EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 16, 2010
Hamilton Convention Centre
1 Summers Lane
Albion Room
Hamilton, Ontario

Present: Councillors B. McHattie (1st Vice Chair), S. Merulla (2nd Vice Chair),
T. Jackson, M. McCarthy and B. Morelli

Absent with
Regrets: Councillor R. Pasuta – Illness

Also Present: Councillors B. Bratina, T. Whitehead
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services Department
J. Kay, General Manager / Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services
D. LaPointe-Kay, Director, Recreation
J. Soldera, Director, Social Development & Early Childhood Services
M. Weingartner, Senior Policy Analyst, Social Development
R. Reid, Youth Advisor, Social Development
B. Kreps, Manager, Homelessness
G. Hendry, Director, Social Housing & Homelessness
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. On Any Given Night III: Homelessness Indicators Report (CS10063) (City Wide) (item 5.1)

(Duvall/Morelli)
That Report CS10063 - On Any Given Night III: Homelessness Indicators Report,
be received.

CARRIED
2. Dyanne Semogas and David Derbyshire, on behalf of the McQuesten Community Planning Team, seeking endorsement of an application (due June 25, 2010) to the Ministry of Health for a Nurse Practitioner led Clinic for the McQuesten Neighbourhood (Item 6.1)

(Merulla/Morelli)

(a) That the application, to be submitted by the McQuesten Community Planning Team, to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for a Nurse Practitioner Led Clinic for the McQuesten Neighbourhood, be endorsed.

(b) That staff be directed to review the implications associated with providing the required space, within the Oriole Crescent complex, rent free to the McQuesten Community Planning Team for the proposed a Nurse Practitioner Led Clinic for the McQuesten Neighbourhood, and report back to CityHousing Hamilton as soon as possible.

CARRIED

3. Westmount Land Lease and Facility Use Agreements (CS10068) (Ward 6) (Item 8.1)

(Merulla/Morelli)

(a) That the Westmount Land Lease Agreement (attached as Appendix A to Report CS10068) between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board for the purpose of constructing a new recreation facility, to be located at 39 Montcalm Drive, be approved;

(b) That the Facility Use Agreement (attached as Appendix B to Report CS10068) between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board for the use of the new recreation centre to be located at 39 Montcalm Drive, and use of the adjacent City owned park, be approved;

(c) That the City owned lands municipally known as 180 Limeridge Road West, Hamilton (Captain Cornelius Park) be declared surplus to the requirements of the City of Hamilton in accordance with the “Procedural By-Law for the Sale of Land”, being By-law No. 04-299 for the lease of land for a term greater than 21 years;

(d) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Westmount Land Lease Agreement, between The City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, for the purpose of constructing a new recreation facility, to be located at 39 Montcalm Drive (attached as Appendix A to Report CS10068), in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,

(e) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Facility Use Agreement, between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board for the use of the new recreation facility
to be located at 39 Montcalm Drive and use of the adjacent City owned park (attached as Appendix B to Report CS10068), in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

4. Recreation Division Restructuring and Re-Organization (CS10067) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Morelli/Merulla)
(a) That Report CS10067, respecting the Recreation Division Restructuring and Re-Organization, be received;

(b) That the report prepared by Performance Concepts and BMA Management, entitled Executive Summary - Organization Structure and Performance Review of the Recreation Division, attached as Appendix A to Report CS10067, be received and remain confidential.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

(i) Added as Item 4.1 – a Delegation Request from Dyanne Semogas and David Derbyshire, on behalf of the McQuesten Community Planning Team, seeking endorsement of an application (due June 25, 2010) to the Ministry of Health for a Nurse Practitioner led Clinic for the McQuesten Neighbourhood

(ii) Added as item 4.2 – A delegation request from Anne Newbigging, on behalf of the Social Action Committee, Ontario Association of Social Workers, Hamilton Branch, respecting Council’s decision to allot surplus Social Services funds for matters not necessarily related to Social Services

(Merulla/Morelli)

That the agenda for the June 16, 2010 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)

3.1 June 2, 2010

(Morelli/Duvall)
That the Minutes of the June 2, 2010 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Items 4 and 6)

(i) Dyanne Semogas and David Derbyshire, on behalf of the McQuesten Community Planning Team, seeking endorsement of an application (due June 25, 2010) to the Ministry of Health for a Nurse Practitioner led Clinic for the McQuesten Neighbourhood (Items 4.1 and 6.1)

(Merulla/Morelli)
That the delegation request, submitted by Dyanne Semogas and David Derbyshire, on behalf of the McQuesten Community Planning Team, seeking endorsement of an application (due June 25, 2010) to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for a Nurse Practitioner led Clinic for the McQuesten Neighbourhood, be approved.

CARRIED

Dyanne Semogas and David Derbyshire comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- McQuesten Community Planning Team along with Nurse Practitioners in the community and the McMaster University School of Nursing are working together to apply for a Nurse Practitioner Led Clinic in the East End of Hamilton.

- The proposed Clinic location is the McQuesten Neighbourhood at Oriole Crescent with a Satellite Clinic in Crown Point at the corner of Kenilworth and Main. The catchment area that the Clinics will serve is presently home to approximately 37,941 people (total population 504,559).

- Many social service and health providers in the City have offered support for this proposal and the McQuesten community is poised and prepared for this partnership.

- Census tract data taken from the 2010 Johnston study published in the CODE RED series in the Spectator (April 2010) and other sources demonstrates that the people living in the catchment area experience multiple challenges and obstacles to experiencing health including:
• Highest rates of Emergency Department usage in Hamilton including high usage rates for child injury, seniors, respiratory disease and cardiovascular disease;
• High rates of diabetes and obesity;
• Alcohol and tobacco use among youth that exceeds the provincial average and cannabis and glue/solvent use that is significantly higher than the provincial average;
• High rates of people who do not have family doctors; and,
• Proximity to industrial zones and relationship with the Niagara Escarpment, property values are half the provincial average and a combination of industry and geography that results in poor air quality for residents.

• The Proposed NP Led Clinic: Bringing Health Care to the People will act as a bridge to health using a collaborative and collective approach and will:

  o Address the unattached and high users of ED and Walk in Clinics; attend to women’s health, mental health and addictions and new immigrant families;
  o Consist of Interdisciplinary- nursing, midwifery, social services, medicine, rehab, dietary, pharmacy;
  o Provide after hours and weekend care;
  o Combine: fixed appointments and Walk in;
  o Deliver services in collaboration with: Family Health Teams (Hamilton, Academic); Public Health, Midwifery, St. Joseph’s Health Care, Shelter Health Network;
  o Supported by McQuesten Planning Team Partners: HARRRP’s McQuesten Community Centre and Wesley Urban Ministries’ Neighbourhood Centre and STAR; YMCA, Kiwanis Boys’ & Girls’ Club, St. Matthew’s House, Hamilton-Wentworth Police Services, Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, Wesley Urban Ministries, HARRRP, STAR, City of Hamilton Community Services, City KIDZ, City Housing Hamilton, EMS, and Niwasa Head Start; and,
  o Offer an education component: Professional Practice (interdisciplinary: nursing, midwifery, social work, rehab sciences, medicine, psychiatry); and Service Learning.

• The purpose of such an approach is to increase:

  o positive health outcomes;
  o use of appropriate level of care for unattached patients;
  o co-location of services: combining social service agency and health care services;
  o collaboration among service providers;
  o integration of service systems;
integration of information management systems;
- effective referral systems;
- chronic disease management;
- continuity of care;
- resident led approaches: access, proactive, culturally sensitive;
- after hours services;
- flexibility;
- a holistic approach; and,
- opportunities for training providers.

On behalf of the Application Team, David and Dyanne requested a letter of support from the City of Hamilton. They also ask the City to consider joining the application as a funding partner. This could be in the form of rent free support for Clinic space at Oriole Crescent.

(Merulla/Morelli)
That the presentation, by Dyanne Semogas and David Derbyshire, on behalf of the McQueston Community Planning Team, seeking endorsement of an application (due June 25, 2010) to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for a Nurse Practitioner led Clinic for the McQueston Neighbourhood, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Anne Newbigging, on behalf of the Social Action Committee, Ontario Association of Social Workers, Hamilton Branch, respecting Council’s decision to allot surplus Social Services funds for matters not necessarily related to Social Services (Items 4.2 and 6.2)

(Jackson/McCarthy)
That the delegation request, submitted by Anne Newbigging, on behalf of the Social Action Committee, Ontario Association of Social Workers, Hamilton Branch, respecting Council’s decision to allot surplus Social Services funds for matters not necessarily related to Social Services, be approved.

CARRIED

Anne Newbigging’s comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- The Social Action committee is very concerned about the allocation of surplus from the Ontario Municipal Partners’ Fund and Hamilton’s Share, which amounts to more than $3 million.
- Other municipalities have chosen to augment social assistance measures; including funding of Emergency Medical Services, offsetting community services deficits and increasing funding for social programs.
• Returning the surplus to social services needs would redress the clawback of the increased child benefit allowance, recently introduced by the Province, and deductions that were made to social assistance, including the disappearance of the back to school and winter clothing allowances, when the Ontario Child Benefit began,
• In light of the depth and scope of poverty in Hamilton, the Committee is asking the City to reconsider its decision to allow Council to determine where the money should be spent.

(Merulla/Morelli)
(a) That the presentation, by Anne Newbigging, on behalf of the Social Action Committee, Ontario Association of Social Workers, Hamilton Branch, respecting Council’s decision to allot surplus Social Services funds for matters not necessarily related to Social Services, be received.

(b) That staff be directed to review, on a go forward basis, the feasibility of replenishing the $3.1 million, which has been allocated to capital projects, to the social services budget and report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee.

CARRIED

(McHattie/Morelli)
That staff be directed to develop a policy, with options, for the use of any year-end surplus of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Funds, and report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

CARRIED

(e) Advisory Committee Minutes (Item 5.2)

(Duvall/Morelli)
That the following Advisory Committee Minutes be received:

(i) Arts Advisory Commission Minutes, April 27, 2010 (Item 5.2)

CARRIED

(f) Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee’s Annual Presentation (HYAC10-003) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Tahiya Bakht, Michelle Leach and Katie Schotsman, members of the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee provided the presentation. Their comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

• HYAC is a diverse group of youth, aged 14-24 years, who are passionate about making a difference in their community.
• HYAC’s mandate is to ensure youth are involved in the decisions made within the City of Hamilton and in the community that affect us, our families and friends.
• Addressing issues facing youth, enhancing opportunities for youth and providing a youth voice are the goals of HYAC.
• In addition to fostering positive collaborative relationships between youth and adults and by supporting youth oriented events and programs, HYAC aims to lead by example with integrity, respect and innovation.
• Some of the highlights include becoming better known in the community by collaborating on and attending other youth-led events, developing our logo and website, training and recognition.
• HYAC had a booth at the first annual Unfilteredfacts Summit November 26, 2009; an event organized by Hamilton Public Health Services. The Teen Tobacco Summit and the Party in the Right Spirit Committees joined forces to expose the ‘Unfiltered Facts' about tobacco, alcohol and the fast food industry.
• HYAC, in collaboration with a local graphic design company focused on branding and began the process of creating a unique and youth friendly identity through the creation of a logo.
• Started developing a unique and youth friendly website. The website is nearly finished and we hope to go 'live' during the summer.
• The domain name will be hamiltonyouth.ca. A HYAC member has also volunteered to serve as ‘Webmaster’ and will be supported by adult staff. An official public launch is planned for early in the fall.
• Attended Living Rock’s eighth annual Soupfest, February 2, 2010. Felt by attending this event it was a way to network with other community groups and help support community initiatives that aid peers experiencing poverty and homelessness.
• Hosted its first City wide training opportunity for youth on ‘Influencing Public Policy. It was facilitated by the Youth Advocacy Training Institute (YATI). A total of 17 youth and 3 supporting adults representing five different youth groups in the community attended the training.
• Training offered young people an opportunity to discuss ways to influence public policy. Participants also had the opportunity to hone negotiation skills, learn about the policy cycle and identify 3 best practice policy changes that create supportive environments and healthier communities.
• Attended the Tim Hortons Team Up to Clean Up media launch to encourage other youth groups in Hamilton to take part in this city-wide event.
• Since September 2009, HYAC members have contributed over 380 hours of volunteer time.

Future Focus:
- Provide input on the Recreation Department’s proposed subsidy program, to ensure accessibility for youth, and provide recommendations on youth recreational issues.
- Ongoing promotion of HYAC and its work.
- Revisit the HYAC Terms of Reference in preparation for recruitment of new members in 2011.
Explore possible collaborative opportunities with the McMaster Student Union, the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction and other youth organizations.

Join the local “Raising the Roof Campaign” and initiate a city wide challenge to youth to purchase a toque in order to raise funds and awareness in the fight against poverty and homelessness.

Continue to use Hart’s Ladder of Youth Participation, specifically rungs 6-8, as a guide to gauge and continue to ensure meaningful opportunities for young people to participate, lead and succeed.

Continue to nurture a ‘grass roots’ approach to advocacy and an increased HYAC presence in the community.

Maintain and update the HYAC website.

Continue to be inclusive by attracting and retaining a broad cultural and socio-economically diverse membership.

Continue to identify, develop and/or host a series of training and skill development opportunities for youth in Hamilton.

Continue to recognize and celebrate youth achievement.

(Jackson/Duvall)
That the Annual Presentation, provided by the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee, be received.

CARRIED

(g) Outstanding Business List Amendments (Item 11.1)

(Duvall/Jackson)
That the following proposed new due dates, be approved:

(a) Item “M” - Players Paradise Sports Complex – New Hockey Facility in Stoney Creek
   Current Due Date: June 16, 2010
   Proposed New Due Date: July 6, 2010 Committee of the Whole

(b) Item “S” - Comprehensive Operational Review of CityHousing Hamilton
   Current Due Date: June 16, 2010
   Proposed New Due Date: September 22, 2010

(c) Item “U “– Sports Field Management Strategy
   Current Due Date: June 2, 2010
   Proposed New Due Date: September 22, 2010

CARRIED
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(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Morelli/Duvall)
There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting adjourned at 2:29p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor B. McHattie, Vice Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
June 16, 2010