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

Also Present: Councillors R. Powers and B. Bratina
J. Kay, General Manager / Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services
J. Brown, Acting General Manager, Community Services
D. Adames, Executive Director, Tourism Hamilton
A. Bradford, Director, Culture
D. LaPointe-Kay, Director, Recreation
D. Hull, Director of Transit
T. Quinn, Acting Director, Strategic Initiatives
C. Secore, Manager, Recreation
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR
CONSIDERATION:

1. Ice Rates and Times for Non-Affiliated Clubs (CS09039) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

(McHattie/Morelli)
(a) That Report CS09039 - Ice Rates and Times for Non-Affiliated Clubs, be
received.
(b) That Item “H” - Ice Rates and Times for Non-Affiliated Clubs, be considered complete and removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List.

AMENDMENT CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

2. Hamilton Historical Board Report 09-001 (Item 8.1)

(Jackson/McCarthy)
That the wording for the Smith Family Cemetery commemorative plaque, attached as Appendix A to Report 09-001(HHB), be approved.

CARRIED

3. Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Report 09-001 (Item 8.2)

(McCarthy/Jackson)
(a) That the revised Terms of Reference for the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund, attached as Appendix “A” to Report 09-001, be approved.

(b) That the current investment practice for the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund (monies will remain in savings account prime less 1.75) be maintained.

(c) That the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Committee review all requests for expenditures, which may be funded from the Heritage Trust Fund by way of accumulated interest plus 5% of principle, if required.

(d) That the following expenditures, attached in Appendix “B” to Report 09-001), in the amount of $73,800, be approved:

(i) $35,000 for Rose Court and Oak Lane Furnishings, $2,300 for the lobby fish tank, $7,500 for 5 Montessori carts, $24,000 for towel/blanket warmers, $5,000 ongoing funding for Lodge pet expenses.

CARRIED

4. Request for Free Transit - Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion Event (PW09049) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(McCarthy/Jackson)
(a) That staff be authorized and directed to provide free transportation for event volunteers and participants involved in the Rick Hansen - Wheels in Motion charity fund raising event.
(b) That the item relating to the Request from Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion Event for free transit from the Transit Division (HSR) on the day of their event be removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee Outstanding Business List.

CARRIED

5. Feasibility of Bidding to Host the 2009/2010 Vanier Cup in Hamilton (PED09126) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

(Merulla/Morelli)
(a) That Report PED09126, respecting the Feasibility of Bidding to Host the 2009/2010 Vanier Cup in Hamilton, be received.

(b) That any future bidding opportunities for the Vanier Cup, and others sport events, be referred to Tourism Hamilton’s Sport Tourism Advisory Committee.

(c) That the item respecting the “the Feasibility of Bidding to Host the 2009/2010 Vanier Cup in Hamilton” be identified as completed and removed from the Emergency and Community Services Outstanding Business List.

CARRIED

6. 2009 Hamilton Civic Golf Course Rates and Fees Schedule (CS09038) (Wards 1 & 5) (Item 8.5)

(Jackson/Pasuta)
(a) That the 2009 Rates and Fees Schedule for the Hamilton Civic Golf Courses, effective May 31, 2009, attached as Appendix A to Report CS09038, be approved.

(b) That Item “A” – Fee Waiver Policy: Golf, be considered complete and removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List.

AMENDMENT CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

7. Beasley Community Centre – Status Update/Approval of Agreements (PW09037/ECS07092(b)) (Ward 2) (Item 8.6)

(Morelli/Jackson)
(a) That the draft Construction Agency Agreement (attached as Appendix A to Report PW09037/ECS07092(b)) between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, respecting the design and construction of the Beasley Community Centre/Dr. Edgar Davey Elementary School, be approved.
(b) That the Acting General Manager of the Public Works Department, on behalf of the General Manager of the Community Services Department, be authorized and directed to complete the draft Construction Agency Agreement, with the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, for the design and construction of the new Beasley Community Centre; to be located within the new Dr. Edgar Davey Elementary School at 99 Ferguson Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

(c) That the General Manager of the Community Services Department be authorized and directed to negotiate all necessary agreements with the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board for the operation of the Beasley Community Centre, including, but not limited to, a Nominal Fee Lease, an Operating Agreement and a Reciprocal Use Agreement, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

(d) That the Acting General Manager of the Public Works Department, be authorized and directed to negotiate a Shared Use Agreement with the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board for the use of Beasley Park, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

(e) That the General Manager of the Community Services Department be authorized and directed to negotiate the space requirements, for Wesley Urban Ministries, for the operation of an Ontario Early Years Centre within the Beasley Community Centre, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

(f) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents respecting the design and construction, and the use and operation of the Beasley Community Centre, located at 99 Ferguson Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

8. Volunteer Firefighters Inclusion in Presumptive Legislation Regulation (9.1)

(Pasuta/McCarthy)
WHEREAS the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan had forwarded a copy of their approved resolution, respecting Volunteer Firefighters Inclusion of Presumptive Legislation Regulation, dated March 25, 2009, to Hamilton City Council for its endorsement (attached hereto);

AND WHEREAS in May 2007, Bill 221, being the Workplace Safety and Insurance Amendment Act (Presumptions for Firefighters), 2007, passed into legislation and recognizes workplace safety and insurance entitlement for full-time (career) Firefighters who have incurred certain work-related occupational diseases;
AND WHEREAS it was presumed at that time that such legislation would also apply to Volunteer Firefighters who face the same exposures as their full-time (career) peers;

AND WHEREAS it appears that the extension of this legislation to cover Volunteer Firefighters is now uncertain;

AND WHEREAS the vital service that Hamilton's Volunteer Firefighters provide in protecting the lives and properties of rural citizens must be recognized by treating them and their families fairly and with the same respect and rights as their full-time (career) peers;

AND WHEREAS, the previous full time legislation failed to recognize the financial hardship and impact to the municipal tax base, and amending the legislation to include Volunteer Firefighters without addressing the funding will only increase this hardship.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the Provincial Government be urged to move as quickly as possible to ensure that Bill 221 protection is extended to include the same level of coverage for Volunteer Firefighters in the amalgamated City of Hamilton and throughout the Province of Ontario.

(b) That the Honourable Premier McGuinty be requested to fund benefits directly associated with Bill 221 for all Firefighters who provide services and protect all Ontarians.

(c) That a copy of the approved resolution be forwarded to the Honourable P. Fonseca, Minister of Labour, the Honourable R. Bartolucci, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, all local MPP’s., the Firefighters Association of Ontario and the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs.

CARRIED

9. Improved Safety of Children in the Care of the Child Welfare System (Item 10.1)

(McCarthy/Morelli)

WHEREAS the death rate of children in the care of Children’s Aid is approximately thirty (30) times the rate of other children;

AND WHEREAS children in the care of Children’s Aid often have to live independently when they turn 16, support is cut off for the majority of them at the age of 18, and at 21, even high risk youth have are no longer supported (see e-mail from Associate Medical Officer of Health attached hereto as Appendix “A”);
AND WHEREAS 90 children, known to the Ontario’s child welfare system died in 2007, as per a report from the Chief Coroner’s office, and many die each year (see Toronto Star article attached hereto as Appendix “B”);

AND WHEREAS disabled youth in the care of the Child Welfare System who are mandated to live independently after the age of 21; regardless of their mental capacity, are more likely to fall into harms way at the hands of those who see them as easy prey (see Hamilton Spectator Articles attached hereto as Appendices “C” and “D”);

AND WHEREAS the statistics suggest that we are failing our most vulnerable children;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the Mayor correspond, on behalf of Hamilton City Council, with the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Children and Youth Services to request that a significantly improved Transition Plan, for youth in the Ontario Child Welfare system; who are required to live independently, be established and implemented as soon as possible in order to lessen the risks of unnecessary deaths among Ontario’s children.

(b) That the new Transition Plan be based on the specific requirements of each individual and go beyond the age of 21, when necessary.

(c) That a copy of the approved resolution and its appendices be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all local MPP’s.

CARRIED

10. Amendments to the Emergency & Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List (Item 11.2)

(Jackson/Pasuta)

That the following Items be considered complete and removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List:

(a) Item “K” – Artificial Outdoor Ice Rinks

(b) Item “O” – Ancaster Little League – Hosting for 2010 Canadian Little League Championships

(c) Item “Z” – Trunked Radio System Upgrade

(d) Item “JJ” – Affordable Housing Threshold

CARRIED
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 4.17 – a Delegation Request by Jim Commerford, on behalf of the YWCA of Hamilton, Burlington & Brantford, respecting the Termination of Provincial Best Start Funding as of March 2010 (to appear June 3, 2009)

- (II) Added as Item 4.18 – a Delegation Request by Karyn Callaghan, on behalf of Mohawk College, respecting the Termination of Provincial Best Start Funding as of March 2010 (to appear June 3, 2009)

- (iii) Added as Item 10.1 – Notice of Motion respecting the Safety of Children in the Care of the Child Welfare System

*(Morelli/Jackson)*

That the May 20, 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)**

*(McCarthy/Pasuta)*

That the Minutes of the April 22, 2009 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

(d) **DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)**

- (i) Paul Johnson, on behalf of the Hamilton Best Start Network, respecting the Termination of Provincial Best Start Funding as of March 2010 (to appear June 3, 2009) (Item 4.1)

- (ii) Susan Honeyman, on behalf of Early Words 1ers mots, respecting the Termination of Provincial Best Start Funding as of March 2010 (to appear June 3, 2009) (Item 4.2)
(iii) Janis Webster, on behalf of the Umbrella Family and Child Centres of Hamilton, respecting the Termination of Provincial Best Start Funding as of March 2010 (to appear June 3, 2009) (Item 4.3)

(iv) Mark Chamberlain, on behalf of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting the Termination of Provincial Best Start Funding as of March 2010 (to appear June 3, 2009) (Item 4.4)

(v) Wanda St. Francois and Ruth Doherty, on behalf of the Affiliated Services for Children and Youth, respecting the Termination of Provincial Best Start Funding as of March 2010 (to appear June 3, 2009) (Item 4.5)

(vi) Judith Bishop, on behalf of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, respecting the Termination of Provincial Best Start Funding as of March 2010 (to appear June 3, 2009) (Item 4.6)

(vii) Merle Parker, on behalf of the Stoney Creek Parents and Caregivers, respecting the Termination of Provincial Best Start Funding as of March 2010 (to appear June 3, 2009) (Item 4.7)

(viii) Domenic Russumanno, on behalf of Kindertown Child Care Centre, respecting the Termination of Provincial Best Start Funding as of March 2010 (to appear June 3, 2009) (Item 4.8)

(ix) Michael MacPherson, on behalf of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic Child Care Centres, respecting the Termination of Provincial Best Start Funding as of March 2010 (to appear June 3, 2009) (Item 4.9)

(x) Marni Flaherty, on behalf of Today’s Family – Early Learning and Child Care, respecting the Termination of Provincial Best Start Funding as of March 2010 (to appear June 3, 2009) (Item 4.10)

(xi) Patricia Amos, on behalf of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board, respecting the Termination of Provincial Best Start Funding as of March 2010 (to appear June 3, 2009) (Item 4.11)

(xii) Dr. Jean Clinton, on behalf of McMaster University, Offord Centre for Child Studies, respecting the Termination of Provincial Best Start Funding as of March 2010 (to appear June 3, 2009) (Item 4.12)

(xiii) Nicole Olyschlager, respecting the Termination of Provincial Best Start Funding as of March 2010 (to appear June 3, 2009) (Item 4.13)

(xiv) Tanya Brown, respecting the Termination of Provincial Best Start Funding as of March 2010 (to appear June 3, 2009) (Item 4.14)
(xv) Darrel Skidmore, on behalf of the United Way of Burlington and Greater Hamilton, respecting the Termination of Provincial Best Start Funding as of March 2010 (to appear June 3, 2009) (Item 4.15)

(xvi) Jack Maga, on behalf of Wesley Urban Ministries, respecting the Termination of Provincial Best Start Funding as of March 2010 (to appear June 3, 2009) (Item 4.16)

(xvii) Jim Commerford, on behalf of the YWCA of Hamilton, Burlington & Brantford, respecting the Termination of Provincial Best Start Funding as of March 2010 (to appear June 3, 2009) (Item 4.17)

(xviii) Delegation Request by Karyn Callaghan, on behalf of Mohawk College, respecting the Termination of Provincial Best Start Funding as of March 2010 (to appear June 3, 2009) (Item 4.18)

(Morelli/McCarthy)

(a) That the Committee Clerk be directed to contact all parties who have requested delegation status at the June 3, 2009 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee, respecting the Termination of Provincial Best Start Funding as of March 2010, to request that each person or group consider providing a written submission, rather than a verbal presentation, in order that the submissions may be sent forward to the Province with the approved Council resolution.

(b) That those parties who still wish to speak will be permitted to do so. However, are to be advised that the 5 minute speaking regulation, pursuant to the City of Hamilton Procedural By-law 05-301, will be imposed.

(c) That the local MPP’s be invited to attend the June 3, 2009 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee with respect to the Termination of Provincial Best Start Funding as of March 2010.

CARRIED

(e) Minutes of Various Advisory Committees

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

(i) Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, dated March 6, 2009 (Item 5.2)

(ii) Hamilton Historical Board Meeting Minutes, dated March 10, 2009 (Item 5.3)
(iii) Emergency Medical Services Resource and Deployment Advisory Task Force Meeting Minutes, dated March 10, 2009 (Item 5.4)

(iv) Tenant Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, dated March 13, 2009 (Item 5.5)

(v) Arts Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes, dated March 24, 2009 (Item 5.6)

CARRIED

(f) Item 4.3: Theatre Waterdown and Memorial Hall, Arts Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes, dated March 24, 2009 (Item 5.6)

Committee directed the Director of Culture to speak with staff, in the Real Estate Division, respecting the status of Theatre Waterdown and Memorial Hall, regarding sale of the property and whether or not the Carnegie Hall model (in Dundas) could be utilized for this site and report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

(g) DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

6.1 Julianne Burgess and Jonathan Restrepo from LINC for Youth Video Project – a Mohawk College ESL program for newcomer youth aged 18 to 25, to raise awareness of issues that affect the lives of newcomer youth in Hamilton

Julianne Burgess, ESL Teacher at Mohawk College, introduced the students from the current ESL program and thanked the E&CS Committee for taking the time to hear from the students ~ and for providing them with a clear example of democracy. The students are from war torn countries such as Rwanda, Sudan, Somalia, Thailand, Colombia and Sudan; countries where voicing their concerns is not an option; noting that it could very well be a death sentence.

The LINC for Youth Video project at Mohawk College is a unique English as a Second Language program for immigrant and refugee youth, which is funded by the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration.

The program is for students 18-25; most of whom have finished high school in their own countries, whose English skills are not yet strong enough for post-secondary programs.

The students were asked to create a video, which illustrated an issue that affects their lives. The interaction between the students, while preparing
this video was a strong aid in strengthening their use of the English language.

After Committee was shown the video – “Lost on a Dead End Street: Newcomer Youth at Work”, Jonathan Restrepo, as student from Colombia currently in the ESL program, elaborated upon the video and the need for immigrant/refugee youth to be able to continue their education and obtain better employment.

The Committee provided the following suggestions were provided to both the teacher and students:

- To investigate available mentorship programs in the area.
- To provide the video presentation to other advisory committees within the City of Hamilton, such as the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee.
- To have union representatives meet with the students respecting the Right to Know legislation and Ontario labour laws; especially for those who may be taken advantage of in their places of employment.
- Speak to the Jobs Prosperity Collaborative.

(McHattie/Merulla)

(a) That the video presentation – “Lost on a Dead End Street: Newcomer Youth at Work”, provided by Julianne Burgess, ESL Teacher and students from the Mohawk College LINC for Youth Video Project, be received and referred to the General Manager of the Community Services Department for review with the Local Immigrant Partnership Council.

(b) That the upcoming report respecting the Immigration Strategy, include the following:

(i) The feasibility of establishing a formal and local assessment agency to review the foreign credentials of immigrants, and to provide options to assist them in being able to utilize those credentials in Ontario, in order to better provide for their families.

(ii) Methods to improve the transition, for immigrant youth, from school in their homeland to a post secondary education and well-paying employment in Hamilton.
(iii) That the Federal and Provincial governments be lobbied to provide interest-free grants and longer term loans to immigrant youth for school tuition, books and food, as well as interest-free, longer term loans for refugee airfare.

CARRIED

(h) Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Report 09-001 (Item 8.2)

Councillor R. Powers, Chair of the Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund, provided a brief overview of Report 09-001.

(i) Improved Safety of Children in the Care of the Child Welfare System (10.1)

(McCarthy/Morelli)

That the Rules of Order be waived in order to introduce a motion respecting the Improved Safety of Children in the Care of the Child Welfare System.

CARRIED

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

11.1 Outstanding Business List Items requiring Approval for Proposed New Due Dates:

(a) Item “E” – Farmers’ Market – Implications of Operating the Market by an Independent Operator
   Current Due Date: May 6, 2009
   Proposed New Due Date: December 2, 2009

(b) Item “G” – Adequacy of Ontario Works Social Assistance Rates and the Economic Impact of Ontario Child Benefit Monies
   Current Due Date: May 20, 2009
   Proposed New Due Date: June 17, 2009

(c) Item “AA” – Hamilton & District Injured Workers Group – Social Services Matters
   Current Due Date: May 20, 2009
   Proposed New Due Date: September 23, 2009

(d) Item “BB” – Snow Angel Program Evaluation
   Current Due Date: June 3, 2009
   Proposed New Due Date: June 17, 2009
(e) Item “P” - Call for Action – Recreation, Parks and Sport Infrastructure Funding
Current Due Date: May 209, 2009
Proposed New Due Date: June 17, 2009

(k) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(McCarthy/Morelli)
There being no further business, that the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Duvall, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
May 20, 2009