



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 22-001

1:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 13, 2022
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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

Regrets: Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and City of Hamilton Reciprocal Use Agreement (HSC22002) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Jackson/Pauls)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton enter into a new Reciprocal Use Agreement with the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board with essential terms and conditions as listed in Appendix “A” to Report HSC22002; and,
- (b) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized and directed to execute the Reciprocal Use Agreement, together with any renewals of the Agreement and all necessary documents to implement subsection (a) above, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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

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

2. Various Advisory Committee Minutes (Added Items 7.2-7.4)

(Jackson/Nann)

That the following Advisory Committee Minutes, be received:

- (i) Seniors Advisory Committee, November 5, 2021 (Added Item 7.2);
- (ii) LGBTQ Advisory Committee, November 16, 2021 (Added Item 7.3); and
- (iii) Seniors Advisory Committee, December 3, 2021 (Added Item 7.4)

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

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

**3. Red Hill Family Centre Annual Licensing Inspection (HSC22003) (Ward 5)
(Item 10.1)**

(Pauls/Jackson)

That Report HSC22003, respecting Red Hill Family Centre Annual Licensing Inspection, be received.

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

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

4. Updates to the Emergency Plan (HSC22001) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)

(Nann/Merulla)

- (a) That the updated City of Hamilton Emergency Management Program By-law, attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC22001, be passed; and,
- (b) That the City of Hamilton Emergency Management Program By-law 21-015 be repealed.

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

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

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

5. Funding Support for the 2022 Let's Get Walking Workshops (Added Item 10.3)

(Jackson/Pauls)

That up to \$500 be allocated from the 2022 approved budget funds for the Seniors Advisory Committee to support the 2022 Let's Get Walking workshops.

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

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

6. Comprehensive, Human-rights Based, Health-focused Housing Solutions for Residents Living Encamped across Hamilton (Item 11.1)

(Nann/Pauls)

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 conducted by a third-party facilitator; and
- (c) That staff report back the recommendations of these planning session(s) for Council's consideration to the Emergency Community Services Committee.

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

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

7. CONSENT ITEMS

- 7.2. Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes - November 5, 2021
- 7.3. LGBTQ Advisory Committee Minutes - November 16, 2021
- 7.4. Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes - December 3, 2021

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 10.3. Citizen Committee Report - Seniors Advisory Committee - Funding Support for the 2022 Let's Get Walking Workshops

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 12.1. Relocation of Garbage Dumpsters on the Property of 45 Montcalm Drive, Hamilton, Ward 8 Area Rating Funded

(Nann/Merulla)

That the agenda for the January 13, 2022 Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

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

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

(Jackson/Pauls)

That the Minutes of the December 9, 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 - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
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(d) PRESENTATIONS / STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Seniors Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report (Item 8.1)

Penelope Petrie, Seniors Advisory Committee, addressed the Committee, respecting LGBTQ Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report with the aid of a presentation.

(Jackson/Nann)

That the presentation from Penelope Petrie, Seniors Advisory Committee, respecting Seniors Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report, be received.

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

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

(ii) Hamilton Veterans Committee 2021 Annual Report (Item 8.2)

Michael Rehill, Hamilton Veterans Committee, addressed the Committee, respecting Hamilton Veterans Committee 2021 Annual Report with the aid of a presentation.

(Merulla/Pauls)

That the presentation from Michael Rehill, Hamilton Veterans Committee 2021 Annual Report, be received.

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

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

(iii) Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report (Item 8.3)

Julia Verbitsky, Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee addressed the Committee, respecting Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report with the aid of a presentation.

(Nann/Merulla)

That the presentation from Julia Verbitsky, Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee, respecting Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report, be received.

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

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

(e) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

(i) Relocation of Garbage Dumpsters on the Property of 45 Montcalm Drive, Hamilton, Ward 8 Area Rating Funded (Added Item 12.1)

Councillor Jackson introduced the following Notice of Motion:

WHEREAS, CityHousing Hamilton owns the property located at 45 Montcalm Drive - a 76-unit multi-residential townhouse complex built in 1970;

WHEREAS, the three garbage dumpsters on the property are currently located at the front of the property near the city roadway;

WHEREAS, the current location of the garbage dumpsters has encouraged frequent misuse and has increased the amount of waste and associated waste management costs for CityHousing Hamilton; and,

WHEREAS, CityHousing Hamilton has committed and begun to work in consultation with the City of Hamilton's Waste Management Division to propose and assess strategies for waste diversion and viable options for the relocation of the garbage dumpsters to the back of the property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the cost of \$20,387.50 for engineering design work required to relocate the garbage dumpsters be funded from the Ward 8 Area Rating Reserve No. 108058; and,
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Merulla/Nann)

That there being no further business, the Emergency and Community Services Committee be adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor B. Clark
Chair, Emergency and Community Services
Committee

Loren Kolar
Legislative Coordinator
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