



## EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT 24-002

1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 8, 2024

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with Regrets:** Councillors T. Jackson and B. Clark - Personal

### THE EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 24-002, AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. **Renewal of Beasley Community Centre Operating Agreement (CS13018(d)) (Ward 2) (Item 10.2)**
  - (a) That the Operating Agreement between the City of Hamilton and Wesley Urban Ministries for the operation of the Beasley Community Centres from September 30, 2018, to December 31, 2023 be renewed for an additional ***two year period until December 31, 2026;***
  - (b) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department or their designate be authorized and directed to execute the renewal of the Operating Agreement between the City of Hamilton and Wesley Urban Ministries for the operation of Beasley Community Centres, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and
  - (c) That the funding provided to Wesley Urban Ministries by the City of Hamilton, Recreation Division as part of the Operating agreement of Beasley Community Centres increase by three (3) percent each year as part of the annual budget cycle;

- (d) That staff report back in Q3 2024 to the Emergency and Community Services Committee, on the following:
  - (i) All City of Hamilton recreation facilities which have third party operators, including location, types of services being provided, partnership benefits, and the risks associated with these relationships;
  - (ii) Agreement inclusions to mitigate risks and potential to transfer governmental funding to a new operator should an organization withdraw services;
  - (iii) Actual costs to operate the Beasley Community Centre compared to funding provided; and
- (e) That staff be directed to facilitate conversations with the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board to understand the need for locked access and what can be put in place to ensure the community can access freely and reduce financial costs to operate.

**2. Updates to the Emergency Plan (HSC22001(b)) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)**

That the by-law attached as Appendix “A” to Report HSC22001(b) which amends the City of Hamilton Emergency Management Program By-law (By-law 22-005) and repeals last year’s amending by-law 23-033, and which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be enacted and effective immediately.

**3. 2024 Frostbites Festival - Celebrating Community-Building in Ward 3 (Added Item 11.1)**

WHEREAS, Frost Bites, now in its 8th year, Frost Bites returns to Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre in Ward 3 as a one-week community-embedded festival inspiring residents to engage in free public events that build connections and celebrate community-building in Ward 3 and across the city while activating public spaces;

WHEREAS, Frost Bites is exemplary of winter community programming for all ages that radically reimagines a performing arts festival with a grass-roots creation approach, while showcasing live Indigenous music, participatory storytelling sessions in English & French, indoor and outdoor activities,

WHEREAS, Frost Bites has a history of activating and illuminating community spaces in Ward 3 along Barton St through a unique lineup of performances and activities, including at the Westinghouse, 541 Café & Eatery, and at the Cotton Factory, and will once again use the Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre as the festival hub in 2024 for all residents to enjoy;

WHEREAS, Frost Bites has connected and formed partnerships with a diversity of community organizations in Ward 3, including the Afro-Caribbean Canadian Association, Hamilton Aerial Group, L'Arche, the Immigrant Working Centre, Centre Francophone, Indigenous consultants, and Keeping Six to ensure that programming is developed by and for the community, while also informing the community;

WHEREAS, the Frost Bites festival is organized in part by Ward 3 residents, features artists and performers from Ward 3, and will provide resiliency to the local community in a recovery framework by building community connections, supporting arts, developing skill sets and highlighting a facility with a variety of beneficial programming; and

WHEREAS, the Ward 3 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account is at the discretion of the Ward 3 Councillor's Office and has been used to empower resident-led initiatives that benefit the local community and harness resilience and belonging in Ward 3.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

- (a) That \$2500 be allocated from the Ward 3 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account 3301609603 to the Hamilton Festival Theatre Company as the fiscal sponsor for the Frost Bites Festival; 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.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

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

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

**12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

- 12.1 2024 Frostbites Festival - Celebrating community-building in Ward 3 (A request to waive the rules will be introduced)
- 12.2 Development of a Policy for the Use of Indigenous Images and Themes in City of Hamilton Facilities

**13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS**

- 13.1 Amendments to the Outstanding Business List

The agenda for the February 8, 2024 Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

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

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

**(i) January 18, 2024 (Item 4.1)**

The Minutes of the January 18, 2024 meeting of the Emergency and Community Services Committee, were approved, as presented.

**(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)**

**(i) Renewal of Beasley Community Centre Operating Agreement (CS13018(d)) (Ward 2) (Item 10.2)**

- (a) That the Operating Agreement between the City of Hamilton and Wesley Urban Ministries for the operation of the Beasley Community Centres from September 30, 2018, to December 31, 2023 be renewed for an additional five years until December 31, 2028, with an option for one two-year;
- (b) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department or their designate be authorized and directed to execute the renewal of the Operating Agreement between the City of Hamilton and Wesley Urban Ministries for the operation of Beasley Community Centres, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and
- (c) That the funding provided to Wesley Urban Ministries by the City of Hamilton, Recreation Division as part of the Operating agreement of Beasley Community Centres increase by three (3) percent each year as part of the annual budget cycle;

The recommendations in Report CS13018(d), respecting a Renewal of Beasley Community Centre Operating Agreement, **were amended** as follows:

- (a) That the Operating Agreement between the City of Hamilton and Wesley Urban Ministries for the operation of the Beasley Community Centres from September 30, 2018, to December 31, 2023 be renewed for an additional ~~five years until December 31, 2028, with an option for one two-year extension two year period until December 31, 2026;~~

- (b) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department or their designate be authorized and directed to execute the renewal of the Operating Agreement between the City of Hamilton and Wesley Urban Ministries for the operation of Beasley Community Centres, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and
- (c) That the funding provided to Wesley Urban Ministries by the City of Hamilton, Recreation Division as part of the Operating agreement of Beasley Community Centres increase by three (3) percent each year as part of the annual budget cycle;
- (d) ***That staff report back in Q3 2024 to the Emergency and Community Services Committee, on the following:***
  - (i) ***All City of Hamilton recreation facilities which have third party operators, including location, types of services being provided, partnership benefits, and the risks associated with these relationships;***
  - (ii) ***Agreement inclusions to mitigate risks and potential to transfer governmental funding to a new operator should an organization withdraw services;***
  - (iii) ***Actual costs to operate the Beasley Community Centre compared to funding provided; and***
- (e) ***That staff be directed to facilitate conversations with the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board to understand the need for locked access and what can be put in place to ensure the community can access freely and reduce financial costs to operate.***

For further disposition, refer to Item 1.

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

- (i) **2024 Frostbites Festival - Celebrating community-building in Ward 3 (Added Item 12.1)**

The Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting the 2023 Frost Bites Festival – Celebrating community-building in Ward 3.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 3.

Councillor Hwang introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(ii) Development of a Policy for the Use of Indigenous Images and Themes in City of Hamilton Facilities (Added Item 12.2)**

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is situated on the traditional territory of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas, and that this land is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes, and that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is committed to having a trusting relationship with Indigenous communities where we communicate and work together appropriately to address the unique needs and issues of Indigenous people;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's Urban Indigenous Strategy identified the need to do more to visually represent the historic and continuing presence of Indigenous peoples and recognized that Indigenous cultures and traditions need to be respected and seen as more than a performance;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Hamilton Urban Indigenous Strategy, Indigenous people, inclusive of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit, must be involved in decision-making in municipal activities that affect them, and that consultation with urban Indigenous people and communities must be meaningful;

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2019, the Mayor of the City of Hamilton received correspondence from the Ontario Human Rights Commission through Chief Commissioner Renu Mandhane regarding a settlement reached in an Application before the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario involving the City of Mississauga, and as a result of the settlement, the Ontario Human Rights Commission wrote to all Ontario municipalities to encourage them to collaborate with local Indigenous communities to develop a policy on the use of Indigenous themed logos and names within their sports facilities; and

WHEREAS, City Council approved the Use of Indigenous Images/Themes in City Sports & Recreation Facilities Policy on January 24, 2024, but that a similar policy does not exist for all indoor and outdoor facilities under the jurisdiction of the City of Hamilton.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee by the end of Q2 2024, with a culturally appropriate policy for the use of Indigenous images and themes in indoor and outdoor facilities under the jurisdiction of the City of Hamilton;
- (b) That staff engage in meaningful consultation with the local Indigenous community to inform the development of this policy.

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

The following amendments to the Emergency and Community Services Committee's Outstanding Business List, were approved:

- (i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Added Item 13.1)
  - (a) Items to be removed (Item 13.1(a))
    1. 23-D: Winter Response Strategy (HSC23012) (City Wide) - ECS 23-001, 19/01/23, Item 7  
  
Addressed in Report HSC23012(a), September 7, 2023, ECS 23-011, Item 1
  - (b) Items Referred to the General Issues Committee Outstanding Business List (Item 13.1(b)):
    1. 22-C Shelter System Complaint Resolution Process - ECS 22-005, April 7/22, Item 3 (11.1)
    2. 23-B Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters Site Options and Considerations (HSC22015(b)) (City Wide) - ECS 23-001, January 19, 2023, Item 6 (As amended by Council on January 25, 2023)
    3. 23-C Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters Proposal – REVISED (HSC22015(a))(City Wide) (Deferred from the January 19, 2023 meeting) - ECS 23-002, February 16, 2023, Item 10.1

4. 23-G Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) Round 3 (HSC20056(c)) (Added Item 14.4) - Special Council Meeting, February 15, 2023
5. 23-K Renovictions Stakeholder Consultation (HSC23023) (City Wide) (Part Five) - ECS 23-005, April 20, 2023, Item 1
6. 23-P Addressing Renovictions, Tenant Displacement and Property Standards in Apartment Buildings in the City of Hamilton (PED23072) (City Wide)
7. 23-R Contractual Relationships With Landlords - ECS 23-010, August 17, 2023, Item (f)(ii)(a)

**(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 16)**

There being no further business, the Emergency and Community Services Committee be adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor A. Wilson, Chair  
Emergency and Community Services  
Committee

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