



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 11-003

BUDGETS

3:40 p.m.

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Hamilton City Hall

Council Chambers

71 Main Street West

Hamilton, Ontario

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

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor S. Merulla (Chair) illness, Councillor S. Duvall, vacation
B. McHattie, personal commitment

Also Present: Councillor J. Partridge
R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
J. Soldera, Director, Social Development and Early Childhood
Services
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 FOLLOWING ITEM WAS REPORTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL:

- 1. EMS Impact of Hamilton Health Sciences Access to Best Care Plan MUMC Paediatric Conversions and West End Urgent Care Centre (HES11002) (City Wide) (Added Item 5.3)**

Whereas the third party consultant's report has predicted a 2011 \$1.1 million budget pressure to meet the response times and demand that will occur for Emergency Medical Services directly as a result of the Hamilton Health Sciences ABC Plan to close the E.R. for adults at McMaster Medical Centre;

Therefore be it resolved:

- (a) That the Mayor, the City Manager, the Chair of the Emergency and Community Services Committee and Councillor McHattie be directed to meet with representatives of Hamilton Health Sciences and the LHINS and the City's Provincial Government representatives (the Honourable Sophia Aggelonitis and Ted McMeekin, MPP) to address the 2011 \$1.1 million budget pressure, with the intent of offsetting this impact on the City of Hamilton's municipal tax levy.

FOR INFORMATION:

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised the following changes to the agenda:

- (i) As the General Manager is absent due to bereavement, there is no presentation with respect to Item 5.1. This overview will be presented at a later date. Also, Items 6.1 to 6.7 the Volunteer Committee Budget Reports are deferred to a future budget meeting.
- (ii) There is an added Report HES11003 which will be Item 5.3. Copies have been distributed.

(Morelli/Farr)

That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

None

4. CONSENT ITEMS

4.1 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Budget Summary Report (FCS11023) (distributed under separate cover)

(Jackson/Morelli)

That Report FCS11023 respecting 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Budget Summary be received.

CARRIED

5. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

5.1 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Community Services (FCS11023(e))

As outlined in the changes to the agenda, Item 5.1 was deferred to a future meeting.

5.2 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Emergency Services (FCS11023(f))

5.3 EMS Impact of Hamilton Health Sciences Access to Best Care Plan MUMC Paediatric Conversions and West End Urgent Care Centre (HES11002) (City Wide) (Added Item)

Brent Browett and David Cunliffe made a PowerPoint presentation and a hand-out was distributed. Their comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Hamilton Emergency Services Department Overview
 - Organizational Chart & FTE's as it existed in 2010;
 - 2011 Net Operating Budget by Division
 - 2011 Tax Operating Budget – 2011 Draft Budget by Division;
- Hamilton Emergency Services – Administration
 - Organizational Chart and FTE's as it existed in 2010;
 - 2011 Tax Operating Budget by Program;
 - 2011 Tax Operating Budget by Cost Category;
- Hamilton Emergency Services – Corporate Trunked Radio
 - Organizational Chart & FTE's as it existed in 2010;
 - 2011 Tax Operating Budget by Program
 - 2011 Tax Operating Budget by Cost Category
- Hamilton Emergency Services – Emergency Management 2011 Budget
 - Organizational Chart and FTE's as it existed in 2010

- 2011 Tax Operating Budget by Program
- 2011 Tax Operating Budget by Cost Category
- Hamilton Emergency Services – Fire
 - Organizational Chart and FTE's as it existed in 2010
 - 2011 Tax Operating Budget by Program
 - 2011 Tax Operating Budget by Cost Category
 - 2011 Major Cost Drivers
- Hamilton Emergency Services – EMS Paramedics
 - Organizational Chart and FTE's as it existed in 2010
 - 2011 Tax Operating Budget by Program
 - 2011 Tax Operating Budget by Cost Category
 - 2011 Major Cost Drivers
 - 2011 Major Cost Drivers - Summary
 - HHS ABC Plan – Temporary Resource Adjustment
 - 2011 MUMC Paediatric Conversion
 - Recommendations (Report HES11002)

Staff responded to questions from Committee.

With respect to the budget pressures from the Hamilton Health Sciences Access to Best Care (ABC) Plan, staff advised that Hamilton Health Sciences representatives contend that although the data presented is their data the variables may change. They will be able to mitigate some, if not all of the budget pressures by reducing the paramedic-hospital offload times.

(Morelli/Farr)

That the staff presentation be received.

CARRIED

(Jackson/Farr)

Whereas the third party consultant's report has predicted a 2011 \$1.1 million budget pressure to meet the response times and demand that will occur for Emergency Medical Services directly as a result of the Hamilton Health Sciences ABC Plan to close the E.R. for adults at McMaster Medical Centre;

Therefore be it resolved:

- (a) That this 2011 \$1.1 Million budget pressure from Emergency Medical Services be TABLED until after the Hamilton Health Sciences ABC plan takes effect on April 4, 2011,
- (b) That in the interim, the Mayor, the City Manager, the Chair of the Emergency and Community Services Committee and Councillor McHattie be directed to meet with representatives of Hamilton Health Sciences and the LHINS and the City's Provincial Government representatives (the Honourable Sophia Aggelonitis

and Ted McMeekin, MPP) to address the 2011 \$1.1 million budget pressure, with the intent of offsetting this impact on the City of Hamilton's municipal tax levy. **CARRIED**

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

As per the changes to the agenda, the following Items were deferred to a future meeting due to the absence of the General Manager:

- 6.1 2011 Budget Request - Seniors Advisory Committee (FCS11017) (City Wide)
- 6.2 Arts Advisory Commission 2011 Volunteer Committee Budget Submission (CS11008) (City Wide)
- 6.3 Food & Shelter Advisory Committee 2011 Budget Submission (CS11028) (City Wide)
- 6.4 2011 Volunteer Committee Budget Submission - Hamilton Historical Board (CS11011) (City Wide)
- 6.5 Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) 2011 Budget Submission (CS11030) (City Wide)
- 6.6 Hamilton Veterans Committee's 2011 Volunteer Budget Submission (CS11007) (City Wide)
- 6.7 Tenant Advisory Committee Budget Submission (CS11029) (City Wide)

7. ADJOURNMENT

(Jackson/Farr)

There being no further business, that the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

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