EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Wednesday, June 20, 2007
1:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall

Present: Councillors S. Merulla (Chair), T. Jackson (Vice Chair), S. Duvall, M. McCarthy, B. McHattie, and R. Pasuta
Absent with Regrets: Councillor B. Morelli – Out of Country on City Business
Also Present: Councillors B. Bratina and T. Whitehead
G. Peace, City Manager
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services Department
J. Kay, General Manager/Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services
B. Fenwick, Director, Culture & Recreation Division
G. Hendry, Director, Employment & Income Support Branch
T. Tollis, Director, Budgets & Finance
B. Powell, Manager, Social Development
A. Bradford, Manager of Culture
K. Extance, Program Manager, Housing Dev. & Partnerships
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Social Development Strategy Update (ECS07040) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)
   (McCarthy/Jackson)
   That Information Report ECS07040 – Social Development Strategy Update, be received.
   CARRIED
2. Career Development Centre (CDC) Client Satisfaction Survey (ECS07051) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

(McCarthy/Jackson)
That Information Report ECS07051 – Career Development Centre (CDC) Client Satisfaction Survey, be received.

CARRIED

3. Craig Foye, Staff Lawyer, McQuesten Legal & Community Services, respecting a proposal called the “Social Assistance Determination Act” (now referred to as Bill 235 – An Act to Establish the Ontario Social Assistance Rates Board)

(Jackson/Duvall)
(a) That the presentation, provided by Craig Foye, Staff Lawyer, McQuesten Legal & Community Services, respecting a proposal called the Social Assistance Determination Act, also known as Bill 235 - An Act to Establish the Ontario Social Assistance Rates Board, be received.

(b) That Council endorse Bill 235 – An Act to Establish the Ontario Social Assistance Rates Board (attached as Appendix “A” to Report 07-009).

(c) That a letter be forwarded to the Premier, Minister of Community and Social Services, and the leaders of the opposition parties expressing Council’s support of Bill 235 – An Act to Establish the Ontario Social Assistance Rates Board.

(d) That a letter be forwarded to all local candidates in the coming Provincial Election to express Council’s support of Bill 235 – An Act to Establish the Ontario Social Assistance Rates Board, and to ask those candidates to consider supporting Bill 235, if elected.

CARRIED

4. Employment Trends for Participants of the Ontario Works Program (ECS07031) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Jackson/Duvall)
That Information Report ECS07031 – Employment Trends for Participants of the Ontario Works Program be received.

CARRIED

5. Human Services Plan (ECS07048) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

(McHattie/Pasuta)
That Information Report ECS07048 – Human Services Plan, be received.

CARRIED
6. **Hamilton Farmers’ Market Improvements (CS06008(b)) (Ward 2) (Item 7.3)**

(Jackson/McHattie)
That the Hamilton Farmers’ Market Analysis and Action Plan attached to Report CS06008(b), be received.

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

7. **By-law To Amend Hamilton Farmers’ Market By-law No. 92-310 (ECS07036) (Ward 2) (Item 8.1)**

(Jackson/McHattie)
That the by-law to amend Hamilton Farmers’ Market By-law No. 92-310 attached to Report ECS07036 be approved and enacted.

**CARRIED**

8. **Ontario Works Review – Project Plan (CM07021) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

(Jackson/McHattie)
(a) That a review of services funded by the Ontario Works Cost of Administration and Employment Assistance Budgets, be funded from the Tax Stabilization account in an amount upwards of $100,000.

(b) That the Project Plan, attached to Report CM07021 for the “Review of Services Funded by the Ontario Works Cost of Administration and Employment Assistance Budgets”, be received for information.

**CARRIED**

9. **2007 National Child Benefit Strategy Update (SC06023(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

(McHattie/Jackson)
That the funding shortfall, in the amount of $270,000, to support the transition of the National Child Benefit Grant Programs to the Community Partnership Program, be absorbed within the Community Services Departmental budget and/or the 2007 Corporate reserves.

**CARRIED**

10. **Ontario Child Benefit (ECS07050) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)**

(Jackson/McHattie)
(a) That Council correspond with the Ministers of Finance and Community and Social Services requesting that the plan for the Ontario Child Benefit not include a reduction in municipal funds from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Grant.
(b) That copies of the letter to the Minister be provided to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA).

CARRIED

11. Request for Proposals C10-02-07: Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program (COAHP) and Hamilton Affordable Housing Partnership Initiative Fund (HAHPIF) (ECS07052) (Wards 2, 13, 15) (Item 8.5)

(McHattie/Jackson)

(a) That the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be advised that the City of Hamilton recommends the following prioritized proponents be approved under the Rental/Supportive component of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program:

(i) Prime Properties Inc., 53-59 King Street East, Hamilton
(ii) Halton Heritage Realty Inc., 40-44 Flamboro Street, Hamilton
(iii) Helen Park Apartments Limited, 16 Helen Street, Hamilton

(b) That the maximum financial assistance, in the amount of $140,000 in the form of a forgivable loan, to be provided through the Hamilton Affordable Housing Partnership Initiative Fund for the Helen Park Apartments Limited, located at 16 Helen Street, Hamilton, Ontario, be approved.

(c) That upon funding approval by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and in accordance with By-law No. 03-148, a site specific Municipal Housing Project Facilities by-law for affordable housing, be enacted with respect to the housing provider, Helen Park Apartments Limited and its twenty-six (26) unit project located at 16 Helen Street, Hamilton, Ontario.

(d) That upon funding approval by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the housing provider, Helen Park Apartments Limited, be required to enter into the standard form Forgivable Loan Agreement for the Hamilton Affordable Housing Partnership Initiative Fund.

(e) That the Mayor and City Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to execute the standard form Forgivable Loan Agreement, for Helen Park Apartments Limited (16 Helen Street, Hamilton).

CARRIED

12. City of Hamilton Ice Rates (ECS07044) (City Wide) (Item 8.6)

(Jackson/Duvall)

That the proposed ice rates for the 2007/2008 season, attached as Appendix “B” to Report 07-009, be approved. CARRIED

(Jackson/Duvall)
(a) That the Auditor’s Report, prepared by Grant Thornton, respecting the Mohawk 4 Ice Centre’s 2006 Audited Financial Statements, as of December 31, 2006 be received as information.

(b) That the correspondence, dated March 19, 2007, from Grant Thornton respecting the Internal Control Findings from the 2006 Audit, of the Mohawk 4 Ice Centre be received for information.

CARRIED

14. Improvements to Soccer Fields at Lake Avenue School (ECS07026) (Ward 5) (Item 8.8)

(McHattie/Jackson)
(a) That funding, in the amount of $2,700, be provided through the Ward 5 Red Hill Recreation Reserve account, for the soccer field improvement project at Lake Avenue School.

(b) That the outstanding item “M” be removed from the Outstanding Business list for the Emergency and Community Services Committee.

CARRIED

15. Correspondence from Bill Pearson respecting the Dundas Real McCoys Hockey Club (Item 8.9)

(Jackson/McHattie)
(a) That the correspondence from Bill Pearson, of the Dundas Real McCoys Hockey Club, dated Jun 13, 2007, respecting the 2007/2008 Ice Rates, be received.

(b) That an ice rate of $138.00 per hour plus GST, for the Dundas Real McCoys Hockey Club for the 2007/2008 season, be approved.

(c) That subsequent to the 2007/2008 season, the Dundas Real McCoys be charged the appropriate rate, as per the Council approved ice rates at that time.

CARRIED

16. Funding for Sport Hamilton (Item 9.2)

(Jackson/McHattie)
(a) That funding, in the amount of $25,000 to assist SportHamilton with their administrative costs for 2007, be approved.
(b) That if approved, the $25,000 in funding, to assist SportHamilton with their administrative costs for 2007, be first funded from within the overall Community Services 2007 Operating Budget, subsequently through any overall 2007 corporate surpluses or finally from Tax Stabilization reserves.

CARRIED

17. Open Air Worship in Gore Park (Item 9.3)

(Jackson/Duvall)
That Reverend Stanley Whittaker, of the Abundant Life Group and the Gideons, be permitted to conduct Open Air Worship, in Gore Park, each Sunday from June 3, 2007 through September 23, 2007, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for a flat fee of $78.25, under the following conditions:

(a) That a City of Hamilton Rental Contract, reflecting the flat fee of $78.25, with the Culture and Recreation Division for use of this site be signed immediately;

(b) That the insurance requirements for each Sunday from June 3, 2007 through September 23, 2007, as set out in the Rental Agreement, be in full compliance and paid for by the applicant; and,

(c) That, in the future, the applicant submit an application for a Fee Waiver, through the Community Partnership Program process for consideration by the Grants Sub-Committee.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk noted the following changes to the agenda:

(i) Added as Item 4.5 – A delegation request, made by Bill Manson, of the Hamilton Historical Board, to provide a presentation, at the September 19, 2007, Committee meeting to update Committee members on the achievements of the Hamilton Historical Board.

(ii) Additional Information respecting Item 6.1 – Bill 235 – An Act to Establish the Ontario Social Assistance Rate Board (Social Assistance Determination Act).

(iii) Added Information for Item 7.1 – a copy of the PowerPoint presentation that will accompany Report ECS07031 – Employment Trends for Participants of the Ontario Works Program.
(iv) Added Information for Item 7.3 – a copy of the PowerPoint presentation that will be provided by Anna Bradford respecting Report CS06008(b) – Hamilton Farmers’ Market Improvements.

(v) Added to Item 8.1 – A motion to amend Report ECS07036 – A By-law to Amend Hamilton Farmers’ Market By-law 92-310

(vi) Added as Item 9.1 – A motion respecting the State of Care for Seniors

(vii) Added as Item 9.2 – A motion respecting Funding for SportHamilton

(viii) Added as Item 9.3 – A motion respecting Open Air Worship in Gore Park

(ix) Item 6.3 - Judy Travis, on behalf of the Skills Development Flagship Committee, respecting their activities and progress to-date, has been withdrawn, at this time, due to illness.

(x) Added information for Item 6.2 - Chris Phillips (Project Director) and Jeff Wingard (Co-chair), on behalf of the Affordable Housing Flagship (AHF) Committee, respecting an Update on the AHF Committee’s Progress and Activities

(Pasuta/McCarthy)
That the June 20, 2007, agenda of 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)

(Jackson/Duvall)
That the Minutes of the June 6, 2007 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) Reverend Stanley Whittaker, Abundant Life Group and the Gideons respecting Fees for Use of Gore Park for Open Air Worship (Item 4.1)

(Jackson/Duvall)
That Item 4.1 – the delegation request, made by Reverend Stanley Whittaker, Abundant Life Group and the Gideons, respecting fees for use of
Gore Park for Open Air Worship, was tabled to the September 5, 2007, Committee meeting, pending Council’s approval of Item 19 of Report 07-009.

CARRIED

(e) Mario Posteraro, President OPSEU Local 256, requesting to address the Emergency & Community Services Committee at its meeting of June 20, 2007, respecting the Process for the EMS Third Party Review (Item 4.2)

(Jackson/Pasuta)
That Committee waive the Rules of Order in order that the delegation request, made by Mario Posteraro, President of OPSEU Local 256, requesting to address the Emergency & Community Services Committee, at its meeting of June 20, 2007, respecting the Process for the EMS Third Party Review, be heard at the June 20, 2007 Committee meeting.

CARRIED

Mr. Posteraro, President OPSEU Local 256, noted his concerns with respect to the process for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Third Party Review. More specifically, that he feels there is an insufficient number of ambulances and staff available in Hamilton.

Mr. Posteraro requested a copy of the Third Party Review and the upcoming staff report, when publicly available, that will be going forward to the July 11, 2007 Committee of the Whole.

The Committee Clerk offered to forward a copy to him at that time.

A package of supporting documents was provided to the Committee Clerk and is available upon request.

(Jackson/Duvall)
That the presentation, made by Mario Posteraro, President OPSEU Local 256, respecting the Process for the EMS Third Party Review, be received.

CARRIED

(f) Clay Eborall, President of the Hamilton Farmers’ Market Stall Association and Nick Giannini, requesting to address the Emergency & Community Services Committee at its meeting of June 20, 2007, respecting the Hamilton Farmers’ Market Operational Review; Item 7.3 – Report CS06008(b) – Hamilton Farmers’ Market Improvements (Item 4.3)

(McCarthy/Pasuta)
Committee waived the Rules of Order in order that the delegation request, made by Clay Eborall, President of the Hamilton Farmers’ Market Stall Association and Nick Giannini, requesting to address the Emergency &
Community Services Committee at its meeting of June 20, 2007, respecting the Hamilton Farmers’ Market Operational Review; Item 7.3 – Report CS06008(b) – Hamilton Farmers’ Market Improvements, could be heard at the June 20, 2007 Committee meeting.

CARRIED

Clay Eborall, President of the Hamilton Farmer’s Market Stallholders’ Association, advised Committee that the members of the Stallholders’ Association have read the Hamilton Farmers’ Market Analysis Report and Action Plan, prepared by Urban Marketing Collaborative, dated December 2006. The members of the Stallholders Association are very happy to see that the report addresses many of the problems that they currently have in the Market such as inadequate hydro, plumbing, poor street presence, and a management structure that is unable to effectively manage the market.

Mr. Eborall noted that the Stallholders’ Association is also pleased to see that the report has a vision for a vibrant Farmers’ Market that is an essential part of the revitalization of our downtown core.

He also reiterated that the deed of 1837, which states that there will always be a Farmer’s Market in downtown Hamilton, needs to be respected in order to preserve this unique heritage asset.

Concerns were raised respecting the hours of operation for the Farmers’ Market, closures during renovations, parking, the structure of the Stallholder leases, and the structure of the by-law.

Noted as a major concern to the Stallholders, is the renovation work itself. They are requesting that Council give great consideration to the challenge of completing the work with minimal disruption to the normal course of business at the market. There are eighty-seven (87) stallholders whose livelihoods depend on the market being open and they feel that any closure, for an extended period of time, could result in a loss of customers that may be difficult to recapture.

With respect to the Management structure of the new market, the Stallholders’ Association is in complete agreement that the first option in the report, which is ownership and direct operation by the City of Hamilton, is the status quo and clearly not effective.

Option 3 is a Long Term Lease to a Private Sector Operator, which will completely remove any control and decision making from the City of Hamilton, the Stallholders and the citizens of Hamilton.

Option 2 suggests the creation of an Independent Corporation owned by the City of Hamilton. This model ensures that all stakeholders are represented in the decisions making process. The Stallholders’ Association feels that, with this model, the concerns of everyone can be addressed and
the Corporation will have the power to govern the market effectively. Decisions will be made based on the overall benefit of the market and not for the interests of one particular group.

Option 2 is the option that is endorsed by the Stallholders’ Association and it is their request that Council also support Option 2.

Mr. Eborall stated, when asked, that the Stallholders’ Association was in support of Items 7.3 - Hamilton Farmers’ Market Improvements (CS06008(b)), and 7.4 – Hamilton Farmers’ Market Costing and Relocation (ECS07034).

The presentation, made by Clay Eborall, President of the Hamilton Farmers’ Market Stall Association, respecting the Hamilton Farmers’ Market Operational Review; Report CS06008(b) – Hamilton Farmers’ Market Improvements, was received.

(g) Gary Buttrum, requesting to address the Emergency & Community Services Committee at its meeting of June 20, 2007, respecting the Hamilton Farmers’ Market and the Possible Recommendation to Adopt a Board of Directors; Item 7.3 – Report CS06008(b) – Hamilton Farmers’ Market Improvements (Item 4.4)

(McCarthy/Pasuta0

That Committee waive the Rules of Order in order that the delegation request, made by Gary Buttrum, requesting to address the Emergency & Community Services Committee at its meeting of June 20, 2007, respecting the Hamilton Farmers’ Market and the possible recommendation to adopt a Board of Directors; Item 7.3 – Report CS06008(b) – Hamilton Farmers’ Market Improvements, be heard at the June 20, 2007 Committee meeting.  

CARRIED

Mr. Buttrum addressed Committee noting that seven (7) generations of his family have worked, and continue to work, at the Hamilton Farmers’ Market.

Mr. Buttrum feels that the current Farmers’ Market is outdated with respect to its role in serving the Committee, and feels that its current operations need to adapt by changing with the times to better serve the community. He brought forward suggestions such as a management structure that is flexible – transitioning to a Corporate Board structure would be the most adequate way to address the need to bring the Market to a contemporary reality.

It was also noted that the current Market is an example of an overlap of two different communities – rural and urban, and this culture is a valuable asset for the community, which should be maintained.
(Duvall/Jackson)
That the presentation, made by Gary Buttrum, respecting the Hamilton Farmers' Market and the Possible Recommendation to Adopt a Board of Directors; Report CS06008(b) – Hamilton Farmers' Market Improvements, be received.

CARRIED

(h) A delegation request, made by Bill Manson, of the Hamilton Historical Board, to provide a presentation, at the September 19, 2007, Committee meeting to update Committee members on the achievements of the Hamilton Historical Board (Item 4.5)

(McCarthy/Jackson)
That the delegation request, made by Bill Manson, of the Hamilton Historical Board, to provide a presentation, at the September 19, 2007, Committee meeting to update Committee members on the achievements of the Hamilton Historical Board, be approved.

CARRIED

(i) Craig Foye, Staff Lawyer, McQuesten Legal & Community Services, respecting a proposal called the “Social Assistance Determination Act”. (Item 6.1)

Craig Foye, Staff Lawyer for McQuesten Legal and Community Services provided an overview of Bill 235 – An Act to Establish the Ontario Social Assistance Rates Board.

Mr. Foye requested Council’s support with respect to Bill 235. Subsequently, a motion was approved and is shown as Item 3 in the report.

Staff were directed to prepare a report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee respecting the adequacy of the Ontario Works social assistance rates, and the estimated costs of providing inadequate social assistance to our community; both currently with regard to services and economic development and, in the future, with respect to public health, education and economic development.

(j) Chris Phillips (Project Director) and Jeff Wingard (Co-chair), on behalf of the Affordable Housing Flagship (AHF) Committee, respecting an Update on the AHF Committee’s Progress and Activities (Item 6.2)

Chris Phillips (Project Director) and Jeff Wingard (Co-chair) provided an overview, of the achievements of the Affordable Housing Flagship (AHF) Committee, noting that there are three (3) primary areas that the AFH is currently working on: (i) housing supply; (ii) policy advocacy; and, (iii) community development.
A detailed handout, which outlines the background and history, of the AFH was provided to Committee as well.

(McCarthy/Pasuta)
That the presentation, provided by Chris Phillips (Project Director) and Jeff Wingard (Co-chair), on behalf of the Affordable Housing Flagship (AHF) Committee, respecting an Update on the AHF Committee’s Progress and Activities, be received.

CARRIED

(k) Judy Travis, on behalf of the Skills Development Flagship Committee, respecting their Activities and Progress To-date (Item 6.3)

This delegation was withdrawn due to illness.

(l) Employment Trends for Participants of the Ontario Works Program (ECS07031) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Gillian Hendry, Director of the Employment and Income Support Branch, provided a Powerpoint presentation and an overview of Report ECS07031, which was subsequently received as shown in Item 4 above.

Ms. Hendry was directed to e-mail the comparative information respecting Report ECS07031, to Councillor T. Jackson, at her earliest convenience.

(m) Human Services Plan (ECS07048) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

Barb Powell, Manager of the Social Development Section, provided a Powerpoint presentation and an overview of Report ECS07048 to Committee, which was subsequently received, as shown in Item 5 of this report.

(n) Hamilton Farmers’ Market Improvements (CS06008(b)) (Ward 2) (Item 7.3)

Anna Bradford, Manager of the Culture Section, introduced John Archer of Urban Marketing Collaborative, Chuck Beamish, of the IBI Group, and Bob Usher, of the London Covent Garden Market. A Powerpoint presentation was provided, which outlined the Consultant’s report – Hamilton Farmers’ Market Analysis and Action Plan, dated December 2006 (shown as Appendix A to Report CS06008(b).

Messrs Archer, Beamish and Usher provided comments throughout the presentation with respect to the report in their various areas of expertise.
(Jackson/McHattie)
That the presentation, provided by Bob Usher, London Covent Garden Market Chuck Beamish, IBI Group and John Archer of Urban Marketing Collaborative, respecting the Hamilton Farmers' Market analysis and suggested action plan, be received.

CARRIED

Anna Bradford, Manager of the Culture Section, then provided a Powerpoint presentation and an overview of Report CS06008(b).

Councillor McHattie suggested that the temporary relocation site of the Farmers' Market be at a site in the downtown core at which the presence of the Market could also assist in revitalizing the core, during its temporary relocation.

Councillor B. Bratina requested that staff investigate the Plaza area at Jackson Square as a possible temporary relocation site for the Hamilton Farmers’ Market, during renovations to the Market.

Staff were directed to report back to Committee on the following:

(i) Analyze the legal, financial and staffing implications of operating the Hamilton Farmers' Market by an independent corporation owned by the City of Hamilton.

(ii) Investigate the possibility of providing free or subsidized buss passes/tokens, to Hamilton Farmers’ Market shoppers, with consideration given to using Provincial Gas Tax funding for this purpose.

(o) Hamilton Farmers’ Market Costing and Relocation (ECS07034) (Ward 2) (Item 7.4)

Anna Bradford, Manager of the Culture Section, then provided a Powerpoint presentation and an overview of Report ECS07034.

Staff were directed to investigate temporary locations and the costs associated with the relocation of the Hamilton Farmers’ Market, during renovations to the existing Market, and report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee.

(p) The following was referred to the 2008 Capital Budget Process for consideration:

(i) Hamilton Farmers’ Market Costing and Relocation (ECS07034) (Ward 2) (Item 7.4)
Committee referred the additional funding, in the amount of $1.4 million, for the Hamilton Farmers’ Market renovation project to the 2008 Capital Budget process for consideration.

(ii) 2007 National Child Benefit Strategy Update (SC06023(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

The General Manager of Community Services was directed to process an enhancement, in the amount of $270,000, for the 2008 National Child Benefit Programs that will be considered through the Community Partnership Program in the 2008 Budget Deliberations for consideration.

(iii) Funding for Sport Hamilton (Item 9.2)

The General Manager of Community Services was directed to process an enhancement, in the amount of $25,000, for funding to Sport Hamilton, to assist with their administrative costs in the 2008 Budget Deliberations for consideration.

(q) By-law to Amend Hamilton farmers’ Market By-law No. 92-310 (ECS07036) (Item 8.1)

Staff were directed to investigate an appeal process for stallholders whose contracts have been suspended or cancelled, pursuant to By-law 92-310, as amended, and who wish to appeal the decision of the General Manager of Community Services to suspend or cancel such contracts, and report back to Emergency & Community Services Committee.

(r) Ontario Child Benefit (ECS07050) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

Gillian Hendry, Director of the Employment and Income Support Branch, provided a verbal overview of Report ECS07050 and the Ontario Child Benefit.

Staff were directed to report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee respecting the economic development impact of monies, from the Ontario Child Benefit, being returned to families and their children.

Ms. Hendry was also directed, by Councillor McHattie, to forward him an e-mail that outlined how many dollars per month were going back to each family.
(s) State of Care for Senior Citizens (Item 9.1)

Councillor T. Jackson assumed the Chair in order that Councillor S. Merulla could present the following motion:

(Merulla/Duvall)
In an effort to assist senior citizens, who require health and home care support and who wish to remain in the solace of their own private residences, and in order to address the increasing costs of providing institutional care for our seniors citizens; and,

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton and the Province of Ontario are facing a crisis in providing care to seniors; and,

WHEREAS there is a negative fiscal impact on the institutionalization of seniors; and,

WHEREAS there is an escalating case load of seniors waiting for the proper care;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to forward a report, to the Emergency & Community Services Committee, as soon as possible, which outlines the costs and benefits associated with providing institutionalized care versus the costs of providing Homecare services in order to assist Seniors in remaining in their own homes for as long as possible.

CARRIED

(t) Outstanding Business Items that Require New Due Dates (Item 11.1)

(McHattie/Jackson)
That the proposed new due dates, for the following Outstanding Business List items, be approved:

(a) Item “A” – Fee Waiver Policy – Due Date: June 20, 2007
    Proposed New Due Date: December 5, 2007

(b) Item “C” – Arena Renovation and Replacement – Due Date: June 20, 2007
    Proposed New Due Date: August 8, 2007 Committee of the Whole

(c) Item “F” – Vital Services By-law – Due Date: TBD
    Proposed Due Date: September 19, 2007

(d) Item “G” – Roomers and Boarders – Due Date: June 20, 2007
    Proposed New Due Date: September 19, 2007
(e) Item “H” – City’s Strategy to Manage Green Space and Open Space Deficiencies – Due Date: June 20, 2007
Proposed New Due Date: October 3, 2007

(f) Item “N” – Artificial Outdoor Ice Rinks – Due Date: June 20, 2007
Proposed New Due Date: September 5, 2007

CARRIED

(u) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Duvall/Jackson)
There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
June 20, 2007