



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7, 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, vacation

Also Present: Councillor R. Pasuta
J.A. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
A. Bradford, Director of Culture
S. DuVerney, Project Manager, Strategic Services
B. Atanas, Market Manager
G. Hendry, Director, Housing Services
T. Quinn, Director, Strategic Services
B. Browett, Director of EMS
I. Bedioui, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk's Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL:

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

(McHattie/Jackson)

- (a) That Councillor Judi Partridge be appointed Chair of the Emergency and
Community Services Committee for 2012;

CARRIED

(Duvall/Jackson)

- (b) That Councillor Terry Whitehead be appointed Vice-Chair of the Emergency
and Community Services Committee for 2012.

CARRIED

2. Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) 2012 Budget Submission (CS11099) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

(Farr/Jackson)

- (a) That the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee 2012 base budget submission in the amount of \$3,890, be approved and forwarded to the 2012 budget process (GIC);
- (b) That, in addition to the base funding, that a one time budget allocation of \$2,500 funded by the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee reserve, be approved and forwarded to the 2012 budget process (GIC).

CARRIED

3. Food and Shelter Advisory Committee 2012 Budget Submission (CS11089) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

(Farr/Jackson)

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

CARRIED

4. Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (CS11017(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

(Duvall/Whitehead)

That Report CS11017(a) respecting Housing and Homelessness Action Plan be received.

CARRIED

5. Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion - Funding Agreement (CS11023(b)) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

(Duvall/Whitehead)

That Report CS11023(b) respecting Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion - Funding Agreement be received.

CARRIED

6. City of Hamilton Domiciliary Hostel Program Review (CS10036(b)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business Item – "T") (Item 5.5)

(Duvall/Whitehead)

That Report CS10036(b) respecting City of Hamilton Domiciliary Hostel Program Review be received.

CARRIED

7. Smith's Knoll Archaeological Site (CS11087) (Ward 9) (Item 5.6)

(Duvall/Whitehead)

That the "Stage 1 & 2 Archaeological Assessment, Human Remains Documentation and Cemetery Investigation – 70 King Street West - Adjacent to Smith's Knoll Cemetery, attached as Appendix A to Report CS11087, be received.

CARRIED

8. EMS Response Performance Monthly Report - January 1, 2011 to October 31, 2011 (HES11018) (City Wide) (Item 5.7)

(Duvall/Whitehead)

That Report HES11018 respecting EMS Response Performance Monthly Report - January 1, 2011 to October 31, 2011, be received.

CARRIED

9. 2011 Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Summary (HYAC11-001) (Item 7.1)

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That the 2011 Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Summary (HYAC11-001) be received.

CARRIED

10. Food and Shelter Advisory Committee Presentation respecting achievements to-date (Item 7.2)

(Duvall/Whitehead)

(a) That the presentation from Chair Don Jaffray respecting the achievements to date of the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee, be received;

(b) That the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee be directed to make presentations to the Provincial and Federal Governments respecting the challenges of addressing hunger and housing issues in the City of Hamilton.

CARRIED

11. Ontario Municipal Partnership Program Reconciliation Re-Investment (CS11095) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Whitehead/McHattie)

(a) That the revised policy and procedure for approval of expenditures from the Social Services Initiative Reserve (Account #112214), attached as Appendix A to Report CS11095 be approved;

- (b) That the following programs continue to be funded through the Social Services Initiative Reserve (Account #112214) as outlined below:
 - (i) Emergency Shelter and Intensive Case Management Services - \$350,000 annually from 2011 to December 31, 2013;
 - (ii) Food Banks and the Christmas Hamper Program - \$350,000 annually; from 2011 to December 31, 2013;
 - (iii) Affordable Transit Pass Program - \$300,050 annually from 2012 to December 31, 2013;
- (c) That the Domiciliary Hostel Program be funded through the Social Services Initiative Reserve (Account #112214) in the amount of \$750,000 for one year;
- (d) That the balance of the funds remaining in the Social Services Initiative Reserve (Account #112214) be considered as part of the staff review of the Farmers' Market Food Voucher Program.

CARRIED

12. Beach Canal Lighthouse & Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage (CS11018(a)) (Ward 5) (Item 8.2)

(McHattie/Jackson)

- (a) That the Results from the Investigation into the Availability of Capital Contributions for the Beach Canal Lighthouse & Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage, attached to Report CS11018(a) as Appendix A, be received;
- (b) That staff be directed to suspend the investigation into the terms of transfer of ownership of the Beach Canal Lighthouse and Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage from the Federal Government to the City and the issue be considered closed;
- (c) That staff be directed to continue to work with the Beach Canal Lighthouse Group as they pursue their plans to make application under the Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act.

CARRIED

13. Street Performance Policy and Guidelines (CS11098) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(Farr/Jackson)

That the "City of Hamilton Policy and Guidelines on Street Performance (Busking)", attached as Appendix "A" to Report CS11098, be approved.

CARRIED

14. Hamilton Farmers' Market Shoppers' Survey 2011 (CS11100) (Ward 2) (Item 8.4)

(Jackson/Farr)

That Report CS11100 respecting Hamilton Farmers' Market Shoppers' Survey 2011 be received.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

- (i) Added delegation request 4.2 from Calvin Cain of the Ontario Homes for Special Needs Association wishing to speak to Item 8.1 on today's agenda;
- (ii) Added delegation request 4.3 from Andrew Amoah from Soulsbuzz respecting Item 8.1 on today's agenda;
- (iii) All delegations addressing Committee today will be heard when Committee considers their respective Item of interest;
- (iv) Added presentation from staff respecting Item 8.4 regarding the Hamilton Farmers' Market Shoppers' Survey.

(Whitehead/Duvall)

That the agenda for the December 7, 2011 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were none declared.

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

(Whitehead/Farr)

That the Minutes of the November 7, 2011 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(Whitehead/McHattie)

- (i) That the following delegation requests be approved:
- (1.) Barbara Murray, Beach Canal Lighthouse Group respecting the future transfer of ownership of the Burlington (Beach) Canal Light Station from the Federal Government to the City of Hamilton. (Item 4.1)
 - (2.) Calvin Cain, Ontario Homes for Special Needs Association respecting Item 8.1 the Ontario Municipal Partnership Program Reconciliation Re-investment. (Added Item 4.2)
 - (3.) Andrew Amoah, Soulsbuzz, respecting Item 8.1 the Ontario Municipal Partnership Program Reconciliation Re-investment (Added 4.3)
- (ii) That the rules of order be waived in order for the aforementioned delegations to address Committee today.

CARRIED

(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) 2011 Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Summary (HYAC11-001) (Item 7.1)

Alex Fiorello, Co-Chair addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and a copy of the hand-out was distributed. His presentation included but was not limited to the following topics:

- Youth Week;
- Unfiltered facts;
- Bus tour;
- Leadership;
- Raising the roof;
- Kudos;
- Visit our site;
- It's alive – the Hamilton Youth website;
- Support;
- Future focus.

Councillor Jackson acknowledged Rene Reid and Colin McMullan for their efforts in mentoring the members of the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee. Committee commended Alex Fiorello for his presentation.

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That the presentation by the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Food and Shelter Advisory Committee Presentation respecting achievements to-date. (Item 7.2)

Don Jaffray, Chair of the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee accompanied by Alex Ramirez Vice-Chair, addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint Presentation and a copy of the hand-out was printed in the agenda. Copies of reports respecting the Housing & Homelessness Action Plan were distributed. The presenters' comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Mandate;
- Membership;
- 2010 – 2011 Accomplishments;
- Priority identification and work planning.

(Duvall/Whitehead)

That the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee be directed to make presentations to the Provincial and Federal Governments respecting the poverty issues (hunger and housing) in Hamilton.

CARRIED

(Farr/Jackson)

That the presentation by the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee be received.

CARRIED

(iii) Hamilton Farmers' Market Shoppers' Survey 2011 (CS11100) (Ward 2) (Item 8.4)

Anna Bradford provided an overview of the staff report with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and copies of the hand-out were distributed.

Her comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Road to improvement;
- Why did we survey shoppers?
- Survey highlights;
- What do shoppers buy?
- What is important to shoppers?
- The shoppers identified several opportunities for improvement;
- Hamilton Farmers' Market Shoppers by sorting code.

(Jackson/Farr)

That the staff presentation be received.

CARRIED

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

Delegations:

(1) David Cherkewski, requested by Sally Palmer, Social Justice Strategic Committee (SJSC), respecting the Social Investment Strategy (Approved September 8, 2011) (Item 6.1)

David Cherkewski addressed Committee and read from a prepared statement, a copy of which was included in the agenda. He stressed that he believes that poverty is the issue that is holding the City back.

(McHattie/Farr)

That the delegation from Mr. Cherkewski's be received.

CARRIED

(2) Sally Palmer, Social Action Committee, Ontario Association of Social Workers, Hamilton & District respecting amendments to Ontario Municipal Partnership Program Reconciliation Re-Investment Report (Approved November 23, 2011) (Item 6.2)

Sally Palmer addressed Committee and read from a prepared statement, a copy of which was included in the agenda. She also made a PowerPoint presentation outlining her statement.

(Duvall/Morelli)

That the delegation from Doctor. Palmer be received.

CARRIED

(3) Marisa Scotto Di Luzio, 25 in 5 Hamilton, an antipoverty advocacy group, respecting concerns with Ontario Municipal Partnership Program Reconciliation Re-Investment Report (Approved November 23, 2011) (Item 6.3)

Marisa Scotto Di Luzio addressed Committee and read from a prepared statement and a copy was submitted to the Clerk for the official record.

She outlined the following requests:

1. That some or all of the OMPF funds be used for new initiatives rather than for existing programs only. . The concern is that no new initiatives are being considered to address the inadequacy of Ontario Works rates (an example is the proposed healthy food supplement for unattached single adults on Ontario Works);
2. That new initiatives be determined through creation of a community planning group and a social investment strategy.

(Farr/McHattie)

That the delegation from Ms. Scotto DiLuzio's be received.

CARRIED

(4) Calvin Cain, Ontario Homes for Special Needs Association respecting the Ontario Municipal Partnership Program Reconciliation Re-investment. (Added Item 4.2)

All the executive members of the OHSMA Hamilton Region 3 (Anthony Gagliese, Michael Power, John Iovio, and Calvin Cain) came forward to the podium.

Anthony Gagliese addressed Committee and expressed disappointment that the domiciliary hostel providers were excluded from the funding.

(Whitehead/Morelli)

That the delegation from the executive members of the Ontario Homes for Special Needs Association be received.

CARRIED

(5) Andrew Amoah, of Soulsbuzz respecting the Ontario Municipal Partnership Program Reconciliation Re-investment. (Added Item 4.2)

Andrew Amoah addressed Committee and a hand-out was distributed.

He indicated that he is a small business entrepreneur and his organization is dedicated to promoting small businesses in Hamilton and supporting local stores. He suggested a discount card system that would benefit people on social assistance and local vendors, including the Farmers' Market stallholders.

(Jackson/Farr)

That the delegation from Mr. Andrew Amoah be received.

CARRIED

(Whitehead/McHattie)

That the staff recommendations be amended as follows:

- (a) Subsections (b) (i) and (ii) were amended by changing the funding to three years;
- (b) Subsection (b) (iii) was amended by changing the funding to two and half years;
- (c) Funding was added for the Domiciliary Hostel program in the amount of \$750,000 for one year;
- (d) The balance of funds remaining in the Social Services Initiative Reserve are to be considered as part of the staff review of the Farmers' market Food Voucher Program.

CARRIED

Committee thanked Joe-Anne Priel and Gillian Hendry for their report.

**(ii) Beach Canal Lighthouse & Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage (CS11018(a))
(Ward 5) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.2)**

Delegations:

- (1) Barbara Murray, Beach Canal Lighthouse Group respecting the future transfer of ownership of the Burlington (Beach) Canal Light Station from the Federal Government to the City of Hamilton. (Item 4.1)**

Anthony Butler of the Beach Canal Lighthouse Group addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. His comments included but were not limited to the following:

- The Beach Canal Lighthouse Group was founded in 2003 to celebrate and preserve the Burlington Canal Lighthouse and Keeper's Cottage;
- The significance of the Lighthouse and keeper's cottage;
- The group appreciates the City's funding of the operational study and heritage building assessment and staff's investigation into the terms of transfer of ownership;
- May 29, 2010 the federal Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act came into effect;
- The group will apply under the Act with the objective to restore the lightstation.

(Farr/Jackson)

That the delegation from the Beach Canal Lighthouse Group be received.

CARRIED

(McHattie/Jackson)

That the staff recommendation be amended by adding a new subsection as follows:

That staff be directed to work with the Beach Canal Lighthouse Group as they pursue their plans to make application under the Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act.

CARRIED

(iii) YWCA Senior Centre Operating Agreement (CS11002(a)) (Ward 2) (Ite. 8.5)

Councillor Jackson expressed thanks to City staff Coralee Secord and Terry Quinn and the Executive Director of the YWCA, Denise Doyle and the Director of Operations of the YWCA, Medora Uppal.

(Jackson/McHattie)

That the Clerk be directed to prepare the necessary motions for Council to reconsider and cancel its previous decision and approve the new agreement with the increased funding.

CARRIED

(g) GENERAL INFORMATION (Item 11)

(i) Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

(Duvall/Farr)

(a) That the following new due dates be approved:

- (1) Item –“P” - Letter regarding the Needs of the Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre
Current Due Date: December 7, 2011
Proposed New Due Date: February 13, 2012
- (2) Item – “Q” - Summer Music Events in Gage Park
Current Due Date: December 7, 2011
Proposed New Due Date: February 13, 2012
- (3) Item – “O” - Funding for one Additional Paramedic – MUMC – The Financial Impact of the ABC Program
Current Due Date: December 7, 2011
Proposed New Due Date: January 18, 2012

CARRIED

(McHattie/Farr)

(b) That the following Items be identified as completed and removed from the Outstanding Business List:

- (1) Item "I(i) & (ii) " – Beach Canal Light Station Operational Study and Heritage Building Assessment
- (2) Item "L" – Street Performance Policy
- (3) Item "R" – City of Hamilton Domiciliary Hostel Program Review

CARRIED

(h) ADJOURNMENT

(Jackson/McHattie)

There being no further business, that the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Ida Bedioui
Legislative Assistant
December 7, 2011