



## **EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT 23-006**

1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 4, 2023

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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**Present:** Councillors T. Jackson, C. Kroetsch, T. Hwang (Vice Chair), A. Wilson and M. Wilson

**Absent with  
Regrets** Councillors B. Clark, N. Nann - Personal

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### **THE EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 23-006 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

- 1. Menstrual Product Pilot Project Update (HSC20001(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**
  - (a) That the City of Hamilton expand the Menstrual Products Pilot Project to provide free menstrual products at all City of Hamilton recreation facilities and municipal services centres, drawing on the current inventory and at no cost in 2023; and,
  - (b) That the estimated annual cost of the Menstrual Products Pilot Project in the amount of \$32 K be a Council referred item to be deliberated through the 2024 Tax Operating Budget process; and,
  - (c) That an annual estimated inventory of 113,000 units (tampons and pads) be maintained and tracked by the Recreation Division in order to project costs to deliver the program in future years; and,
  - (d) That all future purchases to support the Menstrual Product Project at City of Hamilton recreation facilities and municipal service centres 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: any available provincial or federal funding, or 2023 in year program and/or department/corporate surplus; and,

- (e) That the City fund Hamilton Food Share (HFS) to distribute free menstrual products for 2023, at a cost of \$91 K, funded through the Early Years System Reserve (112218); and,
- (f) That \$91 K to fund Hamilton Food Share if they are not fully self-sustaining by 2024, be a Council referred item to be deliberated through the 2024 Tax Operating Budget process.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

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

The Committee Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

The agenda for the May 4, 2023 Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting was approved, as presented.

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

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

**(i) April 20, 2023 (Item 4.1)**

The Minutes of the April 20, 2023 meeting of the Emergency and Community Services Committee, were approved, as presented.

**(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)**

**(i) Resignations from the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee (Item 5.1)**

The resignations from the Housing and Homelessness Advisory Committee, from M. Power (Item 5.1(a)) and T. Manganiello (Item 5.1(b)), were received.

**(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)**

**(i) Menstrual Product Pilot Project Update (HSC20001(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

Janine Gaunt, Recreation Manager and Joanne Santucci, Hamilton Food Share addressed Committee respecting the Menstrual Product Pilot Project Update (HSC20001(b))

The Presentation respecting the Menstrual Product Pilot Project Update (HSC20001(b)), was received.

- (ii) Staff were directed to report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee on the financial implications of a greater menstrual product selection at the June 1, 2023 meeting.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1

**(iii) Snow Angels Program Sustainability (HSC23022) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

(1) The Presentation respecting Snow Angels Program Sustainability (HSC23022) (City Wide), was received.

(2) That Report HSC23022 respecting Snow Angels Program Sustainability was referred back to staff to consider the feasibility of a City contract and external contractors for snow removal options, and the options in the original report with a report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee on August 17, 2023

**(i) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 9)**

**(i) Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes - March 3, 2023 (Item 9.1)**

The Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes of March 3, 2023, were received.

**(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 16)**

There being no further business, the Emergency and Community Services Committee adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor T. Hwang  
Vice Chair, Emergency and Community  
Services Committee

Loren Kolar  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk