



## **EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE BUDGETS MINUTES 11-003(a)**

1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 24, 2011

Hamilton City Hall

Council Chambers

71 Main Street West

Hamilton, Ontario

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**Present:** Councillor S. Merulla (Chair)  
Councillor J. Partridge, (Vice-Chair)  
Councillors S. Duvall, J. Farr, T. Jackson, B. McHattie, and  
T. Whitehead

**Absent with  
Regrets:** Councillor B. Morelli, bereavement

**Also Present:** Councillor C. Collins  
R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services  
M. Zegarac, Director, Financial Planning and Policy  
J. A. Priel, General Manager of Community Services  
A. Bradford, Director of Culture  
G. Hendry, Director, Social Housing and Homelessness  
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 ITEMS WERE REPORTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE:**

- 1. 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Budget Summary Report  
(FCS11023) (Item 4.1)  
(Jackson/Morelli)**  
That Report FCS11023 respecting 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget –  
Budget Summary Report be received.

**CARRIED**

**2. 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Community Services (FCS11023e)  
(City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

**(Jackson/McHattie)**

- (a) That the 2011 net operating levy for Community Services of \$137,203,270, inclusive of Recommended Savings Options as per Appendix A attached to Report FCS11023(a), be approved;
- (b) That the 2011 Council Referred Items pertaining to Community Services as per Appendix B attached to Report FCS11023(a), be approved;
- (c) That the 2011 Requested Program Enhancements pertaining to Community Services as per Appendix C attached to Report FCS11023(a), be approved;
- (d) That the General Manager of Community Services be authorized and directed to execute all 2011 Federal and Provincial Program Service Level Funding Agreements and any ancillary agreements required to give effect thereto and Contracts for Community Services as provided for in Appendix One to report FCS11023e. This also includes the authority to authorize the submission of budgets and quarterly/year end reporting.

**CARRIED**

**3. 2011 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Hamilton Emergency Services (FCS11023f) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)**

**(Partridge/Farr)**

That the 2011 net operating levy for Hamilton Emergency Services of \$91,369,615 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**4. 2011 Budget Request - Seniors Advisory Committee (FCS11017) (City Wide)  
(Item 6.1)**

**(Duvall/Whitehead)**

That the 2011 base budget submission from the Seniors Advisory Committee in the amount of \$1,500, attached as Appendix A to Report FCS11017 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**5. Arts Advisory Commission 2011 Volunteer Committee Budget Submission (CS11008) (City Wide) (Item 6.2)**

**(Jackson/Morelli)**

(a) That the Arts Advisory Commission's 2011 Volunteer Committee's base Budget Submission in the amount of \$9,000, attached as Appendix A to Report CS11008, be approved.

(b) That, in addition to the base funding, that a one time funding from the Arts Advisory Commission reserve, in the amount of \$5,000, be approved .

**CARRIED**

**6. Food & Shelter Advisory Committee 2011 Budget Submission (CS11028) (City Wide) (item 6.3)**

**(Whitehead/McHattie)**

That the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee's 2011 Volunteer Committee Budget submission in the amount of \$500, attached as Appendix A to Report CS11028, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**7. 2011 Volunteer Committee Budget Submission - Hamilton Historical Board (CS11011) (City Wide) (item 6.4)**

**(Farr/Whitehead)**

(a) That the Hamilton Historical Board's 2011 Volunteer Committee Budget Submission in the amount of \$14,340, attached as Appendix A to Report CS11011, be approved.

(b) That, in addition to the base funding, that a one time funding from the Volunteer Committee reserve, in the amount of \$2,370, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**8. Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) 2011 Budget Submission (CS11030) (City Wide) (item 6.5)**

**(Morelli/Jackson)**

(a) That the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee annual base Budget Submission in the amount of \$3,890, attached as Appendix A to Report CS11030, be approved.

- (b) That, in addition to the base funding, that a one time funding from the Volunteer Committee reserve, in the amount of \$2,500, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**9. Hamilton Veterans Committee's 2011 Volunteer Budget Submission (CS11007) (City Wide) (item 6.6)**

**(Farr/Duvall)**

- (a) That the Hamilton Veterans Committee's 2011 Volunteer Committee Budget Submission in the amount of \$9,890, attached as Appendix A to Report CS11007, be approved.

- (b) That, in addition to the base funding, that a one time funding from the Hamilton Veterans Committee reserve, in the amount of \$2,410, be approved.

- (c) That, in addition to the base and the one time reserve funding, an increase of \$1700 in the Hamilton Veterans Committee Volunteer Committee budget, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**10. Tenant Advisory Committee Budget Submission (CS11029) (City Wide) (Item 6.7)**

**(Morelli/Duvall)**

- (a) That the Tenant Advisory Committee 2010 base amount budget of \$500, be approved.

- (b) That the Tenant Advisory Committee's request for an additional \$500 in 2011 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**11. Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion – Request for Funding (CS11023) (City Wide) (Added Item 6.8)**

**(McHattie/Jackson)**

That the recommendation from Report CS11023, as shown below, be referred to the General Issues Committee for consideration:

- (a) That Report CS11023 respecting the request for funding from Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion be received.

- (b) That an enhancement in the amount of \$100,000 for Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion be approved in the 2011 budget from the tax stabilisation reserve.
- (c) That a funding agreement, satisfactory to the General Manager of Community Services, and the City Solicitor, be established whereby Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion provide documentation to the City of Hamilton in the form of an annual report to Council outlining finances and activities, while in receipt of City funding.
- (d) That City Council, through the Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council, continue to encourage and assist HCCI in its self-financing efforts as an independent, community-based, non-profit group.

**CARRIED**

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

The Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

- (i) Added Report CS11023 respecting Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion – Request for Funding which will be Item 6.8;
- (ii) Added Minutes from the March 2, 2011 meeting which will be Item 3.2. Copies were distributed.

**(Farr/Partidge)**

That the agenda was approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none declared.

**(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**(McHattie/Farr)**

The Minutes of the March 2, 2011 Budget meeting were approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

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

Joe-Anne Priel made a PowerPoint presentation and copies of the hand out were distributed.

Her presentation provided information respecting the following:

- 2011 Draft Budget, where did we leave off . . . (summary chart)
- 2011 Draft Budget follow-up – outstanding items per our records
  - Capital Funded positions
  - Recreation Fee Increase
  - Council Referred Items & Program Enhancement Options (not included in draft budget)
    - 2011 Council Referred Items:
      - Cultural Policy & Plan
      - Arts Awards
      - Food Banks & Christmas Hamper Program
      - Rooming House Strategy
      - Macassa Lodge Food Services
    - Program Enhancement Options
      - Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion
      - Hamilton Farmers' Market
      - Battle of Stoney Creek
      - Dom Hostels Program
      - Housing Program (SHRRP/STRSP)
      - Shelter System Addictions Counsellor
      - RAI-MDS Electronic Records
  - REVISED Council Referred Items (not included in draft budget):
    - Arts Awards
    - Food Banks & Christmas Hamper Program
    - Rooming House Strategy
    - Macassa Lodge Food Services
  - REVISED Program Enhancement Options (not included in draft budget):
    - Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion
    - Battle of Stoney Creek
    - Dom Hostels Program
    - Housing Program (SHRRP/STRSP)
    - Shelter System Addictions Counsellor
    - RAI-MDS Electronic Records

- Further reductions :options (not included in draft budget)
  - Reduction options previously presented March 2 E&S – not recommended
  - Further reduction options - recommended
- 2011 Draft Budget – where we are at now . . . (summary chart)

Questions/Comments:

Councillor Collins – Could electronic records, washroom upgrades at Battlefield Park and food banks be funded through capital?  
Why not charge proposed grant to Hamilton Coalition for Civic Inclusion to reserve?

Councillor Farr – Will a \$2.1 budget reduction hurt services?  
What is the status of the outdoor Hamilton Farmers' Market? Are applications currently being processed?  
Explain budget pressures on the Dom Hostels Program and the Provincial money available to address this.

Councillor McHattie – Are sponsors contributing to the Arts Awards Program? Would like to know more regarding the potential for sponsorships.  
How was the rooming house strategy previously funded? Joe-Anne Priel indicated she would confirm whether it was funded from reserves in the past.

Councillor Jackson – Requested that in the future staff be proactive in identifying Provincial requirements such as the Macassa Lodge food handling issue so as to avoid budgeting these types of costs as an enhancement.  
How much has been budgeted in the past for the Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek and what did these funds cover? Could staff work with Tourism Hamilton on this event?

Councillor Whitehead – Could we see a business plan for the Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek?  
Who is responsible for running this event? Should we not be using festival experts? A management structure change should be considered for the future.  
It was noted that the Special Events section used to have many resources (i.e. tents, stage, etc) that could be used by community groups.  
It would be a worthwhile capital expenditure to put a point of purchase system to be used in the Culture Division to determine the number of visitors to the various museums, etc.

Councillor Partridge requested an explanation of the 100% Provincial funding for the Shelter System Addictions Counsellor.

With the closing of SISSO is it anticipated that the Hamilton Coalition of Civic Inclusion will be changing its mandate to provide some of the lost services? The HCCI used to be funded through the Boards and Agencies, why recommend funding from the general levy now?

**(Partridge/Farr)**

That the staff presentation be received.

**CARRIED**

**(Jackson/McHattie)**

That subsections (a) (b) and (c) of the staff recommendations be amended by removing the word “considered” at the end of each subsection and replacing it with the word “approved” therein.

**CARRIED**

**(Jackson/McHattie)**

That the recommendations be approved, as amended, and referred to the GIC budget meeting for consideration.

**CARRIED**

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

Brent Browett provided information which the Committee had requested at the last meeting and distributed written summaries of his responses to the following questions:

Question 1 – How did the third party consultant calculate the cost of HHS ABC budget?

Question 2 – What is the cost of hospital offload-transfer of care to the City of Hamilton?

Questions/Comments:

Councillor McHattie – Why did the consultant decide not to include the hospital offload in his report as a budget pressure? (The consultant based his report on the statements provided by the hospitals on how this pressure would be mitigated.)

How many patients are transported, etc.



What is the likelihood that the City will be successful in getting compensated for the additional costs?

Councillor Jackson – Noted that the City is forced to respond to budget impacts caused by the Hamilton Health Science’s Access to Best Care (ABC) plan.

Councillor Whitehead – Noted that patients from outside of the community are being transported to Hamilton hospitals.

What will be the impact when McMaster Hospital Emergency is converted to a children’s only emergency? This is not mentioned in the report. Brent Browett agreed to consider this issue.

Councillor Duvall requested a brief confirmation of the statistics in the report. He asked whether the \$1.5 million required to address the Hamilton Health Sciences Access to Best Care impact are included in the \$8.1 million recently promised by the Province. (Not included.)

**(Partridge/Farr)**

That the information provided by staff be received.

**CARRIED**

**(Duvall/Farr)**

That the staff recommendation be amended by removing the word “considered” at the end of the recommendation and replacing it with the word “approved” therein.

**CARRIED**

**(Partridge/Farr)**

That the recommendation be approved, as amended, and referred to the GIC budget meeting for consideration.

**CARRIED**

- (iii) **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)**

**(Jackson/Farr)**

That Report HES11002 be TABLED until after the Hamilton Health Sciences ABC plan takes effect on April 4, 2011.

**CARRIED**

(e) **Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion - Request for Funding (CS11023) (City Wide) (Added Item 6.8)**

**(McHattie/Jackson)**

That Item 6.8, respecting Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion – Request for Funding (CS11023) be amended by

(a) Adding a new subsection (b) as outlined below:

(b) *That an enhancement in the amount of \$100,000 for Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion be approved in the 2011 budget from the tax stabilisation reserve.*

(b) by re-lettering the subsequent subsections accordingly.

**CARRIED**

**(McHattie/Jackson)**

That Item 6.8, as amended be referred to the General Issues Committee for consideration.

**CARRIED**

(f) **Private and Confidential**

**(Jackson/Partridge)**

That Committee move into Closed Session at 3:40 p.m. pursuant to Section 8.1(b) of the Procedural By-law and Section 239 of the Municipal Act to deal with personal matters about identifiable individuals, including City employees, with respect to personnel matters.

**CARRIED**

**(McHattie/Partridge)**

That Committee reconvene in Open Session at 4:45 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Verbal direction was given to staff in closed session with nothing to report in open session.

**(g) ADJOURNMENT**

**(McHattie/Duvall)**

That the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla, Chair  
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Ida Bedioui  
Legislative Assistant  
March 24, 2011