



EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES ECS 25-003

1:30 p.m.
March 20, 2025
Council Chambers (Hybrid)
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Present: Councillor B. Clark (Acting Chair)
Councillors T. Hwang (Virtual), T. Jackson, C. Kroetsch, A. Wilson
(Virtual) and M. Wilson

**Absent
with Regrets:** Councillor N. Nann (Chair) - City Business

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Vice-Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

There were no Ceremonial Activities.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(Hwang/Kroetsch)

That the agenda for the March 20, 2025, meeting of the Emergency and Community Services Committee be approved, as **amended**, by reordering the agenda so that Item 8.1 respecting Report HSC25007, Community Safety and Wellbeing Gender Based Safety Audits, is considered following Item 5, Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings.

CARRIED

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 February 27, 2025

(Jackson/M. Wilson)

That the Minutes of the February 27, 2025, meeting of the Emergency and Community Services Committee, be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1 HSC25007

Community Safety and Wellbeing Gender Based Safety Audits (City Wide)

Angie Burden, General Manager, Community Services and Jessica Chase, Director, Children and Community Services introduced Rachelle Ihekwoaba, Manager, Community Strategies and Sarah Glen, Vice President, Culture and Knowledge Mobilization, YMCA Hamilton, who addressed Committee respecting Report HSC25007, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

(Kroetsch/M. Wilson)

That the Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting recess at 1:49 p.m.

CARRIED

The Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting reconvened at 1:52 p.m.

(M. Wilson/Hwang)

That Report HSC25007, dated March 20, 2025, and the presentation respecting the Community Safety and Wellbeing Gender Based Safety Audits (City Wide), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That Council accept the YWCA Hamilton Gender-Based Safety Audit Report;
- (b) That staff be directed to report back to Emergency and Community Services Committee in Q3 2025 with a detailed action plan and any resources required to implement recommendations outlined in the Gender-Based Safety Audit Report; and

- (c) That Council adopt the Ministry of Solicitor General's definition of community safety and well-being to guide municipal policies, programs, and strategic planning: "The ideal state of a sustainable community where everyone is safe, has a sense of belonging, opportunities to participate, and where individuals and families are able to meet their needs for education, health care, food, housing, income, and social and cultural expression".

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

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

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 HSC23055(b)

Accessibility of City Operated Recreation Facilities (Ward 2)

(Kroetsch/A. Wilson)

That Report HSC23055(b), dated March 20, 2025, respecting the Accessibility of City Operated Recreation Facilities (Ward 2), be received for information.

CARRIED

7.2 HSC25009

Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction (City Wide)

Stuart Beumer, Director, Ontario Works introduced Tom Cooper, Director of Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, and Laura Cattari, Senior Policy Analyst of Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, who addressed Committee respecting Report HSC25009 with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

(Hwang/Kroetsch)

That Report HSC25009, dated March 20, 2025, and the presentation respecting the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction (City Wide), be received for information.

CARRIED

**7.3 HSC25023
Eastwood Arena Ice Plant Decommissioning (Ward 2)**

(Kroetsch/A. Wilson)

That Report HSC25023, dated March 20, 2025, respecting the Eastwood Arena Ice Plant Decommissioning (Ward 2), be received for information.

CARRIED

8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (CONTINUED)

8.2 Amendments to the Outstanding Business List

(Kroetsch/Hwang)

That the following amendments to the outstanding business list, be approved:

(a) Items Considered Complete and Needing to be Removed:

- (i) Accessibility of City Operated Recreation Facilities (HSC23055(b)) (Ward 2)
Added: December 7, 2023 (Item 9.2)
Completed: March 20, 2025 (Item 7.1)

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

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

9. MOTIONS

There were no Motions.

10. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

There were no Notice of Motions.

11. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

There were no Private and Confidential.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting was adjourned, at 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Versace
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk

Councillor B. Clark
Acting Chair, Emergency and Community
Services Committee