EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 7, 2010
Hamilton Convention Centre
1 Summers Lane
Albion Room
Hamilton, Ontario

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

Also Present: J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
J. Kay, General Manager/Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services
A. Bradford, Director, Culture
V. Woodcox, Senior Administrator, Homes for the Aged
J. Kaye, Manager, Arts and Culture
I. Kerr Wilson, Manager of Museums and Heritage Presentation
B. Purdon, Program Manager, Residential Care Facilities and Hostels
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Lodges Resident Satisfaction Survey (CS10031) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

(Morelli/Duvall)
That Report CS10031 - Lodges Resident Satisfaction Survey, be received.
CARRIED

2. Benefits of Green Roofs and Living Walls (CS10034) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

(Morelli/Duvall)
That Report CS10034 – Benefit of Green Roofs and Living Walls, be received.
CARRIED
3. Village Theatre Waterdown and Memorial Hall (CS10030) (Ward 15) (Item 5.3)

(Morelli/Duvall)
That Report CS10030 - Village Theatre Waterdown and Memorial Hall, be received.

CARRIED

4. Community Services Department Policy and Issues Framework to Support Council Advocacy Efforts 2011-2014 (CS10041) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

(Morelli/Duvall)

CARRIED

5. Public Art Master Plan Annual Update (2010) (CS10028) (City Wide) (Item 5.5)

(Morelli/Duvall)
That Report CS10028 - Public Art Master Plan Annual Update (2010), be received.

CARRIED

6. Little Africa Plaque (Early Black Community on Hamilton Mountain) (CS10032) (Ward 6) (Item 5.6)

(Morelli/Duvall)
That Report CS10032 - Little Africa Plaque (Early Black Community on Hamilton Mountain), be received.

CARRIED

7. Smith's Knoll Archaeological Site - Archaeology and Conservation (CS10038) (Ward 9) (Item 7.1)

(McHattie/Jackson)
(a) That Report CS10038 - Smith's Knoll Archaeological Site - Archaeology and Conservation, be received.

(b) That staff be directed to request that the federal government consider including the area known as Smith’s Knoll (War of 1812 burial site) as part of the Battlefield National Historical Site designation.

CARRIED
8. Arts Advisory Commission Report – The Big Picture Revisited (AAC10-001) (City-Wide) (Item 7.2)

(McHattie/Duvall)
(a) That Report AAC10-001, entitled “The Big Picture Revisited” be received;

(b) That “The Big Picture Revisited: A Report of the November 2009 Arts Community Consultation” (attached as Appendix A to Report AAC10-001), be received;

(c) That the Arts Advisory Commission’s revised work plan for 2010, attached as Appendix B to Report AAC10-001, be approved;

(d) That the Arts Advisory Commission be authorized to develop a website to facilitate communication and collaboration within the arts community, at a cost not to exceed $5,000, to be funded from the Arts Advisory Commission Volunteer Committee Reserve Account, be approved.

CARRIED

9. Increasing Care Needs of Residents in Long-Term Care Homes (CS10027) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(McCarthy/Jackson)
That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Chair of the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network and local Members of Provincial Parliament to request increased provincial funding to a staffing level of 4.0 paid hours per resident per day in 2010-2011, in order to provide the appropriate level of nursing and medical care for our residents who are experiencing increased acuity needs at Macassa and Wentworth Lodges.

CARRIED

10. Accessible Units in Social and Affordable Housing (CS10033) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(McCarthy/Jackson)
That the Mayor correspond with the Honourable Jim Bradley, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, requesting that any future funding for affordable housing include a stipulation that a minimum of five percent of any new or retrofit housing be fully accessible.

CARRIED

11. City of Hamilton Domiciliary Hostel Program Review (CS10036) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(McCarthy/Duvall)
(a) That Report CS10036 - City of Hamilton Domiciliary Hostel Program Review, be received.
(b) That staff be directed to report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee before January 31, 2011 with a report outlining the findings and recommendations of the City of Hamilton Domiciliary Hostel Program Review.

CARRIED

12. Comprehensive Operational Review of CityHousing Hamilton (CS10037) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

(McHattie/Morelli)
(a) That the General Manager of the Community Services Department or her designate, in the role of Municipal Service Manager, be directed to develop, in cooperation with staff from CityHousing Hamilton, a Work Plan and Implementation Strategy to address the directives and recommendations contained in the CityHousing Hamilton Operational Review (attached as Appendix A to Report CS10037), and report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee by June 30, 2010.

(b) That staff be directed to prepare an Implementation Strategy for the development of a governance framework, municipal accountability structure and Shareholder Direction for CityHousing Hamilton, and report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee, by June 30, 2010.

CARRIED

13. Victoria Day Celebration in Dundas (CS10040) (Ward 13) (Item 8.5)

(Jackson/McCarty)
(a) That the transfer of responsibility for the delivery of the Victoria Day celebration in Dundas from the Culture Division to the Dundas Valley Sunrise Rotary Club, starting with the 2010 celebrations be approved;

(b) That a service agreement between the Dundas Valley Sunrise Rotary Club and the City of Hamilton, in the value of $25,000, be executed for the delivery of the Victoria Day celebration in Dundas in 2010;

(c) That alternate means of providing annual base funding of $25,000 to the Dundas Valley Sunrise Rotary Club for the delivery of the Victoria Day celebration in Dundas be explored for 2011 onwards.

CARRIED
FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

There were no changes to the agenda.

(Morelli/Duvall)
That the agenda for the April 7, 2010 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as presented.  

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were none declared.

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

3.1 March 24, 2010

The Minutes of the March 24, 2010 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee were amended to reflect that Councillor T. Jackson was absent, due to a personal commitment.

(Duvall/Jackson)
That the Minutes of the March 24, 2010 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as amended.  

CARRIED

(d) Clay Eborall, President of the Hamilton Farmer’s Market Stallholders Association, respecting the Possible Removal of Parking Validation Located at the Level Parkade near the Farmers’ Market (Item 4.1)

(Morelli/McHattie)
That the delegation request submitted by Clay Eborall, President of the Hamilton Farmer’s Market Stallholders Association, respecting the possible removal of parking validation at the Level Parkade near the Farmers’ Market, be approved.  

CARRIED

(e) Mary Sinclair, respecting Item 8.2 – Accessible Units in Social and Affordable Housing (Items 4.2 and 6.2)

(McHattie/Morelli)
That the delegation request by Mary Sinclair, respecting Item 8.2 - Accessible Units in Social and Affordable Housing on the April 7, 2010 agenda of the Emergency & Community Services Committee, be approved.  

CARRIED
Ms. Sinclair’s comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- When Ms. Sinclair first moved to Hamilton, she was unable to find a wheelchair accessible apartment.
- Was required to attend Small Claims Court to break a lease in order to move to an accessible building.
- Currently, people who require the use of a walker are unable to rent accessible apartments until they become dependent upon a wheelchair.
- Ms. Sinclair would like to see much more accessible housing.
- She also believes that persons that currently use a walker, who have a degenerating condition and will ultimately end up in a wheelchair, should be permitted to lease accessible apartments before they reach the stage of requiring a wheelchair.

(McHattie/Morelli)
That the presentation provided by Mary Sinclair, respecting accessible housing, be received.

CARRIED

(f) Advisory Committee Minutes (Items 5.4)

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

(i) Arts Advisory Commission Minutes, dated February 23, 2010 (Item 5.7)
(ii) Tenant Advisory Committee Minutes, dated February 12, 2010 (Item 5.8)

CARRIED

(g) Delegation Request submitted by Maggie Hughes, respecting Emergency Prevention through the use of Green Roofs and Walls (Item 6.1)

Ms. Hughes comments and presentation included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Whenever a paved area/parking lot is put in, the trees on the property should not be cut down. If need be, they should be replaced with some sort of tree or shrubbery.
- If topsoil is removed from area, a new tree/shrub cannot just be planted into the soil that is remaining, as the nutrition has been removed with the topsoil.
- The use of Silva Cells is encouraged as they allow rainwater to filter into the ground.
- Planting trees/shrubs in a paved area help to reduce the temperature of that area by 1 or 2 degrees.
Vegetation helps to prevent flooding; allowing the rain water to seep into the ground; whereas, covering the ground with waterproof surfaces does not.

Cool paving should be used (lighter coloured, more porous materials (white, beige, light gray, terra cotta – earth tones) to reduce the temperature of a paved area/parking lot.

(McHattie/Morelli)
(a) That the presentation provided by Maggie Hughes, respecting Emergency Prevention through the use of Green Roofs and Walls, be received.

(b) That the Committee Clerk be directed to forward the information provided by Maggie Hughes to the Emergency and Community Services Committee on April 7, 2010, respecting the Benefits of Green Roofs and Living Walls, to the Director of Energy, Fleet, Facilities and Traffic for review and use while preparing the report regarding this matter to Committee of the Whole.

(c) That Public Works staff be directed to include, in the report respecting the Benefits of Green Roofs and Living Walls, an assessment that illustrates where the City of Hamilton stands in comparison to other municipalities respecting the use of green roofs and walls; and, to highlight where the City is ahead/behind other municipalities and why.

   CARRIED

(McHattie/Morelli)
That Item “L” - Green Roofs and Living Walls, currently on the Emergency & Community Services Committee’s outstanding Business List, be referred to Committee of the Whole.

   CARRIED

(h) Smith's Knoll Archaeological Site - Archaeology and Conservation (CS10038) (Ward 9) (Item 7.1)

Ian Kerr-Wilson, Manager of Museums and Heritage Presentation, and Anna Bradford, Director of Culture, provided a PowerPoint presentation and overview of Report CS10038.

(McHattie/Jackson)
That the presentation respecting Report CS10038 - Smith's Knoll Archaeological Site - Archaeology and Conservation, be received.

   CARRIED
(i) **Arts Advisory Commission Report – The Big Picture Revisited (AAC10-001) (City-Wide) (Item 7.2)**

(McCarthy/McHattie)
That the presentation provided by Anne Cibola, of the Arts Advisory Commission, respecting Report AAC10-001 – The Big Picture Revisited, be received.  
CARRIED

(j) **City of Hamilton Domiciliary Hostel Program Review (CS10036) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

Betty Lou Purdon, Manager of Residential Care Facilities and Hostels, provided an overview of Report CS10036.

(k) **Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 11):**

(McCarthy/Duvall)
(a) That the proposed new due date, for the following Emergency & Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List Item, be approved:

   (i) Item “Y” – Residential Fire Sprinkler Resolution  
      Current Due Date: April 7, 2010  
      Proposed New Due Date: Q2 – 2011

(b) That the following items be considered complete and removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee’s outstanding business list:

   (i) Item “A” – Little Africa Plaque (Item 5.6)

   (ii) Item “B” – Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits (Item 5.4)

   (iii) Item “L” - Green Roofs and Living Walls (Item was referred to Committee of the Whole)

   (iv) Item “S” – Accessibility for Social and Affordable Housing (Item 8.2)

   (v) Item “Z” – Theatre Waterdown and Memorial Hall (Item 5.3)  
      CARRIED
(I) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(McCarthy/Duvall)
There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor R. Pasuta, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
April 7, 2010