EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES 08-008
1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 21, 2008
Hamilton Convention Centre
1 Summers Lane
Room 207, 2nd Floor
Hamilton, Ontario

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillors B. McHattie – Other City Business
Councillor B. Morelli – Other City Business

Also Present: J. Kay, General Manager/Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services
J. Brown, Acting General Manager, Community Services
C. Murray, Director, Housing
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Results of Pilot Project in Ainslie Wood and Westdale Neighbourhoods (HES08010) (Ward 1) (Item 5.1)

   (McCarthy/Duvall)
   That Report HES08010 – Pilot Project in Ainslie Wood and Westdale Neighbourhood, be received.

   CARRIED
2. **City of Hamilton Ontario Works 2007 Caseload Statistics (ECS08024) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)**

(McCarthy/Duvall)
That Report ECS08024 – City of Hamilton Ontario Works 2007 Caseload Statistics, be received.

CARRIED

3. **Ontario Works Temporary Care Allowance (ECS08023) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)**

(McCarthy/Duvall)
That Report ECS08023 – Ontario Works Temporary Care Allowance, be received.

CARRIED

4. **Tenant Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, dated March 14, 2008 (Item 5.4)**

(McCarthy/Duvall)
That the Tenant Advisory Committee meeting Minutes, dated March 14, 2008, be received.

CARRIED

5. **Emergency Shelter Funding Pressure (ECS08026) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

(McCarthy/Merulla)
(a) That the General Manager of Community Services be authorized and directed to use funding from the Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program for the provision of personal support services at the Good Shepherd Centres for Notre Dame House, Somerville House and Mary’s Place, conditional on confirmation of the 2008/9 Homelessness Service Contract,

(b) That the General Manager of Community Services be authorized and directed to enter into a Domiciliary Hostel Subsidy Agreement for Somerville House for ten (10) beds effective September 1, 2008 in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor,

(c) That staff be directed to report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee respecting the funding level of the 2008/9 Homelessness Service Contract, once it has been negotiated with the Ministry of Community and Social Services, in order to identify potential pressures that may result from continuing the funding of Good Shepherd Centres personal support services, and
(d) That Council authorize the Mayor of Hamilton to write a letter to the
Minister of Community and Social Services requesting an extension of the
existing Hostels to Homes Pilot (H2HP) program to allow for continued
support of the 80 participants currently housed and an expansion of the
Pilot to allow an equal number if not more individuals to be housed and
supported.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk noted the following change to the agenda:

(i) Item 9.1 – Hamilton Status of Women Sub-committee – Member
Resignations, has been removed from the May 21, 2008 agenda of the
Emergency & Community Services Committee, and placed on the May 21,
2008 Audit & Administration Committee agenda.

(ii) The new due date for Item 11(b) has been changed to June 4, 2008.

(McCarthy/Duvall)
That the May 21, 2008, 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)

3.1 May 7, 2008

(Merulla/Pasuta)
That the Minutes of the May 7, 2008 meeting of the Emergency &
Community Services Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) Hamilton Status of Women Sub-committee – Member Resignations (Item
9.1)

Item 9.1 – Hamilton Status of Women Sub-committee member resignations, was
removed from the May 21, 2008 Emergency & Community Services Committee
agenda and placed on the May 21, 2008 Audit & Administration Committee, as this sub-committee reports to the Audit & Administration Committee.

(e) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Items 11.1 and 11.2)

(Merulla/Pasuta)

(a) That the proposed new due dates for Items “A”, “F”, “CC”, “DD”, “EE” and “FF” of the Emergency & Community Services Committee Outstanding Business List, be approved as follows:

(i) Item “A” – Fee Waiver Policy
   Current Due Date: June 18, 2008
   New Due Date: September 17, 2008

(ii) Item “F” – Roomers and Boarders
    Current Due Date: May 21, 2008
    New Due Date: June 4, 2008

(iii) Item “CC” – Squash Courts at Chedoke Golf Club
     Current Due Date: May 21, 2008
     New Due Date: September 17, 2008

(iv) Item “DD” – Hamilton East Kiwanis Non-Profit Homes – Termination of Section 95 Operating Agreement
    Current Due Date: May 21, 2008
    New Due Date: June 18, 2008

(v) Item “EE” – Ancaster Little League – Hosting for 2010 Canadian Little League Championships
    Current Due Date: May 21, 2008
    New Due Date: August 6, 2008 – Committee of the Whole

(vi) Item “FF” – Feasibility of Providing Full or Partial Transit to Hamilton Residents
    Current Due Date: May 21, 2008
    New Due Date: July 9, 2008 – Committee of the Whole

CARRIED

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

(i) Item “B” – Use, Renovation & Replacement Study – Phase 1A Report (addressed at the April 16, 2008 meeting).
(ii) That Item “W” – Provinces contribution to Hamilton’s Long-term Care Facilities (addressed through Item 7 above).

CARRIED

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(McCarthy/Duvall)

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor T. Jackson, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
May 21, 2008