



## EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES ECS 26-002

1:30 p.m.  
March 26, 2026  
Council Chambers (Hybrid)  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with**

**Regrets:** T. Jackson (City Business), A. Wilson (Personal)

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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**

**(Nann/Hwang)**

That the agenda for the March 26, 2026, meeting of the Emergency and Community Services Committee BE APPROVED, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There we no Declarations of Interest.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**5.1 February 5, 2026**

**(Hwang/Kroetsch)**

That the Minutes of the February 5, 2026, meeting of the Emergency and Community Services Committee, BE ADOPTED, as presented.

**CARRIED**

Please refer to the April 1, 2026, Council Minutes for disposition of these matters.

**6. DELEGATIONS**

**6.1 Kojo Dampthey, McMaster University respecting Report HSC26005, Hate and Violence Prevention Response Update (City Wide) (Item 8.1) (In-Person)**

- (i) Kojo Dampthey, McMaster University, addressed the Committee respecting Report HSC26005, Hate and Violence Response Update (City Wide) (Item 8.1), with the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation.
- (ii) **(Kroetsch/Hwang)**  
That the delegation from Kojo Dampthey, McMaster University, respecting Report HSC26005, Hate and Violence Prevention Response Update (City Wide), BE RECEIVED.

**CARRIED**

**7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

There were no Items for Information.

**8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**8.1 HSC26005  
Hate and Violence Prevention Response Update (City Wide)  
(Outstanding Business List Item)**

**(Nann/Kroetsch)**

That Report HSC26005, dated March 26, 2026, respecting Hate and Violence Prevention Response Update (City Wide), BE RECEIVED, and the following recommendations BE APPROVED:

- (a) That the Hate and Violence Prevention and Response Update BE APPROVED and aligned with the 2025–2029 Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan;
- (b) That Healthy & Safe Communities Department staff BE DIRECTED to lead internal coordination of the City’s hate and violence prevention and response efforts, including development of a clear communications approach outlining the City’s role, available supports for residents, prevention investments for targeted communities, and access to reporting mechanisms;
- (c) That the allocation of \$50,000 in 2026 to support public education, awareness and prevention initiatives addressing hate in Hamilton, with funding directed toward communities most impacted by hate, including Black, Jewish, Muslim and 2SLGBTQIA+ communities be funded first from the Early Years System Reserve (#112218) and if necessary, from a reserve provided by the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services;

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- (d) That Healthy & Safe Communities Department staff BE DIRECTED to work with Human Resources and other relevant stakeholders to assess needs, explore options, and determine recommended next steps for trauma-informed and bystander response training, informed by existing IDEA training and workplace policies and report back to Emergency and Community Services Committee by Q1 2027 with recommendations on this item;
- (e) That Healthy & Safe Communities Department staff BE DIRECTED to integrate hate-related indicators into the CSWB data dashboard and report progress through regular Community Safety and Well-Being updates; and
- (f) That the General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or their delegate, BE AUTHORIZED and DIRECTED to negotiate, enter into, and execute, on behalf of the City, all documents, contracts and agreements including any amendments, extensions, ancillary or associated documents related to the City's Hate and Violence Prevention and Response, including but not limited to the recommendations contained within this report, provided that any associated costs are within budget, and are in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor

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

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

**8.2 HSC26009**

**Aquatics Equipment and Supplies Single Source (City Wide)**

**(Nann/Kroetsch)**

That Report HSC26009, dated March 26, 2026, respecting Aquatics Equipment and Supplies Single Source (City Wide), BE RECEIVED, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That Council APPROVE the single source procurement, pursuant to Procurement Policy #11 – Non-competitive Procurements, for aquatic supplies for up to 18 months and that the General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized to negotiate, enter into, and execute a Contract and any ancillary documents required to give effect thereto with Aquam Aquatic Specialist Inc. in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and

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- (b) That the General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities, or their designate, BE AUTHORIZED to amend any contracts executed and any ancillary documents as required if the vendor identified in this Report undergoes a name change, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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

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

### 8.3 HSC26017

#### **Seniors Advisory Committee's Transition to a Community Liaison Group (City Wide)**

##### **(Kroetsch/Hwang)**

That Report HSC26017, dated March 26, 2026, respecting Seniors Advisory Committee's Transition to a Community Liaison Group, BE RECEIVED, and the following recommendations BE APPROVED:

- (a) That the recommendation, as requested by the Seniors Advisory Committee and recommended by City staff, that the transition to the Seniors Community Group to take effect January 1, 2027, BE APPROVED; and
- (b) That Long-Term Care Division staff BE DIRECTED to bring an Information Report outlining the Terms of Reference for the Seniors Community Liaison Group to the Emergency & Community Services Committee in November 2026.

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

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

## 9. MOTIONS

There were no Motions.

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**10. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

Councillor Kroetsch introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**10.1 Hate and Violence Prevention (City Wide)**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Healthy & Safe Communities staff BE DIRECTED to engage with internal and external partners to investigate a 24/7 hate incident response model for the community including the role of the Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre, Hamilton Police Services and the role for city staff along with recommendations including resourcing and funding implications and report back to Emergency & Community Services Committee in Q1 2027;
- (b) That Healthy & Safe Communities staff BE DIRECTED to track and report annually on hate incidents that occur on City property and the response outcome; and
- (c) That Healthy & Safe Communities staff BE DIRECTED to work with Human Resources staff to identify recommendations for policies, procedures, and training for Council, including trauma-informed and bystander response training, and report back to Emergency & Community Services Committee by Q1 2027.

**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 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Versace  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk

Councillor B. Clark, Chair  
Emergency and Community  
Services Committee