



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT 22-011

1:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 7, 2022
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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

Regrets: Councillors E. Pauls, S. Merulla and T. Whitehead – Personal

Also Present: Councillor J.P. Danko

THE EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 22-011 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Consent Items (Item 7.1-7.3)

That the following Consent Items, but received, as presented:

- (a) Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) Update (HSC22027) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)
- (b) Community Housing Renewal Implementation (HSC22034) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)
- (c) Interview Sub-Committee for the Emergency and Community Services Committee Minutes - April 5, 2022 (Item 7.3)

2. Relief for Not-For-Profit Housing Developments (Added Item 9.1)

That the General Managers of the Healthy and Safe Communities and Corporate Services Departments work with other City staff to review the challenges facing not-for-profit housing developments, such as the Hamilton is Home project at 60 Caledon Avenue, regarding the requirements of the City of Hamilton Development Charges By-Law and of Federal funding and report back to the August 12, 2022 Council meeting with a viable solutions for that project and other known or expected in-year requests.

3. Community Warning System for Persons with Special Needs (Added Item 9.3)

WHEREAS, we have all become aware of the recent tragic death of Draven Graham, an 11-year-old child on the autistic spectrum, after walking away from the family home;

WHEREAS, the Amber Alert has been very effective in announcing to the public children who have been abducted; and

WHEREAS, a similar alert program for those who have special needs who leave family custody would seem to be warranted in the Province of Ontario;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Council of the City of Hamilton request that the Province of Ontario explore the feasibility of developing and implementing a community warning program similar to, or part of, Amber Alert, for those persons of special needs or circumstance who leave the care givers or locations and potentially put themselves at risk.

4. Recreation Master Plan – Facility Provision Decision Making Framework (HSC22014(a)) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)

That the Facility Provision Decision-Making Framework as detailed in Appendix “A” to Emergency and Community Services Committee Report 22-011, be approved as an evidence-based decision framework to guide the identification and prioritization of capital projects within the Recreation Master Plan.

5. Additional Funding for CityHousing Hamilton's Residential Conversion at 263 Main St. E. (HSC22028) (Ward 3) (Item 10.2)

- (a) That up to \$182,000 in unused funding from project ID 6731841101 “Coordinated Access System” be used to fund additional costs in CityHousing Hamilton’s project to convert commercial space to deeply affordable housing at 263 Main St. E.;
- (b) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or their designate, be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with CityHousing Hamilton for up to \$182,000 to fund the remaining costs in its project to convert commercial space to deeply affordable housing at 263 Main St. E., with terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (c) That the remaining balance in project ID 6731841101 “Coordinated Access System” be transferred as follows and the project be closed:
 - (i) \$171, 000 to Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program (SHAIP) Admin Project ID 6731841704; and

(ii) Balance to Social Housing Transition Reserve #112244.

6. Adaptation and Transformation of Services for People Experiencing Homelessness Update 5 (HSC20020(e)) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)

That Report HSC22020(e), respecting Adaptation and Transformation of Services for People Experiencing Homelessness Update 5, be received.

7. Financial Support for CityHousing Hamilton to Remove and Replace Existing Cameras at 44 Martha Street and 799-847 Roxborough Avenue, (A11C - Martha St/Roxborough Avenue), Hamilton, Ontario (Item 11.1)

WHEREAS, CityHousing Hamilton owns the property located at 44 Martha Street and 799-847 Roxborough Avenue, (A11C - Martha St/Roxborough Avenue), Hamilton, Ontario - a 69-unit multi-residential townhouse complex built in 1968;

WHEREAS, CityHousing Hamilton endeavours to increase the monitoring of safety and security issues at the complex;

WHEREAS, the existing camera system at the property requires a digital video recorder (DVR) to be in locked cabinets in the basement of individual tenant units;

WHEREAS, the placement of the DVR is within tenant units, access may not always be easily available when needed;

WHEREAS, the nature of the existing camera system is disruptive to the lives of tenants when staff obtain camera footage required for safety and security purposes, as units must be entered to obtain camera footage;

WHEREAS, CityHousing Hamilton has obtained a quote to remove five old cameras and install five new cameras at the property. The new cameras will be wireless and will be able to stream video to the Building Attendant's unit, where there is currently a DVR unit. Furthermore, the signal will be able to be streamed to a site office at 10 St Andrews Dr. therefore eliminating disruption to tenants and provide immediate access to the footage;

WHEREAS, CityHousing Hamilton commits to overseeing the installation, work and ongoing maintenance of the camera system;

WHEREAS, CityHousing Hamilton has no budgeted amount for this safety and security improvement;

WHEREAS, the scope of work requires \$6960.50 (plus HST) to complete the removal and upgrade of the cameras;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the proposed cost of \$6960.50 to an upset limit of \$7,500 (for contingency for unknowns) for the removal and upgraded replacement of the camera system at 44 Martha Street and 799-847 Roxborough Avenue, (A11C - Martha St/Roxborough Avenue), Hamilton, Ontario, to be funded from the Ward 4 Capital Reinvestment Account 3302109400; 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.

8. Funding for Roots to Justice Initiative at J.C. Beemer Park (Item 11.2)

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has deepened social and economic disparities among equity seeking groups;

WHEREAS, young people have struggled from the negative impacts of the pandemic regarding mental health, isolation, and from inconsistent access to social, cultural and recreational programs;

WHEREAS, the pandemic has exacerbated food insecurity and the cost of food is continues to rise;

WHEREAS, the Roots to Justice program engages youth and racialized residents to cultivate and care for their community and environment, share knowledge gained through programming with their communities to build resilience and community care while also supporting households in need to be able to access food and other supports they would otherwise be unable to obtain;

WHEREAS, this program, in partnership with the Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, will provide hand-on programming directed toward, but not limited to, low-income racialized youth in the Hamilton core to build skills and knowledge around gardening and food security; and

WHEREAS, Roots to Justice has met with City of Hamilton staff to develop a plan for the implementation and maintenance of garden boxes at J.C. Beemer Park;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That \$5000 be allocated from the Ward 3 Bell Cell Tower Account Number 3301609603 to the Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion as the fiscal sponsor for the implementation of the Roots to Justice initiative at J.C. Beemer Park; 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.

9. Appointment to Seniors Advisory Committee (Item 14.1)

That the recommendation respecting an Appointment to the Seniors Advisory Committee be approved and released publicly following approval by Council.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

The Committee Clerk advised the following changes to the agenda:

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.2(c) Bill Johnston, Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters (HATS), respecting an update on HATS and HATS research (for today's meeting)
- 6.2(d) Paula Whitlow, Hamilton-Wentworth Chapter Native Women Inc., respecting Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters (for today's meeting)
- 6.3. Nancy Silva Khan, New Democratic Party Federal Riding Association, respecting a motion to request the Province of Ontario develop and implement a community warning program similar to Amber Alert (for today's meeting)

The agenda for the July 7, 2022 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)

The Minutes of the June 16, 2022 meeting of the Emergency and Community Services Committee, were approved, as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

The following Delegation Requests, were approved, for today's meeting:

- (i) Graham Cubitt and Tricia Lewis, Hamilton is Home, respecting our upcoming projects, beginning in 2022-2024 (Item 6.1(a));
- (ii) Lori-Anne Gagne, Caledon Community Collaborative, respecting proposed affordable housing development at 60 Caledon Avenue (Item 6.1(b))

- (iii) Ed Fothergill, Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters, respecting an update of the Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters (HATS) initiative (Item 6.2(a))
- (iv) Tony Stortz, Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters, respecting Person with Lived Experience Report (Item 6.2(b))
- (v) Bill Johnston, Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters (HATS), respecting an update on HATS and HATS research (Added Item 6.2(c))
- (vi) Paula Whitlow, Hamilton-Wentworth Chapter Native Women Inc., respecting Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters (Added Item 6.2(d))
- (vii) Nancy Silva Khan, New Democratic Party Federal Riding Association, respecting a motion to request the Province of Ontario develop and implement a community warning program similar to Amber Alert (Added Item 6.3)

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 9)

- (i) Tricia Lewis and Sarah Borde, Hamilton is Home, respecting their upcoming projects, beginning in 2022-2024 (Added Item 9.1(a))**

Tricia Lewis and Sarah Borde, Hamilton is Home, addressed the Committee respecting their upcoming projects, beginning in 2022-2024, with the aid of a presentation.

- (ii) Lori-Anne Gagne, Caledon Community Collaborative, respecting proposed affordable housing development at 60 Caledon Avenue (Added Item 9.1(b))**

Lori-Anne Gagne, Caledon Community Collaborative, addressed the Committee respecting proposed affordable housing development at 60 Caledon Avenue, with the aid of a presentation.

- (iii) Ed Fothergill, Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters, respecting an update of the Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters (HATS) initiative (Added Item 9.2(a))**

Ed Fothergill, Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters, addressed the Committee respecting an update of the Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters (HATS) initiative, with the aid of a presentation and a handout.

(iv) Tony Stortz, Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters, respecting Person with Lived Experience Report (Added Item 9.2(b))

Tony Stortz, Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters addressed the Committee respecting Person with Lived Experience Report, with the aid of a presentation and a handout.

(v) Bill Johnston, Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters (HATS), respecting an update on HATS and HATS research (Added Item 9.2(c))

Bill Johnston, Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters (HATS), addressed the Committee respecting an update on HATS and HATS research, with the aid of a presentation.

(vi) Paula Whitlow, Hamilton-Wentworth Chapter Native Women Inc., respecting Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters (Added Item 9.2(d))

Paula Whitlow, Hamilton-Wentworth Chapter Native Women Inc., addressed the Committee respecting Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters.

(vii) Nancy Silva Khan, New Democratic Party Federal Riding Association, respecting a motion to request the Province of Ontario develop and implement a community warning program similar to Amber Alert (Added Item 9.3)

Nancy Silva Khan, New Democratic Party Federal Riding Association, addressed the Committee respecting a motion to request the Province of Ontario develop and implement a community warning program similar to Amber Alert.

The following Delegations, were received:

- (a) Tricia Lewis and Sarah Borde, Hamilton is Home, respecting our upcoming projects, beginning in 2022-2024 (Added Item 9.1(a));
- (b) Lori-Anne Gagne, Caledon Community Collaborative, respecting proposed affordable housing development at 60 Caledon Avenue (Added Item 9.1(b))
- (c) Ed Fothergill, Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters, respecting an update of the Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters (HATS) initiative (Added Item 9.2(a))
- (d) Tony Stortz, Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters, respecting Person with Lived Experience Report (Added Item 9.2(b))
- (e) Bill Johnston, Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters (HATS), respecting an update on HATS and HATS research (Added Item 9.2(c))

- (f) Paula Whitlow, Hamilton-Wentworth Chapter Native Women Inc., respecting Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters (Added Item 9.2(d))
- (g) Nancy Silva Khan, New Democratic Party Federal Riding Association, respecting a motion to request the Province of Ontario develop and implement a community warning program similar to Amber Alert (Added Item 9.3)

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Items 2 and 3.

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

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

The following amendments to the Outstanding Business List, were approved:

- (a) Items Considered Complete and to be Removed
 1. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) (HSC20056(a)) (City Wide)
Item on OBL: 210D
Addressed as Item 7.1 on today's agenda
 2. Transitional Funding to Secure Short Term Housing Project
Item on OBL: 21-H
Addressed as Item 7.1 on today's agenda

(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.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 9.

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the Emergency and Community Services Committee was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor B. Clark
Chair, Emergency and Community Services
Committee

Tamara Bates
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk

Recreation Master Plan: Facility Provision Decision-Making Framework Summary

Overview

The Recreation Master Plan is currently in development. One component of the Plan is the identification of short and long-term facility requirements, such as community recreation centres, aquatic facilities, sports fields, and courts. Many of these amenities are needed to address growth-related needs, while others respond to emerging demands and make it easier for residents to access the services they require. An evidence-based decision framework based on demonstrated needs and projected future requirements will be used to guide the identification and prioritization of capital projects. The framework uses provision targets (population-based and/or service-based) that allow for long-term predictability. It also prioritizes equity and access across the entire city to ensure that areas of highest need are prioritized.

Decision-Making Framework

For most facility types, the model involves four steps (shown below):

1. The needs assessment process starts with the examination of the current state of facility assets to establish a basis for identifying facility renewal or repurposing opportunities (“Opportunity Scan”).
2. This is followed by the creation of provision targets to determine geographic gaps (across and within each of the nine Recreation Planning Areas), growth-related needs (to 2051), and opportunities to improve and optimize existing facilities.
3. Strategies and priorities are then examined to determine the preferred approach for delivering on needs.
4. And finally, a fluid implementation stage begins as the City puts the Master Plan into action. In some cases, project-specific feasibility studies may be required prior to significant facility expansion, re-purposing, or development projects.

Recreation Master Plan: Facility Provision Decision-Making Framework



Factors Considered

The framework considers a range of factors and is aligned with the Master Plan’s guiding principles. Specific inputs considered throughout include:

- a. current supplies and levels of provision;
- b. facility size, capacity, condition, accessibility, level of amenity, utilization;
- c. public and stakeholder input (facility demand, willingness to travel, etc.);
- d. geographic distribution;
- e. areas and timing of future growth;
- f. recreation participation trends;
- g. socio-demographic trends and under-served populations;
- h. availability of other notable facility and service providers;
- i. targets and recommendations from previous facility studies;
- j. benchmarking against large urban communities in Ontario;
- k. alignment with complementary strategies and initiatives; and
- l. financial viability and partnership potential.

Recommended facilities will be assigned a general priority and timeframe. Timing may be influenced by the project’s status, population growth, and alignment with other civic initiatives or partnerships. Projects in advanced stages of planning, such as those that have initiated their design process, will proceed as planned.