



## **EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 23-012**

1:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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**Present:** Councillor B. Clark (Chair), Councillors T. Jackson, C. Kroetsch, T. Hwang (Vice Chair), N. Nann, A. Wilson and M. Wilson

**Also Present:** Councillor J. Beattie

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

#### **1. Snow Angels Program Sustainability (HSC23022(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

**(Jackson/A. Wilson)**

- (a) That Council approve the plan for the Snow Angels program with a base budget of \$111,310 to be changed from a volunteer-driven snow removal program to a subsidy-based program for qualified recipients beginning October 1, 2023 that increases annually in alignment with the City's Budget guidelines and that the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department or their designate be authorized to increase the Ontario Works Division's 2023 budgeted complement by 0.5 full-time equivalent permanent position for a Case Aide to support the delivery of the Ontario Works Snow Angels program funded through the existing annual operating budget. The new subsidy program would be funded by the existing base budget and therefore would have no impact to the levy;
- (b) That Council approve a public awareness messaging campaign to promote the idea of neighbours helping neighbours for inclusion in existing City public communications where appropriate. This would be accomplished using existing City communication resources;
- (c) 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 Snow Angels program

including but not limited to spending caps, benefit frequency limits or other controls necessary to ensure costs are contained within the approved budget; and,

- (d) That staff bring forward a report to Council in June 2024 with an update on the Snow Angels subsidy program

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:**

YES	-	Clark, Brad	Ward 9
YES	-	Hwang, Tammy	Ward 4
YES	-	Kroetsch, Cameron	Ward 2
YES	-	Jackson, Tom	Ward 6
ABSENT	-	Nann, Nrinder	Ward 3
YES	-	Wilson, Alex	Ward 13
YES	-	Wilson, Maureen	Ward 1

**2. Accessibility of City Operated Recreation Facilities (HSC23055) (City Wide) (Item 9.1)**

**(Kroetsch/Jackson)**

- (a) That Report HSC23055, respecting Accessibility of City Operated Recreation Facilities, be received.
- (b) *That staff be directed to expedite the identification of the City's lower-city recreational facilities with accessibility issues, to include the costs of making these facilities accessible, with a report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee in Q4 2023; and*
- (c) *That staff be directed to reach out to civic partners to identify existing accessible space that the City may be able to more immediately access through partnerships and report back in Q4 2023.*

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

YES	-	Clark, Brad	Ward 9
ABSENT	-	Hwang, Tammy	Ward 4
YES	-	Kroetsch, Cameron	Ward 2
YES	-	Jackson, Tom	Ward 6
ABSENT	-	Nann, Nrinder	Ward 3
YES	-	Wilson, Alex	Ward 13
YES	-	Wilson, Maureen	Ward 1

**3. Hamilton’s Emergency Shelter Standards (HSC23007) (City Wide) (Item 9.2)**

**(Kroetsch/M. Wilson)**

That Report HSC23008, respecting Hamilton’s Emergency Shelter Standards, be received.

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

YES	-	Clark, Brad	Ward 9
ABSENT	-	Hwang, Tammy	Ward 4
YES	-	Kroetsch, Cameron	Ward 2
YES	-	Jackson, Tom	Ward 6
ABSENT	-	Nann, Nrinder	Ward 3
YES	-	Wilson, Alex	Ward 13
YES	-	Wilson, Maureen	Ward 1

**4. Emergency Shelter and Residential Care Facilities Systems Complaints Resolution Process (HSC23053) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)**

**(Hwang/Kroetsch)**

- (a) That Council approve the Emergency Shelter and Residential Care Facility Complaints Resolution Process attached as Appendix “A” to Report HSC23053 which details a standardized process for Housing Services Division staff to receive complaints or concerns about the services and care provided to residents in Hamilton’s licensed residential care facilities and emergency shelters, outside those covered by existing legislation or bylaws; and,
- (b) That in order to implement the standardized Emergency Shelter and Residential Care Facility Complaints Resolution Process, an increase to the Housing Services Division’s 2024 Budgeted Complement by 1.0 FTE, for a Project Manager, at an annual cost of approximately \$115 K in 2024, be referred to the 2024 Tax Operating budget process; and,
- (c) That Report HSC23053 Emergency Shelter and Residential Care Facilities Systems Complaint Resolution Process be considered complete and removed from the Emergency and Community Services Committee Outstanding Business List.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 7 to 0, as follows:**

YES	-	Clark, Brad	Ward 9
YES	-	Hwang, Tammy	Ward 4
YES	-	Kroetsch, Cameron	Ward 2
YES	-	Jackson, Tom	Ward 6
YES	-	Nann, Nrinder	Ward 3
YES	-	Wilson, Alex	Ward 13
YES	-	Wilson, Maureen	Ward 1

**5. Standardization of Ruggedized Computer Devices for Hamilton Paramedic Service (HSC23044) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)**

**(Hwang/M. Wilson)**

- (a) That the Panasonic Toughbook Computer/Tablet devices be designated a “Standard” device pursuant to Procurement Policy 14 – Standardization, such designation to be reviewed again no later than December 31, 2030; and
- (b) That the Gamber-Johnson Computer/Tablet mounts for vehicle installations be designated a “Standard” device pursuant to Procurement Policy 14 – Standardization, such designation to be reviewed again no later than December 31, 2030; and
- (c) That staff be authorized to negotiate with HGlobal Technologies Inc. as a single source for the supply, parts, and installation of ESO software and repairs required associated with the standardized Panasonic Toughbook Computer/Tablet devices chosen by the City, pursuant to City Procurement Policy 11 through to December 31, 2030; and
- (d) That the Chief of the Hamilton Paramedic Service or their designate, be authorized and directed to enter into and sign, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, any agreements and or necessary associated documents for the purchase of the Panasonic Toughbook Computer/Tablet and Gamber-Johnson Mounts with content acceptable to the City subject to Procurement Policy, Section 4.2, Policy 2 Approval Authority; and
- (e) That the Chief of the Hamilton Paramedic Service or their designate, be authorized to amend any Contracts executed and any ancillary documents as required if a supplier(s) identified in this Report (HSC23044) undergoes a name change.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:**

ABSENT	- Clark, Brad	Ward 9
YES	- Hwang, Tammy	Ward 4
YES	- Kroetsch, Cameron	Ward 2
YES	- Jackson, Tom	Ward 6
YES	- Nann, Nrinder	Ward 3
YES	- Wilson, Alex	Ward 13
YES	- Wilson, Maureen	Ward 1

**6. Housing Charge and Operating Subsidy for 272 Caroline St. S. Housing Co-operative Inc. (HSC23059) (Ward 2) (Item 10.3)**

**(Kroetsch/A. Wilson)**

- (a) That the City enter into an agreement for housing charge supplements for 10 households and an operating subsidy for 272 Caroline St. S. Housing Co-operative Inc. on such terms and conditions as provided for in the

Term Sheet attached as Appendix “A” to report HSC23059 along with any ancillary documentation and amendments in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and the General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or their designate be authorized and directed to execute and administer the agreement; and,

- (b) That an increase to the 2024 Housing Service division budget of \$122K to support 10 housing charge supplements and an operating subsidy for 272 Caroline St. S. Co-operative Inc. be referred to the 2024 Tax Operating Budget process,
- (c) ***That funding in the amount of \$52K be provided in 2024 and \$56K in 2025 to 272 Caroline St. S. Cooperative Inc. to be placed in their Replacement Reserve for building repairs to be funded from the projected 8% annual increases to the Municipal Capital Grant for Social Housing; and,***
- (d) ***That the General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or their designate be authorized and directed to execute and administer an agreement for the capital reserve contribution for 272 Caroline St. S. Co-operative Inc. in accordance with the Term Sheet attached as Appendix “B” to report HSC23059 along with any ancillary documentation and amendments in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.***

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

YES	-	Clark, Brad	Ward 9
YES	-	Hwang, Tammy	Ward 4
YES	-	Kroetsch, Cameron	Ward 2
YES	-	Jackson, Tom	Ward 6
ABSENT	-	Nann, Nrinder	Ward 3
YES	-	Wilson, Alex	Ward 13
ABSTAIN	-	Wilson, Maureen	Ward 1

**7. Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (HSC22035(b)) (City Wide)  
(Item 10.4)**

**(A. Wilson/M. Wilson)**

That the City of Hamilton accept the additional 100% provincial 2023 Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care funding in the amount of \$ 731,687 from the Ministry of Education.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:**

YES	-	Clark, Brad	Ward 9
YES	-	Hwang, Tammy	Ward 4
YES	-	Kroetsch, Cameron	Ward 2
YES	-	Jackson, Tom	Ward 6

ABSENT	-	Nann, Nrinder	Ward 3
YES	-	Wilson, Alex	Ward 13
YES	-	Wilson, Maureen	Ward 1

**8. Gender Based Safety Audit (Item 11.1)**

**(M. Wilson/Jackson)**

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton strives to apply an equity lens to its activities to identify and remove barriers and to support best practices in planning, budgeting, implementation and evaluation of its operations, programs and services;

WHEREAS, Hamilton City Council's 2022-2026 term priorities include the goal of safe and thriving neighbourhoods;

WHEREAS, in the United Nations report "Cities Alive: Designing Cities That Work For Women", it is stated that "without a gender-responsive approach to urban planning, cities often compound gender inequalities that restrict women's social and economic opportunities, health and wellbeing, sense of safety and security, and access to justice and equity";

WHEREAS, people who identify as women in Hamilton were significantly less likely than men to feel very safe when walking alone after dark (34% versus 63%) (Statistics Canada, Safe Cities Profile Series: Key indicators by census metropolitan area, May 2020);

WHEREAS, people who identified as women in Hamilton were significantly more likely to experience unwanted sexual behaviour in public than men (34% versus 15%) (Statistics, Canada, 2020);

WHEREAS, of those who experienced a physical or sexual assault or unwanted sexual behaviour, one in ten (10%) Hamilton residents said the most serious incident took place on public transit (Statistics, Canada, 2020);

WHEREAS, recent HSR reports stated that the majority of HSR ridership identify as women;

WHEREAS, most Two-Spirit and LGBTQ+ people surveyed in a 2019 community report responded that they felt less safe outside of their housing, on the street, or in their neighbourhood (Mapping the Void: Two-Spirit and LGBTQ+ Experience in Hamilton, 2019);

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2023, Hamilton City Council directed staff to conduct a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) review of the five City-owned escarpment staircases and report back on recommendations to improve the safety of escarpment staircase use specifically to prevent sexual violence;

WHEREAS, the National Inquiry for into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls delivered 231 Calls for Justice and recognizes the systemic

racism, violence and abuse against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people across Canada;

WHEREAS, a motion was passed at the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee on February 16, 2023 stating that the Hamilton Women and Gender Committee, Citizen Committee Report, respecting Applying a gender lens to the City of Hamilton budget, be received and referred to staff for report back to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee in advance of the 2024 budget process on how a gender-based lens can be applied through a municipal budgeting process;

WHEREAS, there are statistical differences in gender-based access to various transport modes, especially in the lower percentage of women cycling than men, and how safe and comfortable they feel using them;

WHEREAS, gender-based outreach for the public bike share program in partnership with the Everyone Rides Initiative has resulted in more gender parity amongst bike share users;

WHEREAS, gender-based safety audits have been defined as a process which brings individuals together to walk through a physical environment, evaluate how safe it feels to them, identify ways to make the space safer and organize to bring about these changes;

WHEREAS, a gender-based safety audit prioritizes the experience and knowledge of women and gender-diverse individuals living in a neighbourhood and/or using a community space as experts in their own safety, comfort, dignity, and accessibility needs;

WHEREAS, violence is one of the priorities of the Community Safety and Well Being Plan and increasing the awareness of gender-based violence and developing safety resources has been recognized as a more specific area for attention;

WHEREAS, community driven hate reporting tools can further our understanding of areas of the city that require support to address safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2023, City Council declared gender-based violence and intimate-partner violence an epidemic in Hamilton.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the YWCA lead the development of gender-based safety audits in Hamilton working in collaboration with City staff and community partners;
- (b) That staff continue to work closely with the Community Safety and Well Being System Leadership Table to increase awareness of gender-based violence and explore opportunities for further action;

- (c) That the aim of the safety audit review is to collect and compile evidence-based data, inputs, suggestions and recommendations on barriers to women, girls and gender-diverse individuals' safety and security in public spaces with a particular focus on the following realms:
  - (i) Future LRT Station design;
  - (ii) Select HSR stops and operations
  - (iii) City of Hamilton park redevelopment plans
  - (iv) City of Hamilton recreation facilities
  - (v) City streets and/or intersections
  - (vi) City Trails and Escarpment Staircases
  - (vii) Any other space highlighted by audit participants
- (d) That the goal of the reviews will be to understand women and gender-diverse persons' key safety concerns in city spaces and to bring about improvements to the physical environments to remove hazards and improve feelings of safety along with any policy and/or operational recommendations and evidence-based actions to improve the service delivery and public infrastructure based on the audit findings; and
- (e) That staff be authorized to provide one-time funding in the amount of \$100,000 from the Building Safer Communities Fund (ID 679114) to support the safety review in collaboration with community partners.

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

YES	- Clark, Brad	Ward 9
YES	- Hwang, Tammy	Ward 4
YES	- Kroetsch, Cameron	Ward 2
YES	- Jackson, Tom	Ward 6
ABSENT	- Nann, Nrinder	Ward 3
ABSENT	- Wilson, Alex	Ward 13
YES	- Wilson, Maureen	Ward 1

**9. Feasibility of the Funding Request from the Emergency Food Committee/Food Share**

**(Jackson/Nann)**

- (a) That staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of the following \$1.25M funding request from the Emergency Food Committee/Food Share which includes the following:
  - Hamilton Food Share will hold the funding contract with the city, reporting annually on the disbursement and impact of the funding
  - \$625,000 dedicated to food purchasing by Hamilton Food Share & Priority Food Program; and



- Hamilton Food Share will act as the flow through, providing \$625,000 to agencies by way of grants to cover staffing and infrastructure expense;
- (b) That staff be directed to report back on the feasibility of the \$1.25M funding request from the Emergency Food Committee/Food Share at the October 19, 2023, Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 7 to 0, as follows:**

YES	- Clark, Brad	Ward 9
YES	- Hwang, Tammy	Ward 4
YES	- Kroetsch, Cameron	Ward 2
YES	- Jackson, Tom	Ward 6
YES	- Nann, Nrinder	Ward 3
YES	- Wilson, Alex	Ward 13
YES	- Wilson, Maureen	Ward 1

**10. Feasibility of Using HSR Buses as Mobile Cooling Centres During Heat Emergencies**

**(A. Wilson/M. Wilson)**

That staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of using HSR buses as a mobile cooling centres during heat emergencies, with a report back to the Public Health Committee at a future meeting.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 7 to 0, as follows:**

YES	- Clark, Brad	Ward 9
YES	- Hwang, Tammy	Ward 4
YES	- Kroetsch, Cameron	Ward 2
YES	- Jackson, Tom	Ward 6
YES	- Nann, Nrinder	Ward 3
YES	- Wilson, Alex	Ward 13
YES	- Wilson, Maureen	Ward 1

**FOR INFORMATION:**

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

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

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

- \*5.1 Correspondence from Anthony Frisina, respecting Accessibility of City Operated Recreation Facilities

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 9.1 Accessibility of City Operated Recreation Facilities (HSC23055)

- \*5.2 Correspondence from Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton, respecting item 11.1, Gender-Based Safety Audit

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 11.1, Gender-Based Safety Audit

## 6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- \*6.2 Keisha Chapman and Emily Power, Respecting item 10.3 Housing Charge and Operating Subsidy for 272 Caroline St. S. Housing Co-operative Inc. (HSC23059) (Ward 2) (In-Person) (for today's meeting)
- \*6.3 Chelsea Kirkby, YMCA Hamilton, Respecting item 11.1 Gender-Based Safety Audit (In-Person) (for today's meeting)
- \*6.4 Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, Respecting item 11.1 Gender Based Safety Audit (In-Person) (for today's meeting)

## 7. DELEGATIONS

- 7.2 Delegations respecting the state of emergency taking place within the emergency food system within Hamilton (approved at the July 13, 2023 meeting)
  - a. Karen Randell and Jamie Vanderberg, Emergency Food Committee
    - \*a. Presentation

## 8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- 8.1 Snow Angels Program Sustainability (HSC23022(a)) (City Wide)
  - \*a. Staff Presentation respecting Snow Angels Sustainability (HSC23022(a))

## ITEM WITHDRAWN

## 7. DELEGATIONS

- 7.5 Jordan Williams respecting the cost of living and high inflation on basic essential goods and services - WITHDRAWN

**(Hwang/Jackson)**

That the agenda for the September 21, 2023 Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 7 to 0, as follows:**

YES	-	Clark, Brad	Ward 9
YES	-	Hwang, Tammy	Ward 4
YES	-	Kroetsch, Cameron	Ward 2
YES	-	Jackson, Tom	Ward 6
YES	-	Nann, Nrinder	Ward 3
YES	-	Wilson, Alex	Ward 13
YES	-	Wilson, Maureen	Ward 1

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

Councillor M. Wilson declared a non-disqualifying interest in Item 10.3, Housing Charge and Operating Subsidy for 272 Caroline St. S. Housing Co-operative Inc. (HSC23059) (Ward 2), as her husband is the CEO and President of the Hamilton Community Foundation.

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

**(i) September 7, 2023 (Item 4.1)**

**(Nann/M. Wilson)**

That the Minutes of the September 7, 2023 meeting of the Emergency and Community Services Committee, be approved, as presented.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 7 to 0, as follows:**

YES	-	Clark, Brad	Ward 9
YES	-	Hwang, Tammy	Ward 4
YES	-	Kroetsch, Cameron	Ward 2
YES	-	Jackson, Tom	Ward 6
YES	-	Nann, Nrinder	Ward 3
YES	-	Wilson, Alex	Ward 13
YES	-	Wilson, Maureen	Ward 1

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

**(Kroetsch/Nann)**

That the following Communication Items, be approved as presented:

- (i) Correspondence from Anthony Frisina, respecting Accessibility of City Operated Recreation Facilities (Added Item 5.1)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 9.1 Accessibility of City Operated Recreation Facilities (HSC23055)

- (ii) Correspondence from Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton, respecting item 11.1, Gender-Based Safety Audit (Added Item 5.2)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 11.1, Gender-Based Safety Audit

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 7 to 0, as follows:**

YES	-	Clark, Brad	Ward 9
YES	-	Hwang, Tammy	Ward 4
YES	-	Kroetsch, Cameron	Ward 2
YES	-	Jackson, Tom	Ward 6
YES	-	Nann, Nrinder	Ward 3
YES	-	Wilson, Alex	Ward 13
YES	-	Wilson, Maureen	Ward 1

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

**(M. Wilson/Nann)**

That the following Delegation Requests be approved, as presented:

- (i) Jelena Vermilion, Sex Workers' Action Program Hamilton (SWAP), respecting Gender Based Safety Audits (for today's meeting) (Item 6.1)
- (ii) Keisha Chapman and Emily Power, Respecting item 10.3 Housing Charge and Operating Subsidy for 272 Caroline St. S. Housing Co-operative Inc. (HSC23059) (Ward 2) (In-Person) (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.2)
- (iii) Chelsea Kirkby, YMCA Hamilton, Respecting item 11.1 Gender-Based Safety Audit (In-Person) (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.3)
- (iv) Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, Respecting item 11.1 Gender- Based Safety Audit (In-Person) (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.4)

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 7 to 0, as follows:**

YES	-	Clark, Brad	Ward 9
YES	-	Hwang, Tammy	Ward 4
YES	-	Kroetsch, Cameron	Ward 2
YES	-	Jackson, Tom	Ward 6
YES	-	Nann, Nrinder	Ward 3
YES	-	Wilson, Alex	Ward 13
YES	-	Wilson, Maureen	Ward 1

(f) **DELEGATIONS (Item 7)**

- (a) (i) **Jessica Brand, Indwell Community Homes, respecting the Positive Impacts of Supportive Housing - REVISED (approved at the July 13, 2023 meeting) (Item 7.1)**

Jessica Brand, Indwell Community Homes addressed the Committee respecting the Positive Impacts of Supportive Housing.

- (ii) **Delegations respecting the state of emergency taking place within the emergency food system within Hamilton (approved at the July 13, 2023 meeting) (Item 7.2)**

The following delegations addressed the Committee respecting the state of emergency taking place within the emergency food system within Hamilton:

- (a) Olive Warhoush, McMaster University (Item 7.2(a))
- (b) Karen Randell and Jamie Vanderberg, Emergency Food Committee (Item 7.2(b))

**(M. Wilson/Jackson)**

That the Delegation from Karen Randell and Jamie Vanderberg, Emergency Food Committee, be extended by an additional 5 minutes.

**CARRIED**

- (iii) **Landen Reil, respecting Improvements in Mental Health and Emergency Services (approved at the August 17, 2023 meeting) (Item 7.3)**

Landen Reil was not present when called upon.

- (iv) **Don McLean, respecting the use of HSR buses as mobile cooling centres during heat emergencies (approved at the August 17, 2023 meeting) (Added Item 7.4)**

Don McLean addressed the Committee respecting the use of HSR buses as mobile cooling centres during heat emergencies.

- (v) **Jelena Vermilion, Sex Workers' Action Program Hamilton (SWAP), respecting Gender Based Safety Audits (for today's meeting) (Added Item 7.5)**

Jelena Vermilion, Sex Workers' Action Program Hamilton (SWAP), addressed the Committee respecting Gender Based Safety Audits.

- (vi) **Keisha Chapman and Emily Power, respecting item 10.3 Housing Charge and Operating Subsidy for 272 Caroline St. S. Housing Co-operative Inc. (HSC23059) (Ward 2) (In-Person) (Added Item 7.6)**

Keisha Chapman and Emily Power address the Committee respecting item 10.3 Housing Charge and Operating Subsidy for 272 Caroline St. S. Housing Co-operative Inc.

- (vii) **Chelsea Kirkby, YMCA Hamilton, respecting item 11.1 Gender-Based Safety Audit (In-Person) (for today's meeting) (Added Item 7.7)**

Chelsea Kirkby, YMCA Hamilton, addressed the Committee respecting item 11.1 Gender-Based Safety Audit.

- (viii) **Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting item 11.1, Gender- Based Safety Audit (In-Person) (for today's meeting) (Added Item 7.8)**

Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, addressed the Committee respecting item 11.1, Gender- Based Safety Audit.

**(b) (Nann/A. Wilson)**

That the following Delegations, be received:

- (i) Jessica Brand, Indwell Community Homes, respecting the Positive Impacts of Supportive Housing - REVISED (approved at the July 13, 2023 meeting) (Item 7.1)
- (ii) Delegations respecting the state of emergency taking place within the emergency food system within Hamilton (approved at the July 13, 2023 meeting) (Item 7.2)
1. Olive Warhoush, McMaster University (Item 7.2(a))
  2. Karen Randell and Jamie Vanderberg, Emergency Food Committee (Item 7.2(b))
- (iii) Don McLean, respecting the use of HSR buses as mobile cooling centres during heat emergencies (approved at the August 17, 2023 meeting) (Added Item 7.4)
- (iv) Jelena Vermilion, Sex Workers' Action Program Hamilton (SWAP), respecting Gender Based Safety Audits (for today's meeting) (Added Item 7.5)
- (v) Keisha Chapman and Emily Power, respecting item 10.3 Housing Charge and Operating Subsidy for 272 Caroline St. S. Housing

Co-operative Inc. (HSC23059) (Ward 2) (In-Person) (Added Item 7.6)

- (vi) Chelsea Kirkby, YMCA Hamilton, respecting item 11.1 Gender-Based Safety Audit (In-Person) (for today's meeting) (Added Item 7.7)
- (vii) Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting item 11.1, Gender- Based Safety Audit (In-Person) (for today's meeting) (Added Item 7.8)

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:**

YES	- Clark, Brad	Ward 9
YES	- Hwang, Tammy	Ward 4
YES	- Kroetsch, Cameron	Ward 2
YES	- Jackson, Tom	Ward 6
YES	- Nann, Nrinder	Ward 3
YES	- Wilson, Alex	Ward 13
ABSTAIN	- Wilson, Maureen	Ward 1

For disposition of (f)(b)(ii), refer to Item 9.

For disposition of (f)(b)(iii), refer to Item 10.

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

**(i) Snow Angels Program Sustainability (HSC23022(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

Erica Brimley, Manager Human Services respecting Report HSC23022(a), Snow Angels Program Sustainability, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

**(Hwang/Jackson)**

That the presentation respecting Report HSC23022(a), Snow Angels Program Sustainability, be received.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:**

YES	- Clark, Brad	Ward 9
YES	- Hwang, Tammy	Ward 4
YES	- Kroetsch, Cameron	Ward 2
YES	- Jackson, Tom	Ward 6
ABSENT	- Nann, Nrinder	Ward 3
YES	- Wilson, Alex	Ward 13
YES	- Wilson, Maureen	Ward 1

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(h) **CONSENT ITEMS (Item 9)**

(i) **Accessibility of City Operated Recreation Facilities (HSC23055) (City Wide) (Item 9.1)**

**(Kroetsch/Jackson)**

That Report HSC23055, respecting Accessibility of City Operated Recreation Facilities, be received.

**(Kroetsch/A. Wilson)**

That the recommendation be *amended* by adding subsections (b) and (c) as follows:

(b) *That staff be directed to expedite the identification of the City's lower-city recreational facilities with accessibility issues, to include the costs of making these facilities accessible, with a report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee in Q4 2023; and*

(c) *That staff be directed to reach out to civic partners to identify existing accessible space that the City may be able to more immediately access through partnerships and report back in Q4 2023.*

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

YES	-	Clark, Brad	Ward 9
YES	-	Hwang, Tammy	Ward 4
YES	-	Kroetsch, Cameron	Ward 2
YES	-	Jackson, Tom	Ward 6
ABSENT	-	Nann, Nrinder	Ward 3
YES	-	Wilson, Alex	Ward 13
YES	-	Wilson, Maureen	Ward 1

For further disposition, refer to Item 2

(i) **DISCUSSION ITEM (Item 10)**

(i) **Housing Charge and Operating Subsidy for 272 Caroline St. S. Housing Co-operative Inc. (HSC23059) (Ward 2) (Item 10.3)**

**(Kroetsch/M. Wilson)**

(a) That the City enter into an agreement for housing charge supplements for 10 households and an operating subsidy for 272 Caroline St. S. Housing Co-operative Inc. on such terms and conditions as provided for in the Term Sheet attached as Appendix "A" to report HSC23059 along with any ancillary documentation and amendments in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and the



General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or their designate be authorized and directed to execute and administer the agreement; and,

- (b) That an increase to the 2024 Housing Service division budget of \$122K to support 10 housing charge supplements and an operating subsidy for 272 Caroline St. S. Co-operative Inc. be referred to the 2024 Tax Operating Budget process.

**(Kroetsch/M. Wilson)**

That the recommendations be **amended** by adding subsections (c) and (d) as follows:

- (c) ***That funding in the amount of \$52K be provided in 2024 and \$56K in 2025 to 272 Caroline St. S. Cooperative Inc. to be placed in their Replacement Reserve for building repairs to be funded from the projected 8% annual increases to the Municipal Capital Grant for Social Housing; and,***
- (d) ***That the General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or their designate be authorized and directed to execute and administer an agreement for the capital reserve contribution for 272 Caroline St. S. Co-operative Inc. in accordance with the Term Sheet attached as Appendix "B" to report HSC23059 along with any ancillary documentation and amendments in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.***

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

YES	- Clark, Brad	Ward 9
YES	- Hwang, Tammy	Ward 4
YES	- Kroetsch, Cameron	Ward 2
YES	- Jackson, Tom	Ward 6
ABSENT	- Nann, Nrinder	Ward 3
YES	- Wilson, Alex	Ward 13
ABSTAIN	- Wilson, Maureen	Ward 1

For further disposition, refer to Item 6.

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

**(Jackson/Hwang)**

That there being no further business, the Emergency and Community Services Committee be adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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

YES	- Clark, Brad	Ward 9
YES	- Hwang, Tammy	Ward 4

YES	-	Kroetsch, Cameron	Ward 2
YES	-	Jackson, Tom	Ward 6
ABSENT	-	Nann, Nrinder	Ward 3
ABSENT	-	Wilson, Alex	Ward 13
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Respectfully submitted,

Councillor B Clark, Chair  
Emergency and Community Services  
Committee

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