



## **EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT 11-013**

1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 23, 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 J. Farr, T. Jackson, B. McHattie, B. Morelli and  
T. Whitehead

**Absent with  
regrets:** Councillor S. Duvall, vacation

**Also Present:** J.A. Priel, General Manager, Community Services  
A. Bradford, Director of Culture  
I. Kerr-Wilson, Culture Division  
R. Barlas, Culture Division  
J. Brown, Director of Benefit Eligibility  
K. Lubrick, Director, Employment & Income Support Division  
G. Hendry, Director, Housing Services  
J. Kaye, Manager, Arts and Culture  
D. Brodati, Policy and Program Specialist, Housing Services Division  
J. Lee, Director of Customer Service  
I. Bedioui, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk's Office

### **THE EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 11-013 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

1. **Arts Advisory Commission 2012 Volunteer Committee Budget Submission (CS11090) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)**
  - (a) That the Arts Advisory Commission's 2012 base budget submission in the amount of \$9,000, be approved and forwarded to the 2012 budget process (GIC);

- (b) That in addition to the base funding, that a one-time budget allocation for 2012 of \$7,500, funded by the Arts Advisory Commission reserve, be approved and forwarded to the 2012 budget process (GIC).

**2. 2012 Budget Request - Seniors Advisory Committee (FCS11102) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)**

That the Seniors Advisory Committee's 2012 base budget submission in the amount of \$1,500 be approved and forwarded to the 2012 budget process (GIC).

**3. Hamilton Veterans Committee 2012 Volunteer Budget Submission (CS11091) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)**

- (a) That the Hamilton Veterans Committee 2012 base budget submission in the amount of \$11,590, be approved and forwarded to the 2012 budget process (GIC);

- (b) That in addition to the base funding, that a one-time budget allocation for 2012 of \$2,410, funded by an increase to the 2012 tax levy, be approved and forwarded to the 2012 budget process (GIC).

**4. Tenant Advisory Committee 2012 Budget Submission (CS11088) (City Wide) (Item 5.5)**

That the Tenant Advisory Committee's 2012 base budget submission in the amount of \$1,000, be approved and forwarded to the 2012 budget process (GIC).

**5. 2012 Volunteer Committee Budget Submission - Hamilton Historical Board (CS11092) (City Wide) (Item 5.6)**

- (a) That the Hamilton Historical Board's 2012 base budget submission in the amount of \$14,340, be approved and forwarded to the 2012 budget process (GIC);

- (b) That in addition to the base funding, that a one-time budget allocation for 2012 of \$2,370, funded by the Hamilton Historical Board's reserve, be approved and forwarded to the 2012 budget process (GIC).

**6. Snow Angels Program (CS11093) (City Wide) (Item 5.7)**

That Report CS11093 respecting the Snow Angels Program be received.

**7. Hamilton Parent Charter of Rights as presented by the Best Start Network (CS11094) (City Wide) (Item 5.8)**

That Report CS11094 respecting the Hamilton Parent Charter of Rights as presented by the Best Start Network, be received.

**8. Arts Advisory Commission Presentation respecting achievements to-date. (Item 7.1)**

That the presentation from Chair Patricia LeClair respecting the achievements to date of the Arts Advisory Commission, be received.

**9. Hamilton Historical Board Presentation respecting achievements to-date. (Item 7.2)**

That the presentation from Chair Robert Hamilton respecting the achievements to date of the Hamilton Historical Board, be received.

**10. Seniors Advisory Committee Presentation respecting achievements to-date (Item 7.3)**

That the presentation from Chair Ron Smithson respecting the achievements to date of the Seniors Advisory Committee, be received.

**11. Hamilton Civic Museums Virtual Tour Project (CS11086) (City Wide) (Item 7.4)**

That Report CS11086 respecting Hamilton Civic Museums Virtual Tour Project, be received.

**12. Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario (CS11079(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

- (a) That the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario funds be deposited into Account # 000100-23194 "Prov Funding IAH" and applied accordingly;
- (b) That the General Manager of the Community Services Department or her designate be authorized and directed to deliver and administer the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario program;
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the "Service Manager Administration Agreement - Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario" attached as Appendix A to Report CS11079(a) in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor

- (d) That the General Manager of Community Services or her designate be authorized and directed to execute all ancillary agreements as may be required to deliver the Investment in Affordable Housing in Ontario Program, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

**13. 2011-12 Ontario Works Caseload Contingency Plan (CS09021(c)) (City Wide)  
(Item 8.3)**

- (a) That Report CS09021(c), respecting the implementation of the Ontario Works Caseload Contingency Plan, be received;
- (b) That current temporary staffing levels of 20 full time employees hired for Phase 2 of the Ontario Works Caseload Contingency Plan be maintained and that \$1,588,591 gross/\$794,289 net be funded from the Ontario Works Stabilization Reserve (#110044) and/or Departmental/Corporate Surplus until the caseload decreases below 10,000 and/or the average caseload to staff ratio is 120:1;
- (c) That the General Manager of Community Services be authorized to implement Phase 3 of the Ontario Works Caseload Contingency Plan to hire 10 additional temporary full time employees at a cost of \$745,290 gross/\$372,645 net to be funded from the Ontario Works Stabilization Reserve (#110044) and/or Departmental/Corporate Surplus until the caseload decreases below 13,000 and/or the average caseload to staff ratio is 130:1;
- (d) That authorization be provided to the General Manager of Community Services to implement Phase 4 of the Ontario Works Caseload Contingency Plan when the caseload increases to over 14,100. 10 additional full time employees will be hired at a cost of \$764,125 gross/382,063 net to be funded from the Ontario Works Stabilization Reserve (#110044) and/or Departmental/Corporate Surplus until the caseload decreases below 14,100.

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:**

**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

- (i) Item 8.1 respecting the Ontario Municipal Partnership Program Reconciliation Re-Investment was removed from the agenda as there were some unresolved issues and deferred to a future meeting;

- (ii) Item 6.1 the delegation request from Sally Palmer on behalf of the Social Justice Strategic Committee (SJSC) respecting Ontario Municipal Partnership Program Reconciliation Re-Investment was deferred to a future meeting when the report respecting this issue will be on the agenda;

The agenda for the November 23, 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 October 19, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.

**(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)**

The following delegation requests were approved:

- (i) Shane Coleman, Hamilton Farmers' Market President, wishing to clarify unresolved issues regarding 1) Stallholders' Advertising Budget 2) Downtown Core Market Shuttle Bus and 3) required information of Stallholders' Statement of Fees (Item 4.1)
- (ii) Sally Palmer, Social Action Committee, Ontario Association of Social Workers, Hamilton & District respecting amendments to Ontario Municipal Partnership Program Reconciliation Re-Investment Report (Item 4.2)
- (iii) Marisa Scotto Di Luzio, 25 in 5 Hamilton, an antipoverty advocacy group, respecting concerns with Ontario Municipal Partnership Program Reconciliation Re-Investment Report (Item 4.3)

**(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)**

**(i) VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MINUTES (Item 5.1)**

The following Volunteer Committee Minutes were received:

- (i) Senior Advisory Committee Minutes, September 9, 2011
- (ii) Tenant Advisory Committee Minutes, September 9, 2011
- (iii) Food & Shelter Advisory Committee Minutes, September 8, 2011
- (iv) Food & Shelter Advisory Committee Minutes, October 13, 2011

**(ii) Hamilton Parent Charter of Rights as presented by the Best Start Network (CS11094) (Item 5.8)**

Joe-Anne Priel addressed Committee and advised of the following:

- (a) From November 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> the Week of the Child and Youth will be celebrated in Hamilton;
- (b) In recognition of the Week of the Child the report on the Hamilton Parent Charter of Rights developed under the leadership of the Best Start Network is included on the agenda;
- (c) In recognition and celebration of this week a framed copy of the charter and a copy of this year's edition of the Best Start Magazine which will be included as an insert in Saturday's Spectator has been distributed to each Councillor.

**(f) PUBLIC HEARING/DELEGATIONS**

**(i) Sally Palmer, Social Justice Strategic Committee (SJSC), respecting the Social Investment Strategy (No copy) (Approved September 8, 2011) (Item 6.1)**

As noted in the changes to the agenda, this Item was deferred to a future meeting.

**(g) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) Arts Advisory Commission Presentation respecting achievements to-date. (item 7.1)**

Patricia LeClair, Chair, and Annelisa Pederson, Co-Chair addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and a copy of the hand-out was included in the agenda. Her presentation included but was not limited to the following topics:

- Mandate
- History
- Current Status
- Accomplishments
- Priorities
- Current Projects
- In order to succeed
- Vision for the Future

On a motion, Committee received the presentation.

**(ii) Hamilton Historical Board Presentation respecting achievements to-date. (Item 7.2)**

Robert Hamilton, Chair of the Hamilton Historical Board addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation and a copy of the hand-out was printed in the agenda. His comments included but were not limited to the following:

- The Hamilton Historical Board then;
- The Hamilton Historical Board today;
- Achievements 2010 – 2011;
- 2011 Budget;
- A view to the future.

On a motion, Committee received the presentation.

**(iii) Seniors Advisory Committee Presentation respecting achievements to-date. (Item 7.3)**

Ron Smithson, Chair of the Seniors Advisory Committee addressed Committee reading from a prepared statement, a copy of which was printed in the agenda. His comments included but were not limited to the following:

- The current Committee Membership;
- The status of the video produced in 2009;
- A Seniors Advisory Committee representative sits on the Hamilton Strategic Road Safety Program;
- Members are involved in the Heat Alert Program;
- Members provided input respecting the Mac Nab Street Terminal
- Recreation for seniors – recommendations to the YWCA; supports expansion of Winona Seniors Centre
- The Advisory Committee was involved in the:
  - “waste chute closing” amendment to the Property Standards By-law;
  - Gore Park Committee;
  - Hamilton Air Quality Health Index;
  - Age Friendly Cities;
- Future Items of concern;
- The Seniors Advisory Committee’s involvement in a variety of City committees.

Councillor Morelli thanked the Advisory Committee and staff for their contributions.

Councillor Jackson recognized the contributions of the Committee and staff, particularly Carolyn Bish, Vicki Woodcox and Bev Neill.

On a motion, Committee received the presentation.

**(iv) Hamilton Civic Museums Virtual Tour Project (CS11086) (City Wide)  
(Item 7.4)**

Ian Kerr-Wilson addressed Committee providing an overview of the staff report and Richard Barlas assisted him in demonstrating the virtual tour project making it possible for persons with disabilities to tour the City's museums that may not otherwise be accessible to them.

On a motion, Committee received the staff report and presentation.

**(h) DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**(i) Ontario Municipal Partnership Program Reconciliation Re-Investment  
(CS11095) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

As noted in the changes to the agenda, this Item was deferred to a future meeting.

**(i) MOTIONS**

**(i) Shuttle Bus Service for the Patrons of the Hamilton Farmers' Market  
(Item 9.1) (Tabled October 19, 2011)**

Councillor Farr requested that the motion remain TABLED as staff are working on a report respecting this matter.

**(j) GENERAL INFORMATION (Item 11)**

**(i) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)**

**(a) The following new due dates were approved:**

**(aa) Item "B" – City of Hamilton Events Strategy  
Current Due Date: November 23, 2011  
Proposed New Due Date: June 2012**

**(bb) Item "C" – Recreation Access Policy (Needs Assessment)  
Current Due Date: November 23, 2011  
Proposed New Due Date: February 2012**



- (cc) Item "J" – Needs Assessment – Ice Rinks in the Stoney Creek area  
Current Due Date: November 23, 2011  
Proposed New Due Date: February 2012
- (dd) Item "K" – Feasibility of Utilizing the City of Ottawa's Somerset Gardens Mixed Tenure Affordable Housing Model in Hamilton  
Current Due Date: November 23, 2011  
Proposed New Due Date: February 2012
- (ee) Item "O" – Funding for one Additional Paramedic – MUMC - TABLED  
The Financial Impact of the ABC Program  
Current Due Date: November 23, 2011  
Proposed New Due Date: December 7, 2011
- (ff) Item "Q" – Summer Music Events in Gage Park  
Current Due Date: November 23, 2011  
Proposed New Due Date: December 7, 2011

- (b) The following Item was identified as completed and removed from the Outstanding Business List:
  - (aa) Item "S" – Pilot project proposal respecting fire route signage for Villages of Glancaster

**(k) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Added Item)**

- (i) Private and Confidential Minutes of the October 19, 2011 meeting (Item 12.1)**

Committee approved the Private and Confidential Minutes of October 19, 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 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla, Chair  
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Ida Bedioui  
Legislative Assistant  
November 23, 2011