



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes 12-011

1:30 p.m.

Monday, December 10, 2012

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL:

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

(Merulla/Jackson)

- (a) That Councillor Terry Whitehead be appointed Chair of the Emergency and Community Services Committee for 2013;

CARRIED

(McHattie/Merulla)

- (b) That Councillor Jason Farr be appointed Vice Chair of the Emergency and Community Services Committee for 2013.

CARRIED

2. Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) 2013 Budget Submission (CS12039) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

(Jackson/Farr)

- (a) That the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) 2013 base budget submission in the amount of \$3,890, be approved and forwarded to the 2013 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 2013 budget process (GIC).

CARRIED

3. Food & Shelter Advisory Committee 2013 Budget Submission (CS12041) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

(Jackson/Farr)

That the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee's 2013 base budget submission in the amount of \$500 be approved and forwarded to the 2013 budget process (GIC).

CARRIED

4. Tenant Advisory Committee 2013 Budget Submission (CS12038) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

(Jackson/Farr)

That the Tenant Advisory Committee's 2013 base budget submission in the amount of \$1,000 be approved and forwarded to the 2013 budget process (GIC).

CARRIED

5. Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion - Funding Agreement (CS11023(d)) (City Wide) (Item 5.5)

(Merulla/Jackson)

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

CARRIED

6. EMS Monthly Response Time Performance Report – January 1, 2012 to October 31, 2012 (HES12022) (City Wide) (Item 5.6)

(Merulla/Jackson)

That Report HES12022 respecting EMS Monthly Response Time Performance Report – January 1, 2012 to October 31, 2012 be received for information.

CARRIED

7. Defibrillator Standardization and Single Source for the Hamilton Paramedic Service and Hamilton Fire Department and Standardization for the City-Wide Public Access Defibrillation Program (HES12020) (City Wide) (Item 5.7)

(Jackson/Farr)

(a) That paramedic and firefighter electrocardiogram (ECG) monitor-defibrillators be standardized to the Zoll Medical Corporation and that those products be a single source purchase directly from the manufacturer;

(b) That the negotiation with the Zoll Medical Corporation as a single source be conducted by staff of the Hamilton Paramedic Service and the Hamilton Fire Department;

- (c) That staff be authorized to negotiate with the Zoll Medical Corporation as the single source for the supply of any replacement parts and accessory equipment associated with the standardized electrocardiogram monitor-defibrillators;
- (d) That staff be authorized to single source the maintenance and biomedical testing contracts for issues not otherwise captured by the warranty from the Zoll Medical Corporation;
- (e) That staff be authorized to standardize the purchase of public access defibrillator units (AEDs) from the Zoll Medical Corporation in compliance with Procurement Policy # 5.1 – Low Dollar Value Procurements, Policy # 5.1 – Request for Quotations, Policy # 5.3 – Request for Tenders or Policy # 5.4 – Requests for Proposals, as applicable;
- (f) That the procurement of accessory equipment for the public access defibrillators be a single source directly from the Zoll Medical Corporation.

CARRIED

**8. Standardization of Emergency Response Vehicles (HES12021) (City Wide)
(Item 5.8)**

(Jackson/Farr)

- (a) That the Chevrolet Tahoe Special Service Duty Vehicle manufactured by General Motors be approved as the City's standard for the Hamilton Paramedic Service for use as an Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV);
- (b) That staff be authorized to single source all Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) conversions to Rowland Emergency Vehicle Products Inc.

CARRIED

9. Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) (CS12031(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Jackson/Merulla)

- (a) That the General Manager, Community Services Department, or designate, be authorized and directed to deliver and administer the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative;
- (b) That the Housing Stability Benefit Implementation Plan, attached as Appendix A to Report CS12031(a), be approved;
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Service Agreement attached as Appendix B to Report (CS12031(a)) between the City of Hamilton and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, with

respect to the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

- (d) That the General Manager, Community Services Department, or designate, be authorized and directed to execute all ancillary agreements as may be required to deliver the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

10. Hamilton Seniors Strategy (CS12040) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Jackson/Merulla)

- (a) That staff work with key community stakeholders and the Seniors Advisory committee to develop a Hamilton Seniors Strategy;
- (b) That the cost of developing a Hamilton Seniors Strategy in the amount of \$145,000 be funded from previously approved Capital project #7100954703.

CARRIED

11. Living Wage (Item 9.1)

(McHattie/Merulla)

Whereas, the City of Hamilton had adopted a report that identifies a wage of \$14.95 as a living wage in Hamilton;

And Whereas, all full-time City of Hamilton staff are paid a living wage;

And Whereas, it is important that the City of Hamilton continues to be seen as a leader in advancing the living wage project;

Therefore, be it resolved that staff report back to the General Issues Committee during the 2013 budget process on the feasibility and cost of implementing a living wage rate for all City of Hamilton part time employees.

CARRIED

12. Appointment to the Hamilton Veterans Committee (Item 12.1)

(Jackson/Merulla)

That Larry McMorran be appointed to the Hamilton Veterans Committee for the balance of the 2012 – 2014 term of Council or until such time as a successor is appointed by Council.

CARRIED

13. Interim Manager for Hamilton Farmers' Market (CS12045) (Ward 1) (Item 12.2)

(Jackson/Whitehead)

- (a) That staff be directed to enter into a service contract for management of the Hamilton Farmers' Market for a period of 6 months, while the Council directed study of privatizing the management of the Hamilton Farmers' Market is being completed;
- (b) That Report CS12045 respecting the Interim Manager for Hamilton Farmers' Market remain confidential and not be released as a public document as the information relates to identifiable individuals.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes:

- (i) Added delegation request from Mr. Will Rowe of the Well (the LGBTQ Community Wellness Centre of Hamilton) wishing to speak to the same topic as the delegation in Item 6.1 the issue of public washrooms. Copies have been distributed; (4.2)
- (ii) Added delegation request from Tom Cooper, of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction wishing to provide Councillors with an update on local and provincial activities around the campaign to reverse the provincial cuts to community start up and maintenance benefit. (4.3)
- (iii) Copy of Report SAC 12003 from the Seniors Advisory Committee with recommendations for the Planning Committee respecting the Regulation of Rental Housing, which will be considered at tomorrow's Special Planning Committee meeting. For information only. (Copy attached)
- (iv) Added Notice of Motion 10.1 from Councillor McHattie respecting Living Wage, copies have been distributed.
- (v) Amendment to the recommendation of the Private and Confidential report, Item 12.2 respecting the Interim Manager for the Hamilton Farmers' Market, copies have been distributed.

(Whitehead/Duvall)

That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were none declared.

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

(Farr/McHattie)

That the Minutes of the November 12, 2012 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(Merulla/Farr)

(i) That the following delegation request be approved:

Lena Bassford, Food4Kids Hamilton Halton Niagara, to provide general information about the Food4Kids Program. (Item 4.1)

CARRIED

(Merulla/Farr)

(ii) That the following delegation requests be approved and the rules of order waived in order to hear the delegations at today's meeting:

1. Will Rowe, The Well (the LGBTQ) Community Wellness Centre of Hamilton) respecting gender specific public washrooms. (See Item 6.1) (Added Item 4.2)
2. Tom Cooper, of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction wishing to provide Councillors with an update on local and provincial activities around the campaign to reverse the provincial cuts to community start up and maintenance benefit.

CARRIED

(e) CONSENT (Item 5)

(i) VARIOUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Item 5.1):

(Merulla/Jackson)

That the following Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes be received:

- (i) Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Minutes of June 19, 2012 meeting.
- (ii) Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Minutes of September 18, 2012 meeting.
- (iii) Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Minutes of October 16, 2012 meeting.
- (iv) Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes of October 5, 2012 meeting

CARRIED

- (ii) **Report SAC 12003 from the Seniors Advisory Committee (Added Item 5.9)**

(Merulla/Jackson)

That Report SAC 12003 from the Seniors Advisory Committee containing recommendations for the Planning Committee respecting the Regulation of Rental Housing be received for information.

CARRIED

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

- (i) **Jim Enos, Hamilton-Wentworth Family Action Council respecting Public Washrooms in City Facilities and a recent decision from the Toronto District School Board to allow boys to use girls washrooms. (Item 4.1)**

Jim Enos addressed Committee and read from a prepared statement, copies of which were distributed and a copy was placed in the Clerk's file for the public record and is also available for viewing on the City's website.

Mr. Enos spoke against opposite biological gender usage of washrooms, change rooms and shower facilities in the City of Hamilton.

Mr. Enos submitted a petition of 336 signatures for the Clerk's file, requesting that the City of Hamilton examine its policies and by-laws and work with legal counsel and the Hamilton Police to ensure that all washrooms, change rooms and shower facilities in the City of Hamilton are places of safety and security by restricting biological males from entering female facilities and biological females from entering male facilities (except in cases of young children in care of a parent and in cases of medical or mechanical emergency or routine cleaning.)

(Merulla/Duvall)

That the delegation by Jim Enos of the Hamilton-Wentworth Family Action Council be received.

CARRIED

- (ii) **Will Rowe, The Well (the LGBTQ) Community Wellness Centre of Hamilton) respecting gender specific public washrooms. (See Item 6.1) (Added Item 4.2)**

Will Rowe addressed Committee and read from a prepared statement, copies of which he submitted to the Clerk for the official record. He advised that he is a Trans Advocacy and Outreach Co-ordinator at the Well. He is a social worker, married with children and is transgendered. He spoke in support of the right of transgendered people to use public facilities that match their gender identity and he submitted six letters from local institutions also in support of this right.

(Morelli/Merulla)

That the delegation from Will Rowe of The Well be received.

CARRIED

- (iii) Tom Cooper, of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction wishing to provide Councillors with an update on local and provincial activities around the campaign to reverse the provincial cuts to community start up and maintenance benefit. (Added Item 4.3)**

Tom Cooper addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. He advised that various communities from across the Province have been invited to attend at Hamilton City Hall on Friday, December 14, 2012 to discuss the issue of the Provincial cuts. Some of the communities attending are from Windsor, Guelph, Brantford, York Region, and Peel Region. This is a united effort. A meeting has taken place with Minister John Milloy. Also, all Liberal leadership candidates, the NDP Leader, Andrea Horwath and the Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak will be contacted.

Tom Cooper responded to questions from the Committee.

(Farr/Morelli)

That the delegation from Tom Cooper of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction be received.

CARRIED

(g) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

- (i) 2012 Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Summary (HYAC12-001) (Item 7.1)**

Camilo Sanchez Galindo, of the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the hand-out was printed in the agenda.

The topics covered by Camilo Sanchez Galindo included but were not limited to the following:

- Soundtrack for Change Summit;
- Wesley Urban Ministries – Raising the Roof;
- Mental illness among Canadian youth;
- Canada's youth suicide is third highest in the world;
- New Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee members;
- Youth Week Hamilton;

- Moving forward: Navigating your own success;
- Team building;
- Support;
- Future Focus

Committee thanked the presenter.

(Jackson/Merulla)

That the presentation by Camilo Sanchez Galindo of the Youth Advisory Committee be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Food & Shelter Advisory Committee respecting achievements to date (Item 7.2)

Alexander Ramirez, Chair of the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the hand-out was printed in the agenda

The topics covered by Alexander Ramirez included but were not limited to the following:

- Mandate and Membership;
- Action Plan for 2013;
- 2012 Follow up;
- Engagement Continuum; and,
- Final messages – article in the Toronto Globe and Mail by John Ibbitson entitled *Kudos in order as PH shepherds G20 to surprising consensus*.

Committee thanked the presenter.

(Jackson/McHattie)

That the presentation by Alexander Ramirez, Chair of the Food & Shelter Advisory Committee be received.

CARRIED

(iii) Tenant Advisory Committee respecting achievements to date. (Item 7.3)

John Hawker, Chair of the Tenant Advisory Committee addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the hand-out was printed in the agenda

The topics covered by John Hawker included but were not limited to the following:

- Mandate;
- Objectives;
- Membership;
- 2012 Work Plan;
- Renters as voters;
- Tenant Access to City Hall;
- Monitoring the Official Plan Targets;
- Rooming Houses and Landlord Registry; and,
- Other activities.

Committee thanked the presenter.

(Farr/Duvall)

That the presentation by John Hawker, Chair of the Tenant Advisory Committee be received.

CARRIED

(h) DISCUSSION

(i) Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) (CS12031(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

Joe-Anne Priel and Gillian Hendry responded to questions from Committee.

(ii) Craig Foye, from the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic requesting to address Committee on December 10, 2012 regarding the staff report on the Consolidated Homelessness prevention Initiative (CHPI). (Item 4.2)

Craig Foye, Community Legal Clinic addressed Committee and read from a prepared statement copies of which were distributed and a copy was also placed in the Clerk's file for the public record and is uploaded on the City's website.

Craig Foye advised that the Clinic supports the staff recommendations of the Housing Stability Benefit Implementation Plan but he outlined some areas of concern around the implementation of this new benefit. The Community Legal Clinic recommended approval of the report.

Committee thanked the delegation.

(Farr/Whitehead)

That the delegation by Craig Foye of the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic be received.

CARRIED

Committee approved the staff report.

(i) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

Councillor McHattie presented the following notice of motion:

Living Wage (Item 10.1)

Whereas, the City of Hamilton had adopted a report that identifies a wage of \$14.95 as a living wage in Hamilton; and,

Whereas, all full-time City of Hamilton staff are paid a living wage; and,

Whereas, it is important that the City of Hamilton continues to be seen as a leader in advancing the living wage project;

Therefore, be it resolved that, staff report back during the 2013 budget process with a plan to implement a living wage rate for City of Hamilton part time employees.

(Merulla/McHattie)

That the rules of order be waived in order to introduce a motion respecting the living wage.

CARRIED

(Jackson/Merulla)

That the motion be amended by deleting the words “with a plan to implement” and inserting the words “on the feasibility and cost of implementing” therein.

**Amendment CARRIED
Motion as amended CARRIED**

For disposition of this item see Item 11 of this Report.

(j) GENERAL INFORMATION (Item 11)

Outstanding Business List

(Duvall/McHattie)

(i) That the following New Due Date be approved:

Item “E” – How Allocation for Domiciliary Hostel Funding was Spent

Due dated: December 10, 2012

Proposed New Due Date: January 17, 2013

CARRIED

(Jackson/Merulla)

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

Item “I” – Implementation Plan for the Community Homelessness Initiative

CARRIED

(k) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 11)

(Jackson/Whitehead)

That Committee move into Closed Session at 3:24 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 an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED

Committee reconvened in Open Session at 3:47 p.m.

(i) Appointment to the Hamilton Veterans Committee (Item 12.1)

For disposition of this Item see Item 12 of this Report.

(ii) Interim Manager for Hamilton Farmers' Market (CS12045) (Ward 1) (Item 12.2)

For disposition of this Item see Item 13 of this Report

(l) ADJOURNMENT

(Duvall/Farr)

There being no further business, that the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor J. Partridge, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

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Office of the City Clerk