITEMS (Item 5)**

**(Clark/Jackson)**

That the following Communication Items, be approved as presented:

- (i) Rachele Sender, Shelter Health Network, respecting opposing the dismantling of encampments in Hamilton (Deferred from November 18, 2021) (Item 5.1)

Recommendation: Be received.

- (ii) Keanin Loomis, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting Item 11.1, National Childcare Strategy – investigating the potential for direct municipal agreement with the Federal Government (Deferred from November 18, 2021) (Item 5.2)

Recommendation: Be received.

- (iii) Bill Johnston, respecting Report 2021/2022 Winter Service Planning (HSC21048), item 10.4 on the Nov. 18, 2021 agenda (Deferred from November 18, 2021) (Item 5.2)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 10.3.

- (iv) Alison Jones, regarding Encampment Evictions (Item 5.4)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of the 2022 Budget.

- (v) Correspondence from Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk, City of St. Catharines, to Premier Doug Ford, respecting National Childcare Program (Item 5.5)

Recommendation: Be received.

- (vi) Michelle Cho, respecting Cathedral Shelter (Added Item 5.6)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 8.2

- (vii) Damon Joo, respecting Cathedral Shelter (Added Item 5.7)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 8.2

- (viii) Carmen Orlandis, respecting Cathedral Shelter (Added Item 5.8)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 8.2

- (ix) Olivia O'Connor, Hamilton ACORN, respecting Renoviction (Added Item 5.9)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 8.2

- (x) Regina Henry, respecting Couples Shelter (Added Item 5.10)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 8.2

**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  
ABSENT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls  
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark  
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

**(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)**

**(Merulla/Jackson)**

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

- (i) Cameron Kroetsch and Rebecca Banky, LGBTQ Advisory Committee, respecting Appointment of Additional Members to the LGBTQ Advisory Committee (for today's meeting) (Item 6.1)
- (ii) Douglas Sporbeck, Hamilton ACORN, respecting Renoviction (for today's meeting) - Video Delegation (Added Item 6.2)
- (iii) Elizabeth Ellis, Hamilton ACORN, respecting Renoviction (for today's meeting) - Video Delegation (Added Item 6.3)
- (iv) Darlene Wesley, Hamilton ACORN, respecting Renoviction (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.4)
- (v) Zechariah Hockridge, ACORN Hamilton, respecting Renoviction (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.5)
- (vi) Kristain Jewers, ACORN, respecting Renoviction (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.6)
- (vii) Marcie McIlveen, respecting Couples Shelter (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.7)

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

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

**(f) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)**

- (i) **Reaching Home: Canada's Homeless Strategy Community Homelessness Report 2019-2020, 2020-2021 (HSC21044) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)**

**(Clark/Jackson)**

That Report HCS21044 respecting Reaching Home: Canada's Homeless Strategy Community Homelessness Report 2019-2020, 2020-2021, **be amended** by adding a new sub-section (b), to read as follows:

- (b) ***That staff report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee in January 2022 on the current efforts in dealing with the Ontario Health Team with regards to increasing funding for supportive housing in Hamilton.***

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

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

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

**(g) PRESENTATIONS / STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)**

**(i) LGBTQ Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report (Item 8.1)**

Cameron Kroetsch and Rebecca Banky, LGBTQ Advisory Committee, addressed the Committee, respecting LGBTQ Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report with the aid of a presentation.

**(Jackson/Clark)**

That the presentation from Cameron Kroetsch and Rebecca Banky, LGBTQ Advisory Committee, respecting LGBTQ Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report, be received.

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

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

**(ii) Adaptation and Transformation of Services for People Experiencing Homelessness Update 4 (HSC20020(d)) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

Edward John, Director, Housing Services, addressed the Committee, respecting Adaptation and Transformation of Services for People Experiencing Homelessness Update 4 with the aid of a presentation.

**(Merulla/Clark)**

That the presentation from Edward John, Director, Housing Services, addressed the Committee, respecting Adaptation and Transformation of Services for People Experiencing Homelessness Update 4, be received.

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

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

**(Clark/Jackson)**

That discussion of Report HSC20020, respecting Adaptation and Transformation of Services for People Experiencing Homelessness Update 4, be deferred until after the Delegations have been heard.

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

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

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 5 and (i).

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

**(i) Cameron Kroetsch and Rebecca Banky, LGBTQ Advisory Committee, respecting Appointment of Additional Members to the LGBTQ Advisory Committee (for today's meeting) (Added Item 9.1)**

Cameron Kroetsch and Rebecca Banky, LGBTQ Advisory Committee, addressed the Committee, respecting Appointment of Additional Members to the LGBTQ Advisory Committee with the aid of a presentation.

**(ii) Douglas Sporbeck, Hamilton ACORN, respecting Renoviction (for today's meeting) - Video Delegation (Added Item 9.2)**

Douglas Sporbeck addressed the Committee by pre-recorded video respecting Renoviction.

**(iii) Elizabeth Ellis, Hamilton ACORN, respecting Renoviction (for today's meeting) - Video Delegation (Added Item 9.3)**

Elizabeth Ellis addressed the Committee by pre-recorded video respecting renoviction.

**(iv) Darlene Wesley, Hamilton ACORN, respecting Renoviction (for today's meeting) (Added Item 9.4)**

Darlene Wesley, Hamilton ACORN, was not present when called upon.

- (v) **Zechariah Hockridge, ACORN Hamilton, respecting Renoviction (for today's meeting) (Added Item 9.5)**

Zechariah Hockridge, ACORN Hamilton, was not present when called upon.

- (vi) **Kristain Jewers, ACORN, respecting Renoviction (for today's meeting) (Added Item 9.6)**

Kristain Jewers, ACORN, was not present when called upon.

- (vii) **Marcie McIlveen, respecting Couples Shelter (for today's meeting) (Added Item 9.7)**

Marcie McIlveen was not present when called upon.

**(Pauls/Clark)**

That the following Delegations, be received, as follows:

- (i) Cameron Kroetsch and Rebecca Banky, LGBTQ Advisory Committee, respecting Appointment of Additional Members to the LGBTQ Advisory Committee (Added Item 9.1)

Received and referred to the consideration of Item 10.9

- (ii) Douglas Sporbeck, Hamilton ACORN, respecting Renoviction - Video Delegation (Added Item 9.2)

Received and referred to the consideration of Item 8.2

- (iii) Elizabeth Ellis, Hamilton ACORN, respecting Renoviction - Video Delegation (Added Item 9.3)

Received and referred to the consideration of Item 8.2

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

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

For further disposition of Appointment of Additional Members to the LGBTQ Advisory Committee, refer to Item 12.



For further disposition of Renoviction, refer to Items 5, (g) (ii), and (i).

**(i) PRESENTATIONS / STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8) (CONTINUED)**

**(i) Adaptation and Transformation of Services for People Experiencing Homelessness Update 4 (HSC20020(d)) (City Wide) (Item 8.2) (Continued)**

**(Clark/Nann)**

That subsection (d) be **amended** by deleting the words “**evaluate the feasibility**” and replace them with the words “**find the ways and means**” to read as follows:

That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department or their designate be authorized to enter into contracts necessary to hire and retain a consultant to ~~evaluate the feasibility~~ **find the ways and means** of implementing a New Westminster style by-law in Hamilton to deal with the issue of ‘renovictions’ in the approximate amount of \$100 K, funded from the projected 2021 Housing Services Division surplus through the Tax Stabilization Reserve #110046 and if necessary, from in-year surpluses of the department; any unspent Housing Services Division 2021 surplus be transferred to the Housing Supplement/Housing Allowance Reserve, #112252 be approved.

**Result: Amendment, CARRIED by a vote of 3 to 0, as follows:**

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

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 5.

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

**(i) Comprehensive, Human-rights Based, Health-focused Housing Solutions for Residents Living Encamped across Hamilton (Added Item 12.1)**

Councillor Nann introduced the following Notice of Motion:

WHEREAS, the reality of unhoused residents living in encampments is a persistent reality across the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, these encampments have become increasingly visible throughout the pandemic;

WHEREAS, the number of unhoused residents who have been living encamped in Hamilton ranges between 80 to 140 people;

WHEREAS, encampments will persist until the City of Hamilton develops and implements a strategy to eliminate homelessness that addresses the unique health needs experienced by those who are encamped;

WHEREAS, the City's Housing & Homelessness Strategy is rooted in a solution-focused, person-centred approach and recognizes that best practices for solutions are the result of direct participation of those with lived experience of being unhoused;

WHEREAS, the largest gap in addressing the unique needs of many of those residents who have no other option than to live encamped rests in the lack of comprehensive, coordinated housing and health-based resources with a disproportionate impact on unhoused indigenous people, those unhoused residents living with disabilities, and those unhoused residents of other equity-seeking group that continue to face culture, structural and systemic barriers in accessing appropriate supportive housing; and

WHEREAS, an enforcement led response to the existence of encampments on city property does not solve homelessness, nor result in healing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That City staff be directed to host solution-focused planning session(s) made up of representatives from the health sector, housing service providers, organizations that provide frontline support to the unhoused, people with lived experiences of being unhoused and living in encampments, and other community stakeholders be convened to identify comprehensive, human-rights based, health-focused housing solutions to directly address the needs of those 80 to 140 unhoused residents living encamped in Hamilton;
- (b) That any costs associated in hosting and facilitating the planning session(s) be covered through the existing Housing Services budget; and
- (c) That staff report back the recommendations of these planning session(s) for Council's consideration to the Emergency Community Services Committee.

**(k) 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.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 14.

**(I) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

**(Clark/Merulla)**

That there being no further business, the Emergency and Community Services Committee be adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

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

YES - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann  
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla  
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson  
ABSENT - 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

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