



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT 11-001

1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 19, 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, and B. Morelli

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor T. Whitehead, personal commitment

Also Present: Councillor J. Partridge
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services Department
A. Bradford, Director, Culture
K. Lubrick, Director, Employment & Income Support Branch
J. Kaye, Manager, Arts and Culture
I. Bedioui, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk's Office

THE EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 11-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. 2011 Accreditation at Wentworth Lodge (CS11003) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

That Report, CS11003 respecting 2011 Accreditation at Wentworth Lodge, be received.

2. 2010 – 2011 Ontario Works Service Plan (CS11010) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

That Report CS11010, respecting 2010 – 2011 Ontario Works Service Plan, be received.

3. 2009 Ontario Works Client Survey (CS11009) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

That Report CS11009, respecting 2009 Ontario Works Client Survey, be received.

4. Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council Update (CS11001) (City Wide) (Item 5.5)

That Report CS11001, respecting Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council Update, be received.

5. Correspondence Received from the Festival of Friends Board of Directors (CS11013) (City Wide) (Item 5.6)

That Report CS11013, regarding Correspondence Received from the Festival of Friends Board of Directors, be received.

6. Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee (referred from Council December 1, 2010) (Item 8.1)

- (a) That Councillors Merulla and Partridge be appointed to the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee;
- (b) That one more Councillor be appointed in order to re-establish the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee.

7. Appointments to the Interview Sub-Committee (Item 8.2)

That Councillors Jackson and Morelli be appointed to the Interview Sub-Committee to consider applications for the following Volunteer Committees:

- (a) Arts Advisory Commission
- (b) Food and Shelter Advisory Committee
- (c) Hamilton Historical Board
- (d) Hamilton Veteran's Committee
- (e) Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee
- (f) Seniors Advisory Committee
- (g) Tenant Advisory Committee

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following change to the agenda:

- (i) The private and confidential matter listed as Item 12.1 has already been dealt with at General Issues Committee and is therefore removed from the agenda.

The agenda for the January 19, 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)

None.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS

The rules of procedure were waived in order for the following delegation request to be approved to address Committee today:

- (i) Sally Palmer, Social Justice Strategic Committee (SJSC), respecting recommendations on how the Provincial re-payment to Social Services should be used. (Requesting to speak at the January 19, 2011 meeting.) (Item 4.1)

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

- (ii) Joseph DiFrancesco, respecting putting a stop to child abuse. (Item 4.2)

(e) ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES:

The following Advisory Committee Minutes were received:

- (i) Arts Advisory Commission Minutes of the May 25, 2010 meeting

- (ii) Arts Advisory Commission Minutes of the July 27, 2010 meeting
- (iii) Hamilton Farmers' Market Transition Sub-Committee Minutes of December 9, 2010 meeting
- (iv) Hamilton Farmers' Market Transition Sub-Committee Minutes of December 16, 2010 meeting
- (v) Hamilton Historical Board Minutes of the September 14, 2010 meeting
- (vi) Hamilton Historical Board Minutes of the October 12, 2010 meeting
- (vii) Hamilton Veterans Committee Minutes of August 10, 2010
- (viii) Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes of September 10, 2010 meeting
- (ix) Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes of October 1, 2010 meeting
- (x) Tenant Advisory Committee Minutes of September 10, 2010 meeting
- (xi) Tenant Advisory Committee Minutes of October 8, 2010 meeting

(f) Correspondence Received from the Festival of Friends Board of Directors (CS11013) (City Wide) (Item 5.6)

At the request of Committee, staff provided a verbal overview of the Report and responded to questions. Loren Leiberman, Festival of Friends Manager, was in attendance and also responded to questions from Committee.

(g) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

(i) Sally Palmer, Social Justice Strategic Committee (SJSC), respecting recommendations on how the Provincial re-payment to Social Services should be used. (Added Item 6.1)

Sally Palmer introduced Dave Cherkewski who is also from the Social Justice Strategic Committee (SJSC) and he addressed Committee. He read from a prepared statement, copies of which were distributed and one was provided for the Clerk's file.

His comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Social Justice Strategic Committee was established to provide advice to the Community Services Department to improve the quality of life for those receiving services provided by Ontario Works and ODSP;
- Strongly supports the Social Investment Strategy;
- Last year Council diverted reconciled dollars from OMPF into public works programs;
- Suggests the long term response be to set up a body with broad community representation to develop goals and expectations;
- Suggests that the short term response be to address the situations facing unattached individuals on social assistance.

Staff responded to questions from Committee and it was noted that more funds have been allocated to social service programs than taken away.

Committee also noted ways that social services funds could be supplemented such as nutritious food funds, rent supplements, and allocating any year end surplus, etc.

On a motion (McHattie/Morelli) the delegation by Dave Cherkewski from the Social Justice Strategic Committee (SJSC) was referred to staff for report back, during the budget process, with recommendations on how to enhance the social services funds.

(h) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Confirmation of Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1):

The Outstanding Business List of the Emergency and Community Services Committee was confirmed.

(ii) Proposed New Due Dates

The due dates of the following Items were amended as outlined below:

- (i) Item "I" – Additional Funding for First Place Hamilton
Current Due Date: January 19, 2011
Proposed New Due Date: February 2, 2011
- (ii) Item "L" – City of Hamilton Domiciliary Hostel Program Review
Current Due Date: January 19, 2011
Proposed New Due Date: May 18, 2011
- (iii) Item "N" – Social Service Funds - Feasibility of Replenishing the \$3.1 million, to the Social Services Budget

Current Due Date: January 19, 2011
Proposed New Due Date: February 2, 2011

- (iv) Item "O" – Policy for the use of any year-end Surplus of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Funds
Current Due Date: January 19, 2011
Proposed New Due Date: February 2, 2011

- (v) Item "T" – Policies and Procedures for all Future Expenditures from Capital Reserve Fund #112248
Current Due Date: January 19, 2011
Proposed New Due Date: February 2, 2011

(i) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Ida Bedioui
Legislative Assistant
January 19, 2011