



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT 11-002

1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Hamilton City Hall

Council Chambers

71 Main Street West

Hamilton, Ontario

Present: Mayor B. Bratina
Councillor T. Whitehead, Acting Chair
Councillors J. Farr, T. Jackson, B. McHattie, and B. Morelli

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor S. Merulla (Chair), illness and Councillor S. Duvall, vacation

Also Present: Councillor J. Partridge
R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
J. Soldera, Director, Social Development and Early Childhood Services
A. Bradford, Director, Culture
B. Browett, Director of EMS/Deputy
D. Cunliffe, Director of Fire Operations/Deputy
A. Zuidema, Director, Corporate Initiatives
I. Bedioui, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk's Office

THE EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 11-002 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Arts Hamilton Organizational Assessment (CS11014) (City Wide). (Item 5.2)

That Report, CS11014 respecting Arts Hamilton Organizational Assessment, be received.

2. Joseph DiFrancesco, respecting putting a stop to child abuse. (Item 6.1))

That the delegation by Joseph DiFrancesco be received and referred to Community services staff to work towards child abuse prevention.

3. 2011 Funding for Emergency Shelter and Intensive Case Management Services (CS11019) (Item 7.1)

That Report CS11019 respecting 2011 Funding for Emergency Shelter and Intensive Case Management Services be received.

4. Provincial Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy (CS11015) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

That Report CS11015, respecting Provincial Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy, be received.

5. Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (CS11017) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

That Report CS11017, respecting Housing and Homelessness Action Plan, be received.

6. Amendment to City of Hamilton Procedural By-law 10-053, as Amended – Membership on Emergency and Community Services Committee (Item 9.1)

- (a) That the membership on the Emergency and Community Services Committee be amended from a maximum of 7 members of Council to 8 members of Council;
- (b) That the appropriate amending by-law be passed;
- (c) That Judi Partridge be appointed to the Emergency and Community Services Committee and that she be Vice-Chair for 2011.

**7. Citizen Appointments to the Seniors Advisory Committee (Added Item)
(Item 9.2)**

That the following applicants be appointed to the Seniors Advisory Committee for the 2010-2014 term of Council or until such time as successors are appointed by Council:

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| 1. Mary Sinclair | 12. Bill Wright |
| 2. Bernice Price | 13. Robert (Bob) Thomson |
| 3. Carolann Fernandes | 14. May Ferguson |
| 4. Ronald D. Smithson | 15. June Noonan |
| 5. Violet L. Morgan | 16. Emmy Weisz |
| 6. Shirley J. Robinson | 17. Penelope Petrie |
| 7. John Kennard | 18. Lorraine Meloche |
| 8. John Winslow | 19. Virbala Kumar |
| 9. Deirdre Chartrand | 20. Douglas Fraser |
| 10. Carolyn J. Rosenthal | 21. Marjorie Wahlman |
| 11. Jeanne Mayo | 22. Frank B. Brodnicki |

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

- (i) Item A, the presentations of the Certified Municipal Manager Accreditation to Emergency Medical Services staff are being rescheduled to the March 2, 2011 meeting;
- (ii) The correct title for Mr. Jeff Feswick (Item 4.1 respecting his delegation request) is the Chair of the Board of Directors of Arts Hamilton and not of the Arts Advisory Committee;
- (iii) Regarding Item 4.3, Mr. Dean Waterfield, Director of Transitions to Home, will be speaking on behalf of the Hamilton Emergency Shelter Integration and Coordination Committee with Co-Chair Mr. Carmen Saliccioli and they will address Committee prior to Item 4.2;
- (iv) Added motion Item 9.2 to appoint members to the Seniors Advisory Committee. Copies have been distributed.

The agenda for the February 17, 2011 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were none declared.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

The Minutes of the January 19, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS

The rules of procedure were waived in order for the following delegation requests to be approved to address Committee today:

- (i) Jeff Feswick, Chair, Board of Directors, Arts Hamilton wishing to address Committee today respecting Item 5.2. (Item 4.1)
- (ii) Katherine Kalinowski, Good Shepherd Centres Hamilton, wishing to address Committee today respecting Item 7.1. (Item 4.2)
- (iii) Dean Waterfield, Director of Transitions to Home, wishing to address Committee today on behalf of the Hamilton Emergency Shelter Integration and Coordination Committee with Co-Chair Mr. Carmen Salciccioli, respecting Item 7.1. (Item 4.3)

(e) ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES:

The following Advisory Committee Minutes were received:

- (i) Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes of the November 5, 2010 meeting.
- (ii) Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes of the December 3, 2010 meeting.
- (iii) Arts Advisory Commission Minutes of the August 24, 2010 Meeting
- (iv) Arts Advisory Commission Minutes of the October 26, 2010 Meeting
- (v) Hamilton Farmers' Market Transition Sub-Committee Minutes of the December 20, 2010 Meeting

(f) Arts Hamilton Organizational Assessment (CS11014) (City Wide). (Item 5.1)

(i) Jeff Feswick, Chair, Board of Directors, Arts Hamilton wishing to address Committee today respecting Item 5.2. (Item 4.1)

Jeff Feswick briefly addressed Committee and thanked the Councillors, particularly Councillors McHattie and Farr and staff for their support for Arts Hamilton.

On a motion (McHattie/Farr) the delegation from Jeff Feswick, Chair of the Board of Directors of Arts Hamilton was received.

(g) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

(i) Joseph DiFrancesco, respecting putting a stop to child abuse. (Approved at the January 19, 2011 meeting.) (Item 6.1)

Joseph DiFrancesco made a PowerPoint presentation.

His comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Four main types of child abuse – physical, emotional, sexual and neglect;
- Effects of child abuse;
- Statistics of abuse;
- Effects on society;
- Cycle of abuse – the phases
- It should be reported
- Where you can get help – child abuse prevention.

Joseph DiFrancesco responded to questions posed by the Committee.

On a motion (Jackson/Farr) the delegation by Joseph DiFrancesco was received and referred to Community services staff to move forward on this initiative as indicated in Item 2 of this report.

(h) STAFF PRESENTATIONS

(i) 2011 Funding For Emergency Shelter and Intensive Case Management Services (CS11019) (Item 7.1)

Gillian Hendry provided an overview of the staff report with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and hand-outs were distributed.

Her comments were with respect to the following topics:

- Blueprint for Emergency Shelter Services;
- Blueprint update;
- Shelter-user demographics;
- Shelter standards;
- Transitions to Home;
- 2011 Budget for Shelter system;
- 2011 Budget breakdown by funding source;
- Challenges to emergency shelter system;
- Possible impacts of 2011 budget level;
- Moving forward.

Gillian Hendry responded to questions from the Committee.

On a motion (Jackson/Farr) Committee received the staff presentation.

Councillor Farr presented the following Motion which was seconded by Councillor Jackson:

Whereas, there is a lack of stable funding for services provided in emergency shelters for women, men and youth; and,

Whereas, the provincial per diem funding model for emergency shelter shelters does not cover the costs of operating an emergency shelter; and,

Whereas, intensive case management services have been identified in the Blueprint for Emergency Shelter Services as a key strategy to help long term shelter users to access housing,

Therefore be it resolved:

That annualized funding for emergency shelter and intensive case management services in the amount of \$1,000,000 be referred to the City of Hamilton's 2011 budget process for consideration.

- (aa) Dean Waterfield, Director of Transitions to Home, wishing to address Committee today on behalf of the Hamilton Emergency Shelter Integration and Coordination Committee with Co-Chair Mr. Carmen Salciccioli, respecting Item 7.1. (Item 4.3)**

Carmen Salciccioli, Co-Chair of the Hamilton Emergency Shelter Integration and Coordination Committee (HESICC) read from a

prepared statement and a copy was submitted to the Clerk for the record. He provided background information respecting the Blueprint for Emergency Shelters and the establishment of the Committee (HESICC) and its accomplishments. He noted that the Blueprint demonstrated that the shelter system has been historically underfunded.

With the aid of a slideshow Dean Waterfield, Director of Transitions to Home shared a couple of success stories of shelter users. Hand-outs were distributed.

On a motion (Jackson/Farr) the delegation by Dean Waterfield and Carmen Saliccioli was received.

(bb) Katherine Kalinowski, Good Shepherd Centres Hamilton, wishing to address Committee today respecting Item 7.1. (Item 4.2)

Brother Richard addressed Committee on behalf of the Good Shepherd Centres. He read from a prepared statement and copies were distributed.

He indicated that there is a risk that more services will close and the Good Shepherd Centres cannot continue their services without funding.

Brother Richard responded to questions from Committee.

On a motion (Farr/Morelli) the delegation by Brother Richard was received.

(i) Amendment to City of Hamilton Procedural By-law 10-053, as Amended – Membership on Emergency and Community Services Committee (Item 9.1)

On a motion (Jackson/Farr) Committee amended Item 9.1 by adding a subsection (c) as follows:

- (c) That Judi Partridge be appointed to the Emergency and Community Services Committee and that she be Vice-Chair for 2011.

The motion, as amended was approved as outlined in Item 6 of this Report.

(j) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Proposed New Due Dates

On a motion (Morelli/Jackson) the due dates of the following Items were amended as outlined below:

- (aa) Item "I" – Additional Funding for First Place Hamilton
Current Due Date: February 2, 2011
Proposed New Due Date: March 2, 2011
- (bb) Item "J" – Beach Canal Light Station Operational Study and Heritage Building Assessment
Current Due Date: February 2, 2011
Proposed New Due Date: March 2, 2011
- (cc) Item "M" – Sports Field Management Strategy
Current Due Date: February 2, 2011
Proposed New Due Date: June 8, 2011
- (dd) Item "N" – Social Service Funds - Feasibility of Replenishing the \$3.1 million, to the Social Services Budget
Current Due Date: February 2, 2011
Proposed New Due Date: March 2, 2011
- (ee) Item "O" – Policy for the use of any year-end Surplus of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Funds
Current Due Date: February 2, 2011
Proposed New Due Date: March 2, 2011
- (ff) Item "T" – Policies and Procedures for all Future Expenditures from Capital Reserve Fund #112248
Current Due Date: February 2, 2011
Proposed New Due Date: March 2, 2011

(ii) Completed – remove from list

On a motion (Morelli/Jackson) the following Items were identified as completed and removed from the Outstanding Business List:

- (aa) Item "Y", Dalewood Recreation Centre Renewal Feasibility Study
Current Due Date: December 14, 2010 COW
- (bb) Item "X", Affordable Transit Pass Program Update
Current Due Date: December 10, 2010 COW

(k) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor T. Whitehead, Acting Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Ida Bedioui
Legislative Assistant
February 17, 2011