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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor B. McHattie – Vacation
Councillor M. McCarthy – Funeral
Councillor B. Morelli – Family Emergency

Also Present: J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
J. Kay, General Manager / Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services
D. Cunliffe, Director of Fire Operations, Deputy Chief
B. Browett, Director, Emergency Medical Services/Deputy
G. Hendry, Director Employment & Income Support Branch
J. Brown, Director, Benefit Eligibility
A. Bradford, Director, Culture
V. Woodcox, Senior Administrator, Homes for the Aged
K. Lubrick, Special Supports Program Manager
C. Secore, Manager, Recreation
R. Sabo, Assistant City Solicitor
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Hamilton Homeless Baseball League (CS09049) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)
   (Jackson/Merulla)
   That Report CS09049 – Hamilton Homeless Baseball League, be received. CARRIED

2. Accreditation at Macassa Lodge (CS09044) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)
(Jackson/Merulla)
That Report CS09044 – Accreditation at Macassa Lodge, be received.

CARRIED

3. **Code Zero Report from January to March 2009 (HES08006(e)) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)**

(Jackson/Merulla)
That Report HES090086(e), Code Zero Report from January to March 2009, be received.

CARRIED

4. **Approval for Alcohol as part of a Special Event Rotary Stars in the Park, Dundas Driving Park (CS09052) (Ward 13) (Item 5.4)**

(Merulla/Jackson)
(a) That Dundas Valley Sunrise Rotary Club be granted permission to seek a special occasion permit for a liquor license for Rotary Stars in the Park, Dundas Driving Park a fundraising event taking place on September 12, 2009.

(b) That the Dundas Valley Sunrise Rotary Club also be granted permission to serve alcohol at the abovementioned event.

(c) That, if the request to serve alcohol is approved, the hosting organization must comply with:


(ii) The conditions contained within the City of Hamilton’s Municipal Alcohol Guidelines, Appendix A of the Policy for Special Event Planning.

(iii) The applicant must provide $5,000,000 comprehensive general liability insurance coverage (which shall include a host liquor liability endorsement), and that the City of Hamilton is named as an additional insured party to this Policy.

(iv) The applicant must pay all City Service costs associated with the operation of this event.

CARRIED

5. **Approval for Alcohol as part of a National Softball Association Canadian World Series Championships, Turner Park (CS09051) (Ward 8) (Item 5.5)**
(Merulla/Jackson)
(a) That the National Softball Association Canadian World Series Championships be granted permission to seek a special occasion permit for a liquor license for their Tournament at Turner Park, taking place July 31 to August 4, 2009.

(b) That the National Softball Association Canadian World Series Championships also be granted permission to serve alcohol at the abovementioned event.

(c) That, if the request to serve alcohol is approved, the hosting organization must comply with:

(i) The Ontario Liquor License Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter L.19 and the administration of the Act by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO).

(ii) The conditions contained within the City of Hamilton’s Municipal Alcohol Guidelines, Appendix A attached to Report CS09051, of the Policy for Special Event Planning.

(iii) The applicant must provide $5,000,000 comprehensive general liability insurance coverage (which shall include a host liquor liability endorsement), and that the City of Hamilton is named as an additional insured party to this Policy.

(iv) The applicant must pay all City Service costs associated with the operation of this event.

CARRIED

6. Approval for Alcohol as part of a Stick and Ball Tournament, Mohawk 4-Ice Centre (CS09050) (Ward 6) (Item 5.6)

(Merulla/Jackson)
(a) That the Stick and Ball Tournament Organizers be granted permission to seek a Special Occasion Permit for a liquor license for their Stick and Ball Tournament at Mohawk 4 Ice Centre, a fundraising event, taking place in August 2009.

(b) That the Stick and Ball Tournament Organizers also be granted permission to serve alcohol at the above mentioned event.

(c) That, if the request to serve alcohol is approved, the hosting organization must comply with:

(ii) The conditions contained within the City of Hamilton’s Municipal Alcohol Guidelines, Appendix A of the Policy for Special Event Planning.

(iii) The applicant must provide $5,000,000 comprehensive general liability insurance coverage (which shall include a host liquor liability endorsement), and that the City of Hamilton is named as an additional insured party to this Policy.

(iv) The applicant must pay all City Service costs associated with the operation of this event.

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

**MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED**

7. **Funeral Service Fee Increases (CS09014(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

*(Merulla/Jackson)*

(a) That the General Manager of Community Services be authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, an agreement between the City of Hamilton and the local Funeral Homes and Transfer Service providers, for the provision of funeral services to approved deceased Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program recipients or applicants with a low income, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor (as per Appendix A to Report CS09014(a)).

(b) That the 2009 Funeral Fee Schedule (attached as Appendix A to Report CS09014(a)), be approved, effective June 25, 2009.

(c) That the amendment(s) to Section 9.5 of Chapter 9 – Upgrades Section of the Special Supports Program Policy Manual, be approved to allow for upgrades to the standard Social Service funeral package (not including cemetery services), only if family or friends of the deceased are responsible for the cost of the upgrades (attached as Appendix B to Report CS09014(a)).

(d) That effective January 1, 2010, the approved Funeral Fee Schedule (attached as Appendix A to Report CS09014(a)), receive an annual increase in accordance with the annual Consumer Price Index.

(e) That Item X – Funeral Service Fee Increases, be considered complete and removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List.

**CARRIED**
8. Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee Report: Advocacy with Ministry of Community and Social Services regarding Ontario Works Eligibility Criteria for Employment Insurance Applicants (FSH 09-001) (City Wide) (item 8.1)

(Merulla/Pasuta)
That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Community and Social Services to advocate for the removal of Ontario Works’ asset eligibility test for laid-off/terminated employees who are awaiting their first Employment Insurance payment.

CARRIED

9. Emergency Medical Services Resource and Deployment Advisory Task Force Report: Proposed Improvements to the Hospital Patient Offload System (EMS 09-001) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Merulla/Pasuta)
(a) That the Mayor be authorized and directed to correspond with the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care requesting the following:

(i) That the Province provide legislation that would require St. Joseph’s hospital to allow ambulances to transport low acuity patients to the St. Joseph’s Urgent Care Centre.

(ii) That the Province establish a regulation that requires a receiving hospital to immediately assume full responsibility for patient(s), and complete the Transfer of Responsibility Patient Care without delay, in accordance with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Emergency Health Services, Basic Life Support Standards, M, 1-17, upon the arrival of the land ambulance patient(s) at the emergency department.

(iii) That the Province of Ontario provide funding to Hamilton Emergency Services for the Emergency Medical Services - Hospital Transfer of Care Tracking System, as an interim alternative to the patient distribution system until that program is available province wide.

(iv) That the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care review the feasibility of linking the real-time data collected by the Hamilton Emergency Services Emergency Medical Services - Hospital Transfer of Care Tracking System with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care’s Central Ambulance Communications Centre computer aided dispatch system in order to assist the ambulance communication officer to more effectively distribute ambulance patients between hospitals.
(v) That the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care review the feasibility of displaying the integrated, real-time information into the hospitals to assist them in planning for incoming ambulance patients.

(vi) That full provincial funding be provided to Hamilton Emergency Services – Emergency Medical Services to support the continuation of the offload-flow nurse at all four (4) Hamilton hospital sites, 12 hours a day, 7 days a week from April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010.

(b) That the General Manager/Chief of Hamilton Emergency Services be directed to correspond with the local hospitals inviting them to discuss a mechanism for the hospitals to reimburse the municipality for costs related to delays in the “Transfer of Care” process of ambulance patients in the hospital emergency department.

(c) That, as the mandate has now been completed, the Emergency Medical Services Resource and Deployment Advisory Task Force, be disbanded.

CARRIED

10. City of Hamilton Arts Awards Review (CS09053) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(Jackson/Pasuta)
(a) That the City of Hamilton Arts Awards be suspended for 2009.

(b) That the current portion of the Culture Division budget assigned for the City of Hamilton Arts Awards, to an upset limit of $15,000, be reallocated to hire a consultant to work with staff, the Arts Advisory Commission, and the arts community to conduct an Arts Awards Program review.

(c) That, upon completion of the Arts Award Program review, staff be directed to report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee, with recommendations on how to improve the Program.

AMENDMENT CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

11. Implementation of Phase 2 of Ontario Works Caseload Contingency Plan (CS09021(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

(Merulla/Jackson)
(a) That Report CS09021(a), respecting the Implementation of Phase 2 of the Ontario Works Caseload Contingency Plan, be received.

(b) That an additional 20 temporary FTEs be hired at a cost of $709,793 (net) for 2009 and an annualized cost is $1,213,191 (net), to maintain Ontario Works service levels during this period of high demand, be approved up to December 31, 2010.
(c) That the additional staffing and Ontario Works client benefit costs are first off-set from year-end Departmental surplus and the remainder be funded from the Ontario Works Stabilization Reserve Fund.

AMENDMENT CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

12. Assessment of Food Bank Inventory Shortage (CS09046) (City Wide) (Item 8.5)

(Merulla/Jackson)
(a) That the General Manager of the Community Services Department be directed and authorized to fund Hamilton Food Share member agencies up to a maximum of $186,430 from the Social Services Initiative Fund to alleviate staffing and food inventory pressures for the period of June 1 to September 2, 2009.

(b) That Item CC - Assessment of Food Bank Storage and Inventory, be considered complete and removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List.

CARRIED

13. Ontario Works Employment Services Transition (CS09047) (City Wide) (Item 8.6)

(Merulla/Jackson)
That Report CS09047 - Ontario Works Employment Services Transition, be received.

CARRIED

14. Immigration Strategy (CS09030(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.7)

(Merulla/Pasuta)
That Report CS09030(a) – Immigration Strategy be received.

CARRIED

15. HES09001 – Single Source of Architect for the Multi-Agency Training Centre Infrastructure Project (HES09001) (City Wide) (Item 8.8)

(Merulla/Jackson)
That staff be authorized and directed to negotiate and execute a single source contract for the Design and Architectural services, with the firm of Cohos Evamy Integratedesign, for the Multi-Agency Training Centre / Emergency Operations Centre project that has been approved through the Infrastructure Stimulus Funding program, at a cost not to exceed $2,422,500.

CARRIED
16. **Staff Appreciation**

(Merulla/Jackson)
That all Community Services Department staff be recognized for their compassionate and invaluable contribution to the community.  

CARRIED

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

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

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

(i) Added as Item 4.1 – a Delegation Request made by Peter Hasek respecting the Creation of a Professionally Operated, Research & Development, Not-for-Profit Organization to assist the City of Hamilton, as a full partner, with the Hamilton & Scourge Project

(ii) Added as Item 8.8 – Report HES09001 – Single Source of Architect for the Multi-Agency Training Centre Infrastructure Project

(Jackson/Pasuta)
That the June 17, 2009 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)**

(Merulla/Jackson)
That the Minutes of the June 3, 2009 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee be approved, as presented.  

CARRIED

(d) **Minutes of Various Advisory Committees**

(Jackson/Merulla)
That the following Advisory Committee Minutes be received:

(i) Arts Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes, dated April 28, 2009 (Item 5.7).  

CARRIED
(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

4.1 Peter Hasek respecting the Creation of a Professionally Operated, Research & Development, Not-for-Profit Organization to assist the City of Hamilton, as a full partner, with the Hamilton & Scourge Project

(Merulla/Jackson)

That the delegation request, made by Peter Hasek respecting the creation of a professionally operated, research & development, not-for-profit organization to assist the City of Hamilton, as a full partner, with the Hamilton & Scourge project, be approved.

CARRIED

(f) Outstanding Business List Items requiring Approval for Proposed New Due Dates (Item 11.1)

(Jackson/Merulla)

That the proposed new due date for the following item, be approved:

(i) Item “C” – Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits
   Current Due Date: June 17, 2009
   Proposed New Due Date: October 21, 2009

(ii) Item “F” – Adequacy of Ontario Works Social Assistance Rates and the Economic Impact of Ontario Child Benefit Monies
     Current Due Date: June 17, 2009
     Proposed New Due Date: October 21, 2009

(iii) Item “J” – Strategic Plan for the Emergency Food Sector
     Current Due Date: June 17, 2009
     Proposed New Due Date: November 18, 2009

(iv) Item “L” – Call for Action: Recreation, Parks and Sport Infrastructure Funding
     Current Due Date: June 17, 2009
     Proposed New Due Date: September 9, 2009

(v) Snow Angel Program Evaluation
    Current Due Date: June 17, 2009
    Proposed New Due Date: September 9, 2009

CARRIED

(g) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)

12.1 Verbal Update respecting Macassa Lodge

(Merulla/Jackson)

May I please have a motion to move into Closed Session, at 2:05 p.m. to receive a verbal update respecting Macassa Lodge, pursuant to Section
8.1, Sub-sections (b) and (e) of the City's Procedural By-law and Section 239 of the Ontario Municipal Act, as the subject matter pertains personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

CARRIED

As shown in the Closed Session Minutes, Committee reconvened in Open Session at 2:28 p.m. There was no action taken with respect to this matter.

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Merulla/Pasuta)
There being no further business, that the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Duvall, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
June 17, 2009