



## **EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 24-010**

1:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 5, 2024

Council Chambers (Hybrid)

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with  
Regrets:** Councillor N. Nann – City Business, Councillor B. Clark - Personal

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

#### **1. Greater Hamilton Food Share Update (HSC23072(a)) (Item 8.1)**

**(Hwang/Kroetsch)**

- (a) That representatives from Greater Hamilton Food Share present to the Emergency and Community Services Committee, on an annual basis, how funding has been distributed and the contract work they are doing to address food insecurity and the ongoing crisis in Hamilton's emergency food system (HSC23072);
- (b) That, as required by the Corporate Budget Policy, as approved by Council on FCS12010(a), the 2024 approved base budget amount of \$1.25M and the matching base budget Reserve funding of \$627,730 be transferred from General Manager's Office, Healthy and Safe Communities Dept ID, 679707 to the Children's and Community Services Division Dept id, 679136;
- (c) That Council approves the inclusion of the 2025 Budget variance of \$627,730 in the 2025 Tax Operating Budget so that the full committed balance of \$1.25M is fully levy funded in the 2025 Tax Operating budget; and
- (d) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department or designate be authorized and directed to execute the annual

funding agreement with Greater Hamilton Food Share in a form that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor

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

ABSENT	-	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. Update on Food and Hunger Needs in Hamilton (Generated from Item 8.1)**

**(M. Wilson/Hwang)**

That staff be directed to prepare an update on food and hunger needs in Hamilton and incorporate the information into the annual Housing Sustainability Investment Roadmap report.

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

ABSENT	-	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

**3. Hamilton Fire Department's 2023 Annual Report (HSC24048) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

**(Jackson/Kroetsch)**

That Report HSC24048, respecting the Hamilton Fire Department's 2023 Annual Report, be received.

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

ABSENT	-	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

**4. Ontario Works Caseload Profile (HSC24037) (Item 9.1)**

**(Hwang/A. Wilson)**

That Report HSC24037, respecting an Ontario Works Caseload Profile, be received.

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

ABSENT	-	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

**5. Community Safety and Well-Being Progress Report (HSC24050) (Item 9.2)**

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

That Report HSC24050, respecting a Community Safety and Well-Being Progress Report, be received.

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

ABSENT	-	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

**6. Red Cross Agreement (HSC19046(a)) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)**

**(Jackson/Hwang)**

That the Fire Chief, or their designate, be authorized to negotiate and enter into a three-year Agreement commencing January 1, 2025 on behalf of the City of Hamilton with the Canadian Red Cross for the provision of Emergency Social Services at a cost of \$64,429.80 for the first year, with an annual increase in accordance with the Consumer Price Index as published by Statistics Canada, to be charged to the Hamilton Fire Department budget provided it is in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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

ABSENT	-	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

**7. 2024 Ministry of Long-Term Care Funding Enhancement (HSC24052)  
(Wards 7 and 13) (Item 10.2)**

**(Jackson/Kroetsch)**

- (a) That Council approve receiving \$3,142,905 in Provincial Funding provided by the Ministry of Long-Term Care for fiscal year 2024-2025 in their goal to meet the objectives of the “Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 (the “Act”)”, necessary to provide care and services seven days a week to our residents in Long-Term Care Homes of Macassa Lodge and Wentworth Lodge; and,
- (b) That these funds be used, as allowed in the Ministry of Long-Term Care funding policy, to increase the Long-Term Care division direct care complement by an adding an additional 36.00 full-time equivalents effective April 1, 2024 to be included in the 2024 restated budget at an estimated gross cost of \$3,142,905 having a zero net levy impact.

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

ABSENT - 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. Hamilton Veterans Committee 2025 Budget Submission (PED24234) (City Wide) (Added Item 10.3)**

**(M. Wilson/Hwang)**

That the Hamilton Veterans Committee 2025 base budget of \$65,000 be approved, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED24234, and referred to the 2025 budget process for consideration.

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

ABSENT - 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 INFORMATION:**

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

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

**6. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

- 6.1 Sara Mayo, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton, respecting data around social assistance and Ontario Works Caseload Profile (HSC24037) (for today's meeting)
- 6.2 Dr. S. Palmer, Hamilton Social Work Action Committee, respecting Ontario Works Caseload Profile (HSC24037) (for today's meeting)
- 6.3 Craig Blondin, Mount Hamilton Youth Soccer Club, respecting the Mohawk Sports Complex (for a future meeting)

**7. DELEGATIONS**

- 7.1 Jelena Vermilion, Sex Workers' Action Program Hamilton (SWAP), respecting the work of SWAP Hamilton and the Gender-Based Safety Audit
  - a. Presentation and Report

**8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

- 8.1 Greater Hamilton Food Share Update (HSC23072(a))
  - a. Greater Hamilton Food Share Presentation

**(Hwang/M. Wilson)**

That the agenda for the December 5, 2024 Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

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

ABSENT	- 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

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

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

**(i) November 21, 2024 (Item 4.1)**

**(Kroetsch/Hwang)**

That the Minutes of the November 21, 2024 meeting of the Emergency and Community Services Committee, be approved, as presented.

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

ABSENT	-	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

**(c) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)**

**(M. Wilson/Kroetsch)**

That the following Delegation Requests be approved, as presented:

- (i) Sara Mayo, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton, respecting data around social assistance and Ontario Works Caseload Profile (HSC24037) (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.1)
- (ii) Dr. S. Palmer, Hamilton Social Work Action Committee, respecting Ontario Works Caseload Profile (HSC24037) (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.2)
- (iii) Craig Blondin, Mount Hamilton Youth Soccer Club, respecting the Mohawk Sports Complex (for a future meeting) (Added Item 6.3)

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

ABSENT	-	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

**(d) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)**

- (i) Jelena Vermilion, Sex Workers' Action Program Hamilton (SWAP), respecting the work of SWAP Hamilton and the Gender-Based Safety Audit (Item 7.1)**

Jelena Vermilion, Sex Workers' Action Program Hamilton (SWAP) addressed Committee respecting the work of SWAP Hamilton and the Gender-Based Safety Audit, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

**(Hwang/M. Wilson)**

That the Delegation from Jelena Vermilion, Sex Workers' Action Program Hamilton (SWAP), respecting the work of SWAP Hamilton and the Gender-Based Safety Audit, be extended by an additional five minutes.

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

ABSENT	-	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

- (ii) Sara Mayo, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton, respecting data around social assistance and Ontario Works Caseload Profile (HSC24037) (Added Item 7.2)**

Sara Mayo, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton addressed Committee respecting data around social assistance and Ontario Works Caseload Profile (HSC24037).

- (iii) Dr. S. Palmer, Hamilton Social Work Action Committee, respecting Ontario Works Caseload Profile (HSC24037) (Added Item 7.3)**

Dr. S. Palmer, Hamilton Social Work Action Committee, addressed Committee respecting Ontario Works Caseload Profile (HSC24037).

- (iv) (Jackson/M. Wilson)**

That the following Delegations, be received:

- (a) Jelena Vermilion, Sex Workers' Action Program Hamilton (SWAP), respecting the work of SWAP Hamilton and the Gender-Based Safety Audit (Item 7.1)
- (b) Sara Mayo, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton, respecting data around social assistance and Ontario Works Caseload Profile (HSC24037) (Added Item 7.2)

- (c) Dr. S. Palmer, Hamilton Social Work Action Committee, respecting Ontario Works Caseload Profile (HSC24037) (Added Item 7.3)

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

ABSENT	-	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

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

**(i) Greater Hamilton Food Share Update (HSC23072(a)) (Item 8.1)**

Radhika Subramanyan, Chief Executive Officer, Hamilton Food Share; Julie Conway, Operations Director, Living Rock Youth Resources and Deborah Walsh, Senior Manager, Business, Hamilton Food Share addressed Committee respecting Greater Hamilton Food Share Update (HSC23072(a)), with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

**(Jackson/Kroetsch)**

That the Presentation respecting Report HSC23072(a), Greater Hamilton Food Share Update, be received.

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

ABSENT	-	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

**(ii) Hamilton Fire Department's 2023 Annual Report (HSC24048) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

Chief David Cunliffe addressed Committee respecting the Hamilton Fire Department's 2023 Annual Report (HSC24048), with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

**(Hwang/M. Wilson)**

That the Presentation respecting Report HSC24048, Hamilton Fire Department's 2023 Annual Report, be received.



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

ABSENT	-	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 3.

**(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 16)**

**(Kroetsch/Hwang)**

That there being no further business, the Emergency and Community Services Committee be adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

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

ABSENT	-	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

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor A. Wilson, Chair  
Emergency and Community Services  
Committee

Loren Kolar  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk