EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES 09-004  
1:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 4, 2009  
Hamilton Convention Centre  
1 Summers Lane  
Room 207  
Hamilton, Ontario

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

Also Present:  
J. Kay, General Manager / Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services  
V. Woodcox, Acting General Manager, Community Services  
B. Browett, Director/Deputy, Emergency Medical Services  
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Hamilton Council on Aging - “Age Friendly Hamilton” (CS09024) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)  
   (McHattie/Pasuta)  
   That the Age Friendly Hamilton initiative be endorsed.  
   CARRIED

2. Code Zero Report from January to December 2008 (HES08006(d)) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)  
   (Jackson/McCarthy)  
   That Report HES08006(d) – Code Zero Report from January to December 2008, be received.  
   CARRIED
3. Establishment of a Supplement/Housing Allowance Reserve Account for a Portion of the Developing Opportunities for Ontario Renters Program Funds (CS09023) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

(Jackson/McCarthy)
That $1.29 million of the $6.58 million, of the federal funding for the Developing Opportunities for Ontario Renters Program, be placed in a Rent Supplement/Housing Allowance Reserve Account.

CARRIED

4. Renewal of the Homelessness Partnership Strategy Agreement (CS09025) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Merulla/Morelli)
(a) That the General Manager of Community Services be authorized and directed to enter into an Agreement with Service Canada to become the Community Entity for the facilitation and administration of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Program, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

(b) That the Homelessness Partnership Strategy Agreement be effective from April 1, 2009, until March 31, 2011.

CARRIED

5. Public Access Defibrillation (HES07005(c)) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Morelli/Pasuta)
(a) That Hamilton Emergency Services be authorized and directed to receive any available grants from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario and Hockey for Hearts to purchase and/or subsidize the cost of Public Access Defibrillators, training and other related costs.

(b) That the General Manager/Chief of Hamilton Emergency Services or his designate be authorized and directed to negotiate the applicable and appropriate agreements, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, between the City of Hamilton and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario and Hockey for Hearts, required to receive the grant(s) for the purchase of Public Access Defibrillators, training and other related costs.

(c) That the General Manager/Chief of Hamilton Emergency Services or his designate be authorized and directed to negotiate the applicable and appropriate agreements, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton YMCA, Hamilton YWCA, Hamilton-Wentworth School Board, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board, Redeemer University College, Hamilton District Christian High School, Mohawk College and other not-for-profit schools; subject to their interest, to extend
6. Dedicated Nurses to Receive Ambulance Patients in Hospital Emergency Departments (HES08011(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(McHattie/Pasuta)
(a) That the General Manager of Hamilton Emergency Services or his designate be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, to receive a grant, which will fund the staffing of nurses that will be dedicated to receiving and managing the care of ambulance patients in the local hospital Emergency Departments to reduce the ambulance wait times, for the period of April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010.

(b) That the General Manager of Hamilton Emergency Services or his designate be authorized and directed to negotiate the necessary agreements between the City of Hamilton and Hamilton Health Sciences and St. Joseph Hospital, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to reimburse those organizations for the payment of staffing the nursing hours dedicated to receiving and managing the care of ambulance patients in the Emergency Departments.

(c) That the Emergency Medical Services Division be directed to utilize the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care grant to pay for all direct and supporting costs for staffing of nurses that will be dedicated to receiving and managing the care of ambulance patients in the local hospital Emergency Departments to reduce the ambulance wait times, for the period of April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010, in accordance with the terms set out in the agreement with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

CARRIED

7. Amendments to the Emergency & Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List (Item 11.2)

(McCarthy/Jackson)
That the following Item be considered complete and removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List:

(a) Item “II” – Council on Aging – Age Friendly Cities
(Item was addressed as Item 5.1 on this agenda.)

CARRIED
FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGE TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

(i) Item 8.1 – Renewal of the Homelessness Partnership Strategy Agreement was assigned a duplicate report number; therefore, for housekeeping purposes this Report CS09022 will be renumbered CS09025.

(Merulla/McHattie)
That the March 4, 2009 Agenda, for the Emergency & Community Services Committee be approved, as amended. CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were none declared.

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

3.1 February 18, 2009

(Merulla/Jackson)
That the Minutes of the February 18, 2009 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee be approved, as presented. CARRIED

(d) Volunteer/Sub-Committee Minutes (Item 5.3)

(Merulla/Jackson)
That the following Volunteer/Sub-committee meeting Minutes be received:

(a) Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, dated January 9, 2009

(b) Hamilton Veterans’ Committee Meeting Minutes, dated November 19, 2008

(c) Emergency Medical Services Resource and Deployment Advisory Task Force Meeting Minutes, dated January 7, 2009 CARRIED
(e) Outstanding Business List Items Requiring Approval for Proposed New Due Dates (Item 11.1)

(McCarthey/Jackson)
That the proposed new due date for the following Outstanding Business List item be approved:

(a) Item “H” – State of Care for Seniors
    Current Due Date: March 4, 2009
    Proposed New Due Date: March 25, 2009

CARRIED

(f) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)

12.1 Closed Session Meeting Minutes, dated February 18, 2009

(Morelli/McHattie)
(a) That the Closed Session Minutes of the February 18, 2009 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee be approved, as presented.

(b) That the February 18, 2009 minutes, of the Emergency & Community Services Committee, remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure, in accordance with exemptions provided in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act." 

CARRIED

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Pasuta/McCarthy)
There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Duvall, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
March 4, 2009