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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor S. Duvall - Illness

Also Present: Councillor B. Bratina
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services Department
R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services
D. Cunliffe, Acting General Manager, Hamilton Emergency Services
A. Bradford, Director, Culture
R. Male, Director Financial Services
D. Fisher, Assistant City Solicitor, Legal Services
D. LaPointe-Kay, Director, Recreation
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Early Learning Program (Full Day Learning for Four and Five Year Olds) (CS10042(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

   (Morelli/McHattie)
   That Report CS10042(a), respecting Early Learning Program (Full Day Learning for Four and Five Year Olds), be received.

   CARRIED
2. Hamilton Farmers’ Market – Proposed Two Hour Free Parking (CS10062) (Ward 2) (Item 5.2)

(Morelli/McHattie)
That Report CS10062, respecting Hamilton Farmers’ Market – Proposed Two Hour Free Parking, be received.

CARRIED

3. Hamilton Historical Board Annual Presentation (Item 7.1)

(Morelli/Jackson)
(a) That the presentation, submitted by the Hamilton Historical Board, be received.

(b) That the following criteria, recommended by the Hamilton Historical Board, be endorsed, as a guideline:

(i) The composition of the Hamilton Historical Board reflects the spectrum of the historical and heritage interests in the community including, but not necessarily exclusive to: archaeology, architectural and heritage preservation, archives, arts, education, indigenous culture, maps and topography, as well as local heritage organization.

(c) That staff be directed to ensure the Call for Applications advertisement contains a line, which advises that additional information, respecting membership on the Hamilton Historical Board, is available on the City’s web site; where the recommended criteria be available as a guideline.

(d) That staff be directed to provide the recommended criteria, for the Hamilton Historical Board, to the Selection Sub-committee of the Emergency & Community Services Committee, for their reference when interviewing applicants for positions on the Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

4. City of Hamilton Arts Awards Program Review (CS10058) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Jackson/Merulla)
(a) That the City of Hamilton Arts Awards Review, attached as Appendix “A” to Report CS10058, be received.

(b) That the Mission, Vision, Values and Goals for the improved City of Hamilton Arts Awards (refer to pages 6 to 9 of Appendix “A” attached to Report CS10058), be approved.

(c) That the recommended program for the renewed City of Hamilton Arts Awards, detailed on pages 10 to 24 in Appendix “A” attached to Report CS10058, be approved.
(d) That one time funding in the amount of $59,550, for the City of Hamilton Arts Awards that are scheduled to take place in spring 2011, to be funding from either (a) the Community Services Department’s existing operating budget; (b) Corporate Surplus, or (c) the Tax Stabilization Reserve.

(e) That staff be directed to submit an enhancement, in the amount of $59,550 for the City of Hamilton Arts Awards beyond 2011, to the 2011 budget process for consideration.

(f) That Item “N”, respecting the Arts Program Review, be identified as complete and removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List.

CARRIED

5. St. Mark's Church - Future Use of the Property, 130 Bay St. South, Hamilton, Ontario (CS10064) (Ward 2) (Item 8.2)

(Jackson/Merulla)

(a) That staff from the Culture Division be directed to conduct an in-house feasibility study for St. Mark’s Church as a cultural programming space to be administered by Whitehern Historic House and Garden staff, and report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee.

(b) That recommendations (b) through (e) of Report CS10064, respecting St. Mark’s Church – Future Use of the Property, 130 Bay Street South, Hamilton, be referred back to staff for further discussion and consultation with the Ward 2 Councillor.

AMENDMENT CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

6. Status of Beach Canal Light Station Operational Study and Heritage Building Assessment (CS09068(a)) (Ward 5) (Item 8.3)

(Jackson/Merulla)

That staff be directed to prepare an assessment of the City’s future plans for the Beach Canal Lighthouse and the Lighthouse Keeper’s Cottage, specifically in the areas of maintenance, capital investments, operations, land use and security, prior to any further negotiations regarding transfer of ownership from the Federal Government to the City of Hamilton.

CARRIED

7. Ivor Wynne Stadium Licence Agreement between the City of Hamilton and Hamilton Tiger-Cats Football Club (2007) Corp. (CS10066) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

(Merulla/Jackson)

(a) That the amended Licence Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats Football Club (2007) Corp., for the use of Ivor Wynne
For the information of Committee:

(a) Changes to the Agenda (Item 1)

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


(ii) Added as Item 10.1 – a Notice of Motion, respecting Municipal Best Practices for Working with Street Buskers

(Morelli/Jackson)
That the agenda for the June 2, 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 May 19, 2010

(Morelli/McCarthy)
That the Minutes of the May 19, 2010 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED
(d) Advisory Committee Minutes (Items 5.3 and 5.4)

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

(i) Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes, April 9, 2010 (Item 5.3)
(ii) Hamilton Historical Board Minutes, dated April 13, 2010 (Item 5.4)  

CARRIED

(e) Hamilton Historical Board Annual Presentation (Item 7.1)

Bill Manson, Chair of the Hamilton Historical Board (HHB), provided the Board’s annual PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Manson’s comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Some of the Historical Board’s 2009/2010 achievements to-date are as follows:
  - Overseeing Hamilton’s Seven Civic Museums.
  - Member-liaisons are assigned to each museum and report monthly to HHB.
  - Monitors the museums and their programs, approves grounds-use requests, and addresses issues around public use of the sites.
  - Members volunteer at museum events.
  - Members volunteer at community and local heritage events.
  - Members sit on, administer, and Chair the City’s Joint Plaquing Subcommittee (JPSC).
  - The JPSC has researched, written, and approved nine commemorative and fifteen designation plaques.
  - Presents Heritage, and Educates the Community through Publication
  - The Communications and Education Sub-Committee continues to: maintain the HHB interactive website - www.hamiltonhistoricalboard.ca; to administer the HHB Speakers Bureau - Historically Speaking; and, expand the HHB educational outreach programs to Hamilton schools.
  - The Heritage Events Sub-Committee organized the 2010 Heritage Recognition Awards Day ceremonies, including presentation of the City of Hamilton and HHB Reverend T. Melville Bailey Heritage Award, the Hamilton-Wentworth Heritage Association Volunteer Awards, and the Susan E. Bennetto History Student Awards.
  - Commemoration of local Historical Events: the HHB is planning for the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 as part of the City’s commemorative programs; and, to-date have worked on the following:
    - Commemorative Bicentennial Medal;
    - Commemorative Coin and Stamp;
    - The Maple Leaf Forever;
    - 1812 Commemorative Trail;
- Bicentennial Bus Tour; and
- Commemorative Edition of historiCITY.

A full copy of the presentation is available on the City’s web site.

(f) 150TH Anniversary of the Crystal Palace in Victoria Park (Item 9.1)

Councillor McHattie introduced the following motion:

(McHattie/Jackson)
WHEREAS, Victoria Park’s Crystal Palace would have been 150 years old in the Fall of 2010; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has commemorated similar anniversaries in Hamilton with staff assistance (i.e., VE Day); and,

WHEREAS, there is a committee of volunteers organized to work on this event;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That staff be directed to review the details of 150th Anniversary of the Crystal Palace in Victoria Park, the nature of the staff support required, and a recommended, small budget for the event, and report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

(b) That staff be directed to consult with any remaining members of the Mum Show Sub-committee and the Crystal Palace Sub-committee, with respect the municipal best practices for working with street buskers.

AMENDMENT CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

(g) Municipal Best Practices for Working with Street Buskers (10.1)

Councillor B. McHattie introduced the following Notice of Motion:

WHEREAS, there have been a series of recent negative interactions between street buskers and Hamilton Police Services, some involving issuing of tickets, and;

WHEREAS, Hamilton Police Services is mandated to enforce the Safe Streets Act, and;

WHEREAS, there has been some public discomfort relating to how the street buskers have been treated by Hamilton Police Services, and;
WHEREAS, in the past there has been an Organized Street Buskers Program (part of the previous “Positively Downtown” program) that involved identifying licensing; and, specific locations for the buskers to work, and;

WHEREAS, it is important for street buskers to work within various requirements, while on the other hand, retaining the “space” for creativity.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to review municipal best practices for working with street buskers, including comments from Task Force for Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core, and report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee with recommendations for a “Made in Hamilton” program.

(McHattie/Merulla)
That the Rules of Order be waived in order to introduce a motion respecting municipal best practices for working with street buskers.

CARRIED

(McHattie/Merulla)
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CARRIED
(h) Outstanding Business List Amendments (Item 11.1)

(Morelli/McHattie)
That the Item “R”, respecting Hamilton Farmers’ Market – Proposed 2 Hour Free Parking, be considered complete and removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List.

CARRIED

(i) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (12.1)

12.1 Closed Session Minutes, May 19, 2010

As the Emergency & Community Services Committee determined that no discussion of the May 19, 2010 Closed Session Minutes were required, the Minutes were approved in Open Session, as follows:

(Jackson/Merulla)
(a) That the Closed Session Minutes of the May 19, 2010, meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee be approved, as presented.

(b) That the May 19, 2010, Closed Session 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

(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Merulla/Jackson)
There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor R. Pasuta, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
June 2, 2010