



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT 11-006

1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20, 2011
Hamilton City Hall
Council Chambers
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, Ontario

Present: Councillor S. Merulla, Chair
Councillors S. Duvall, J. Farr, T. Jackson, B. McHattie, B. Morelli and
T. Whitehead

**Absent with
regrets** Councillor, J. Partridge, Vice-Chair, personal

Also Present: J. A. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
J. LaPointe-Kay, Director of Recreation
G. Hendry, Director, Social Housing & Homelessness
A. Bradford, Director, Ian Kerr-Wilson, Culture Division
B. Browett, Director of EMS/Deputy
V. Ormond, Manager, Licensing and Permit, Planning and Economic
Development
I. Bedioui, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk's Office

THE EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 11-006 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. **Assessment of City's Future Plans for the Beach Canal Lighthouse and the Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage (CS11018) (Ward 5) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 5.1)**
 - (a) That the report respecting Beach Canal Lighthouse and Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage: Assessment of the City of Hamilton's Future Plans attached as Appendix A to Report CS11018, be received;
 - (b) That staff be directed to investigate the availability of capital contributions from other levels of government, foundations, and the private sector, for the restoration of the buildings and site, and report back on findings.

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2. Conversions of Rental Housing Properties to Condominiums (CS11042) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 5.2))

That the Mayor correspond with the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Honourable Rick Bartolucci, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, requesting renewal and expansion of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program – Rental Housing component.

3. Feasibility of Utilizing the Ottawa Somerset Gardens Affordable Housing Model in Hamilton (CS11043/PED11077) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 5.3)

That Report CS11043/PED11077 respecting Feasibility of Utilizing the Ottawa Somerset Gardens Affordable Housing Model in Hamilton be received.

4. Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Committee Report 11-001 (Item 5.4)

(a) Heart and Home (Pet) Program

That \$6,000, for the Heart & Home (Pet) Program at Wentworth Lodge, to be funded from the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund, be approved for 2011.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

A. PRESENTATIONS:

Ben Sproule, President of Nustadia Recreation Inc. (Mohawk 4-Ice Centre) to present a cheque to the Hockey Council

John Ledonne, G.M. of Mohawk 4-Ice Centre presented a cheque jointly with Joe-Anne Priel & Diane LaPointe-Kay in the amount of \$17,500 to Gerry Potter of the Hockey Council. The money is for underprivileged kids to participate in ice sports and it was raised through a charity golf tournament which they held this year in partnership with the City.

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following change to the agenda:

- (i) Addition of the following delegation request:
 - 4.1 Arthur Esdaile, respecting grandparents' and grandchildren's rights (Added Item).

The agenda for the April 20, 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)

- (i) The Minutes of the March 24, 2011 budget meeting were approved as presented.
- (ii) The Minutes of the April 6, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS

The following delegation request was approved to address Committee at a future meeting:

- (i) Arthur Esdaile, respecting grandparents' and grandchildren's rights (Added Item 4.1)

(e) Feasibility of Utilizing the Ottawa Somerset Gardens Affordable Housing Model in Hamilton (CS11043/PED11077) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

Staff were directed to work with area churches, the Hamilton-Halton Home Builders' Association, and the Hamilton Affordable Hamilton Flagship to investigate the feasibility of utilizing the Ottawa Somerset Gardens Affordable Housing Model in Hamilton and report back to Committee.

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

- (i) John Iovio, Hamilton Region representative for the Ontario Homes for Special Needs Association, to resolve several outstanding issues and to clarify previous misrepresentations and discuss status of their program. (Approved April 6, 2011) (Item 6.1)**

Calvin Cain and Michael Power from the Ontario Homes for Special Needs Association made a PowerPoint presentation and a copy of their hand-out was distributed.

Their presentation covered the following topics:

- Overview of:
 - Residential Care Facilities
 - Emergency Hostels
- Comparison Overview of:
 - Residential Care Facilities
 - Emergency Hostels
- Challenges:
 - What is funded by Provincial and Municipal Tax Dollars?
 - City of Hamilton By-law Enforcement issues;
 - RCF's are not viewed as a critical partner in the Housing & Homelessness System
 - Additional Challenges – increased costs
- Operator Expectation Challenges:
 - Out-dated per diem and funding model
- Moving Forward – suggestions for changes
- Residential Care Facilities Request:
 - An immediate and retroactive \$5.25 increase in the per diem to close the funding gap.

Calvin Cain and Michael Power responded to questions from Committee.

Committee received the delegation.

Staff were requested to provide an update on the progress made to date.

A verbal update from Joe-Anne Priel and Vince Ormand was received.

The presentation from Calvin Cain and Michael Power was referred to staff for report back to Committee.

(g) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

(i) Proposed New Due Date:

The due date of the following Outstanding Business List Item was changed as outlined below:

1. Item "H" – Public Art Master Plan – Annual Update
Current Due Date: April 20, 2011
New Due Date: May 4, 2011

(ii) Completed – remove from list:

The following Outstanding Business List Items were completed and deleted:

1. Item "I" – Beach Canal Light Station Operational Study and Heritage Building Assessment
Current Due Date: April 20, 2011
See Item 5.1 on this agenda
2. Item "N" – Loss of Rental Housing through Condominium Conversions
Current Due date: April 20, 2011
See Item 5.2 on this agenda.
3. Item "O" – Feasibility of Utilizing the City of Ottawa's Somerset Gardens Mixed Tenure Affordable Housing Model in Hamilton
Current Due date: April 20, 2011
See Item 5.3 on this agenda.

(h) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

(i) Closed Session Minutes of March 24, 2011 (Item 12.1)

Committee approved the Private and Confidential Minutes of March 24, 2011 and directed that they remain private and restricted from public disclosure in accordance with exemptions provided in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

(ii) Closed Session Minutes of April 6, 2011 (Item 12.2)

Committee approved the Private and Confidential Minutes of April 6, 2011 and directed that they remain private and restricted from public disclosure in accordance with exemptions provided in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

(i) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Ida Bedioui
Legislative Assistant
April 20, 2011