THE EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 07-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR (Item A)**

   (a) That Councillor Sam Merulla be appointed as Chair of the Emergency & Community Services Committee for the period of January 2007 through December 2007.

   (b) That Councillor Tom Jackson be appointed as Vice Chair of the Emergency & Community Services Committee for the period of January 2007 through December 2007.
2. **Golf Courses/Winter Sports Park RFP Process (CS05008(a)) (City Wide)** (Item 7.1)

   (a) That the Internal Bid Team’s proposal to manage and operate the Golf Courses, as outlined in Report CS05008(a), be received.

   (b) That the proposal to operate the Winter Sports Park be forwarded to the 2007 Budget process for consideration.

   (c) That the General Manager of Community Services be directed to implement and carry out the changes to the golf operations, as outlined in Report CS050089(a).

   (d) That the Outstanding Business Item “B” respecting the direction of staff to provide a Terms of Reference for a Golf Advisory Sub Committee be identified as completed and removed from the Community Services Outstanding Business List.

3. **2007 National Child Benefit (NCB) Strategy (SSC06023) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

   (a) That the City of Hamilton accelerate the transition of the staff recommended National Child Benefit (NCB) funded programs, in the amount of $1.6 million, by transferring them to the levy as of January 1, 2007 so that all municipal NCB funds are returned to Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support program families, with children, through the Hamilton NCB Entitlement Program.

   (b) That all programs previously funded through the 2006 National Child Benefit Strategy, in the amount of $1.6 million, be referred to the 2007 City of Hamilton budget process for consideration.

4. **Application to Amend City of Hamilton Fireworks By-law 02-285 (HES05003(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

   That the proposed amendments as outlined in Appendix “A” to Report HES05003 to the City of Hamilton Fireworks By-law 02-285; permitting the sale of family fireworks on Victoria Day and Canada Day and during the fourteen (14) day period immediately preceding each of those days, be approved and enacted.
5. **Youth Advisory Committee (SSC06017) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

(a) That the Terms of Reference, attached as Appendix “A” to Report 07-001 – Youth Advisory Committee, be approved.

(b) That staff be directed to forward the enhancement recommendation to create a 0.5 FTE, as outlined in Report SSC06017(a), to the 2007 Budget process for consideration.

(c) That staff be directed to forward the Youth Advisory Committee budget submission, in the amount of $3,890, to the 2007 Budget process for consideration.

6. **Single Source Approval for Replacement of Ice Resurfacing Machines (ECS07001/PW07005) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)**

(a) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized to negotiate the sole source purchase of three (3) new 440 Model Ice Resurfacing Machines from Zamboni Ice Resurfacing Machines, 38 Morton Avenue East, Brantford, Ontario at a total estimated cost of $234,000; to be funded from the approved 2006 Capital Budget for Central Fleet Vehicle and Equipment Replacement - account number 4940651100.

(b) That the ice resurfacing machine, Model 440, supplied by Zamboni Ice Resurfacing Machines, 38 Morton Avenue East, Brantford, Ontario, be established as the standard ice resurfacing machine, for the City of Hamilton, until the end of 2012.

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:**

(a) **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Committee Clerk noted the following changes, which were approved:

(i) Added as Item 4.2 – A Delegation Request made by Jeff Wingard of the Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton (SPRC), requesting to speak at the January 17, 2007 meeting respecting Report SSC06023 - 2007 National Child Benefit (NCB) Strategy

(ii) Correspondence from CUPE to Joe-Anne Priel, dated January 9, 2007 respecting CUPE Members Who Work at City Golf Courses
(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were none declared.

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

As this was the first meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee for the 2006 to 2010 term of Council, there were no previous minutes.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Sally Palmer, Social Action Committee of the Ontario Association of Social Workers – Hamilton & District Branch, requesting to speak at the January 17, 2007 meeting respecting Report SSC06023 - 2007 National Child Benefit (NCB) Strategy (Item 4.1)

The delegation request, made by Ms. Sally Palmer of the Social Action Committee of the Ontario Association of Social Workers – Hamilton District, to speak at the January 17, 2007 meeting respecting Report SSC06023 - 2007 National Child Benefit (NCB) Strategy was approved.

(ii) Jeff Wingard of the Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton (SPRC), requesting to speak at the January 17, 2007 meeting respecting Report SSC06023 - 2007 National Child Benefit (NCB) Strategy (Item 4.2)

As this matter was dealt with under Item 6.1, Mr. Wingard withdrew his delegation request.

(e) Sally Palmer, Chair, Social Action Committee of the Ontario Association of Social Workers – Hamilton & District Branch, requesting to speak at the January 17, 2007 meeting respecting Report SSC06023 - 2007 National Child Benefit (NCB) Strategy (Item 6.1)

Ms. Palmer addressed members of the Committee stating that she appeared before the Social Services Committee in October 2006 with respect to Report SSC06023 - 2007 National Child Benefit (NCB) Strategy, but wished to speak again to advise the new members of Council of the Social Action Committee’s position.
Ms. Palmer noted that the Social Action Committee of the Ontario Association of Social Workers, Hamilton & District Branch, believes that Council would be in a stronger moral position to influence the Province if the City of Hamilton was no longer using clawback money to fund children’s programs.

Ms. Palmer also stressed that the timing of this decision is very important, as provincial Liberals are now planning their budget for this election year, and local MPPs have advised them that the Province may rescind the clawback.

Members of Council were requested to make the City’s views known to the Province, and to join other communities who have refused to collaborate with the Province in taking over money that the federal government gives to families to spend on their children’s greatest needs.

A copy of Ms. Palmer’s presentation was circulated to members of Committee.

(f) **Golf Courses/Winter Sports Park RFP Process (CS05008(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

Report CS05008(a) respecting the Golf Courses/Winter Sports Park RFP Process was lifted from the table.

Committee moved into Closed Session, as the matter pertained to a labour relations matter, and reconvened in Open Session.

(g) **City Owned Golf Courses (Item 9.1)**

Staff were directed to report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee on the following:

(i) Whether or not City owned golf course lands may be sold commercially.

(ii) Estimated value of the City owned golf course lands.

(h) **Artificial Outdoor Ice Rinks (Item 9.2)**

Staff were directed to investigate the experiences with outdoor artificial ice rinks, in the City of Toronto and other municipalities, and report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee respecting the viability of establishing outdoor artificial ice rinks in the city of Hamilton.
(i) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

(i) Outstanding Business List Items (no copy) (Item 11.1)

The following proposed new due dates for the following Outstanding Business List Items, were approved:

(a) Item “D” - Hamilton Farmers’ Market Improvements  
   (Due: Jan. 17/06)  Proposed New Due Date: February 21, 2007

(b) Item “K” – Vital Services By-law  
   (Due: Q4/06)  Proposed NewDue Date: May 9, 2007

(c) Item “M” – Residential Health Care Facilities By-law  
   (Due Q4/06)  Proposed New Due Date: TBD

(d) Item “O” - City’s Strategy to Manage Greenspace and Open Space Deficiencies  
   (Due: Oct. 24/06)  Proposed New Due Date: April 4, 2007

(e) Item “L” – Roomers and Boarders  
   (Due: Q1/07)  Proposed New Due Date: June 20, 2007


(a) That Item “Q” – Fair Wage Policy within the Corporations R.F.P. Process, be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration.

(b) That Item “Q” – Fair Wage Policy within the Corporations R.F.P. Process, be removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List, as it has been referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration.

(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 3:50 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
January 17, 2007
CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 07-____

To Amend Fireworks By-law No. 02-285 to Provide for the Sale of Family Fireworks for a Period of 14 Days, Prior to Holidays

WHEREAS Council enacted By-law 05-339 providing for a temporary sale period of fourteen (14) days, with said By-law being repealed on July 2, 2006;

AND WHEREAS Council requested an update regarding the merit of amending By-law 02-285 to provide for the sale of family fireworks on a permanent basis for a fourteen (14) day period, prior to holidays, in place of the current seven (7) day sale period;

AND WHEREAS Section 121 of the Municipal Act, S. O. 2001, c. 25 provides that a municipality may regulate or prohibit the sale of fireworks;

AND WHEREAS a phrasing change is required to accurately reflect the proper and current title of the position of “Fire Chief” as defined in By-law 02-285;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. That Section 5.3 of City of Hamilton By-law No. 02-285 is hereby amended to replace the word “seven” with the word “fourteen”.

2. That Sub-section 1.1(g) of City of Hamilton By-law No. 02-285 is hereby amended to read “‘Fire Chief’ means the City’s General Manager of Hamilton Emergency Services;”.

3. That this by-law comes into force and effect on the date of its passing.

PASSED and ENACTED this day of , 2007.

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MAYOR                                    CITY CLERK
HAMILTON YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sample Terms of Reference

*Mandate*

The mandate of the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is to ensure that youth are involved in the decisions made within the City of Hamilton and in the community that affect them, their families and friends. The YAC will provide a youth perspective on municipal issues to be considered by the Mayor, Council and City staff. The YAC will inform and involve other youth in the city of Hamilton.

*Mission Statement*

- To be developed

*Values*

We believe . . .
- that youth are integral parts of their communities and, as such, have inherent rights and responsibilities;
- that youth should be encouraged and given the opportunity to take a leading role in issues which affect their lives;
- that youth should be consulted whenever decisions that affect them are being made;
- youth are able to make positive contributions to their communities;
- that an investment in young people is an investment in the future; and,
- there is strength in diversity.

*Goals*

- To provide direct input into government decision making processes on issues affecting youth;
- To advocate within the government on behalf of youth;
- To develop and maintain effective communications with youth and youth-serving organizations;
- To promote and recognize the abilities and contributions of youth in their communities;
- To foster initiatives for and by youth; and,
- To ensure diversity in the Council's membership, the selection process considers a number of factors including, but not limited to, geography, gender, culture, ethnicity, sexual orientation and ability.
Committee Structure

The YAC will be comprised of 15 members, 14 to 24 years of age. The structure of the YAC should mirror the structure of Council and other municipal committees with either a chairperson and vice-chairperson or co-chairs elected from the general membership. The term of the chair and vice-chair will be one year.

The YAC committee will also include at least one and no more than three councillors, appointed at each term of office. Due to their many commitments, most of the City’s Volunteer Advisory Committees include only one councillor.

Meeting minutes and reports will be prepared and distributed with the assistance of City staff.

Code of Conduct

- Everyone has a right to her/his own opinion;
- Respect is expected from all those who attend YAC meetings;
- Everyone has the right to speak without interruption; and,
- Chairs/speakers/staff are to be respected.

Decision Making Process

Decisions should be made by consensus, but where consensus cannot be attained, a majority rules. A majority consists of 50% plus one. Only the group present at the meeting can make the decision.

Representation and Membership

The membership of the YAC should, where possible, represent the range of diverse individuals that live in and make up the community of Hamilton. The committee should also try to ensure that members come from different schools, youth organizations, and geographic areas of the city and reflect the city’s diversity.

Term of Membership

That members on the YAC serve two (2) year terms, or that two (2) and four (4) year terms be available. It is also recommended that the YAC review these proposed terms as part of developing their terms of reference.

Meetings

Meetings will take place monthly, outside of normal business and school hours to facilitate maximum participation and attendance. An agenda will be prepared and distributed by the chairperson or his or her designate. YAC meetings, as with any other council or committee meeting, should be open to the public.