



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 11-004

1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

Hamilton City Hall

Council Chambers

71 Main Street West

Hamilton, Ontario

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

Also Present: J. A. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
J. Brown, Director of Benefit Eligibility
G. Hendry, Director, Social Housing & Homelessness
J. Soldera, Director, Social Development and Early Childhood
Services
K. Lubrick, Director, Employment & Income Support Branch
S. Ehmke, Events Coordinator
B. Browett, Director of EMS/Deputy
I. Bedioui, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk's Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL:

- 1. Event Advisory Team (SEAT) Operational Review Update (CS11027) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)**

(Farr/Duvall)

That Report, CS11027 respecting Event Advisory Team (SEAT) Operational Review Update, be received.

CARRIED

2. Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program - Rental (CS11022) (City Wide) (Item 5.3))

(Farr/Duvall)

That Report CS11022, respecting Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program – Rental be received.

CARRIED

3. Bottled Water (CS10035(a)) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 5.4)

(Farr/Duvall)

That Report CS10035(a), respecting Bottled Water be received.

CARRIED

4. Update Regarding Public Art Project at Battlefield Park (CS11024) (Ward 9) (Outstanding Business List Item) (City Wide) (Item 5.5)

(Farr/Duvall)

That Report CS11024, respecting Update Regarding Public Art Project at Battlefield Park, be received.

CARRIED

5. Code Zero Report from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 (HES11001) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(McHattie/Whitehead)

(a) That Report HES11001, respecting Code Zero Report from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010, be received;

(b) That staff be directed to provide the current budget impact attributed to hospital offload-transfer of care to the upcoming meeting between City representatives, local MPP's and representatives of Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS) and the Local Health Integration Network (LHINS).

CARRIED

6. Victoria Day Celebration in Dundas (CS10040(a)) (Ward 13) (Item 8.1)

(McHattie/Jackson)

(a) That the City of Hamilton transfer responsibility for the delivery of the Victoria Day celebration in Dundas in 2011 to the Dundas Valley Sunrise Rotary Club;

- (b) That the Dundas Valley Sunrise Rotary Club be paid \$25,000, inclusive of all applicable taxes, to be charged to Dept. Id. 709106 for organizing and carrying out the Victoria Day celebration for 2011;
- (c) That the City of Hamilton have the option of transferring responsibility for the delivery of the Victoria Day celebration in Dundas to the Dundas Valley Sunrise Rotary Club for 2012, 2013 and 2014 at an annual cost of \$25,000 inclusive of applicable taxes to be charged to Dept. Id. 709106;
- (d) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement between the Dundas Valley Sunrise Rotary Club and the City of Hamilton, satisfactory in form to the City Solicitor, to implement the above recommendations.

CARRIED

7. Expenditures From Capital Reserve Fund (Account #112248) (CS10094(a)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business Item) (Item 8.2)

(McHattie/Morelli)

- (a) That Capital Reserve Fund (Account#112248) be renamed the Social Housing Reserve Fund;
- (b) That the revised policy and procedure for approval of expenditures from the Social Housing Reserve Fund, attached as Appendix A to Report CS10094(a) - Approval of Expenditures From Social Housing Reserve Fund (Account #112248) be approved;
- (c) That in the event of an emergency repair, signing authority be delegated to the General Manager of Community Services, or designate.

CARRIED

8. Renewal of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Agreement (CS11016) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(McHattie/Whitehead)

- (a) That the General Manager of Community Services be authorized to enter into and execute an Agreement with Service Canada to:
 - (i) become the Community Entity for the facilitation and administration of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Program and
 - (ii) execute any further documents or agreements as may be required to give effect to the foregoing, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
- (b) That the General Manager of Community Services be authorized:

- (i) To approve funding for those projects that have been selected through either the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Program Call for Applications or as identified within the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Community Plan;
 - (ii) To enter into and execute Agreements with the agency(s) responsible for the delivery of those projects and;
 - (iii) To execute any further documents or agreements, as may be required, to give effect to the foregoing, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
- (c) That the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Agreement between the City of Hamilton and Service Canada be effective April 1, 2011 until March 31, 2014.

CARRIED

9. Update Transition of First Place Hamilton to CityHousing Hamilton (CS09073(b)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business Item) (Item 8.4)

(Farr/McHattie)

That no additional funding be requested from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for First Place Hamilton as it is now operating with a surplus.

CARRIED

10. Hamilton Farmers' Market Transition Sub-Committee Report 11-001 (Added Item 8.6))

(McHattie/Farr)

(a) Governance Model

That staff be directed to prepare a report with recommendations and terms of reference for a governance model for the Hamilton Farmers' Market and present it to the Hamilton Farmers' Market Transition Sub-Committee for consideration.

(b) Waiving January 2011 Rent for Hamilton Farmers' Market Stallholders

(i) That the Hamilton Farmers' Market stallholders and vendors that have current contracts, in good standing, with the City of Hamilton be charged a pro-rated rent for the month of January 2011 to cover only the days that the Market was open;

(ii) That the resulting revenue loss to the City of approximately \$31,297.58 be charged to the monthly rent account 46702-720400.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

- (i) Copies of Item 8.5 have been distributed;
- (ii) Added Item 8.6, the Hamilton Farmers' Market Transition Sub-Committee Report 11-001, copies of which have also been distributed.

(Partridge/Duvall)

That the agenda for the March 2, 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)

(Farr/Whitehead)

That the Minutes of the February 17, 2011 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS

(Whitehead/McHattie)

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

- (i) David Cherkewski, Social Justice Strategic Committee (SJSC) respecting Item 8.5. (Item 4.1)

CARRIED

(e) ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES:

(Farr/Duvall)

That the following Advisory Committee Minutes be received:

- (i) Hamilton Historical Board Minutes of the December 7, 2010 meeting.

CARRIED

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

- (i) Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Reconciliation Re-Investment FCS11027/ CS11031 (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item “N” and “O”) (Item 8.5)**

Councillor McHattie indicated that after speaking with the Social Justice Strategic Committee representatives and further to discussions at the last Poverty Round Table meeting it was determined that more public consultation was required.

(McHattie/Farr)

That Item 8.5 be TABLED to allow for public consultation respecting the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Reconciliation Re-Investment.

CARRIED

The delegation from David Cherkewski (Item 4.1) was also deferred pending the public consultation.

(g) STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- (i) Code Zero Report from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 (HES11001) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

Brent Browett provided an overview of the staff report with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and hand-outs were distributed.

His comments were with respect to the following topics:

- Paramedic Services – Overview Service;
- Paramedic Service Objectives;
- Paramedic Service Operations;
- Balanced Score Card – 2010 Paramedic Service;
- Paramedic Service Report Card – Historical Performance;
- Paramedic Service – what are the results?
- Ambulance Resources at one or less;
- Hamilton Emergency Medical Services;
- Paramedic Services – Shift overruns, 2011 Potential Challenges, 2011 response work plan to manage demand.

Brent Browett responded to questions from Committee which included but were not limited to the following:

- Details concerning overtime, missed meal breaks, taxi costs;
- Impacts of HHS Access to Best Care (ABC) Plan;

- Higher statistics for the month of January 2011;
- Impact of aging population;
- Impact of availability of hospital beds;
- Current efforts being made by the hospitals;
- Provincial funding for Hospital RN Offload project.

Committee acknowledged the good work of Paramedic Services staff and thanked Brent Browett for his presentation.

(Whitehead/Farr)

That the staff presentation be received.

CARRIED

(McHattie/Whitehead)

That staff be directed to provide the current budget impact attributed to hospital offload to the upcoming meeting with HHS and the LHINS.

CARRIED

(h) Hamilton Farmers' Market Transition Sub-Committee Report 11-001 (Added Item 8.6))

(i) (McHattie/Farr)

That Item 1 of Hamilton Farmers' Market Transition Sub-Committee Report 11-001 be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

1. *That staff be directed to prepare a report with recommendations and terms of reference for a governance model for the Hamilton Farmers' Market and present it to the Hamilton Farmers' Market Transition Sub-Committee for consideration.*

(ii) (Duvall/Whitehead)

That the section following the words "Therefore be it resolved" in Item 2 of Hamilton Farmers' Market Transition Sub-Committee Report 11-001 be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the wording as outlined below :

2. Whereas the Hamilton Farmers' Market did not operate for a period of approximately three weeks in January 2011 due to the move from the temporary market to the renovated market (January 9 – January 31) ceasing business for a period of 12 operating days;

Therefore be it resolved:

- (i) *That the Hamilton Farmers' Market stallholders and vendors that have current contracts, in good standing, with the City of Hamilton be charged a pro-rated rent for the month of*

January 2011 to cover only the days that the Market was open;

- (ii) *That the resulting revenue loss to the City of approximately \$31,297.58 be charged to the monthly rent account 46702-720400.*

Item 2 carried, as amended, on the following votes:

Yeas: Merulla, Partridge, Duvall, Farr, Jackson, McHattie and Morelli
Total: 7
Nays: Whitehead
Total: 1
Absent: 0

(i) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Proposed New Due Dates

(Jackson/Morelli)

That the due dates of the following Items be amended as outlined below:

- (aa) Item B - City of Hamilton Events Strategy
Current Due Date: March 2, 2011
Proposed New Due Date: May 4, 2011
- (bb) Item "J" – Beach Canal Light Station Operational Study and Heritage Building Assessment
Current Due Date: March 2, 2011
Proposed New Due Date: April 20, 2011
- (cc) Item "R" – Loss of Rental Housing through Condominium Conversions
Current Due Date: March 2, 2011
Proposed New Due Date: April 20, 2011
- (dd) Item "S" – Feasibility of Utilizing the City of Ottawa's Somerset Gardens Mixed Tenure Affordable Housing Model in Hamilton
Current Due Date: March 2, 2011
Proposed New Due Date: April 20, 2011

CARRIED

(ii) **Completed – remove from list:**

(Partridge/Duvall)

That the following items be identified as completed and removed from the Outstanding Business List:

- (aa) Item “I” – Update Transition of First Place Hamilton to CityHousing Hamilton;
- (bb) Item “Q” – Feasibility of Conducting a Public Art project at Battlefield Park;
- (cc) Item “T” respecting Expenditures from Capital Reserve Fund (Account #112248).

CARRIED

(j) **ADJOURNMENT**

(Partridge/Duvall)

There being no further business, that the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Ida Bedioui
Legislative Assistant
March 2, 2011