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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor B. Morelli – Sick Leave
Councilor R. Pasuta – Premier’s Awards Summit in Guelph

Also Present: J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services Department
J. Kay, General Manager/Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services
B. Browett, Director, Emergency Medical Services/Deputy Chief
A. Bradford, Director, Culture
J. Graham, Project Manager, Emergency Response Plan
S. Yung, Manager, Environmental Health
S. Walsh, Health Promoter, Environmental Health
D. LaPointe-Kay, Director, Recreation
G. Makins, Manager, Recreation, Lower Central Hamilton
G. Brailsford, Senior Solicitor
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Minutes, dated September 6, 2007 (Item 5.1)

(McCarthy/McHattie)
That the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Minutes, dated September 6, 2007, be received.

CARRIED
2. **Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Minutes, dated November 9, 2007 (Item 5.2)**

   (McCarthy/McHattie)
   That the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Minutes, dated November 9, 2007, be received.

   CARRIED

3. **Hamilton Historical Board Minutes, dated November 13, 2007 (Item 5.3)**

   (McCarthy/McHattie)
   That the Hamilton Historical Board Minutes, dated November 13, 2007, be received.

   CARRIED

4. **Temporary Closure of Children’s Museum for Exhibit Change (ECS08008) (Ward 3) (Item 5.4)**

   (McCarthy/McHattie)
   That Information Report ECS08008 – Temporary Closure of Children’s Museum for Exhibit Change, be received.

   CARRIED

5. **Cross Border Billing for Land Ambulance Fees (HES08003) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

   (McCarthy/Merulla)
   (a) That the Regional and Single Tier Treasurers’ recommended table for generic ambulance fees (attached as Appendix “A” to Report HES08003) be endorsed.

   (b) That staff be directed to utilize the Regional and Single Tier Treasurers’ recommended table for generic ambulance fees (attached as Appendix A to Report HES08003), as the reference source when calculating costs to resolve the land ambulance cross border billing files for the period of January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2008.

   (c) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute Mutual Release Agreements for Payment of Funds (attached as Appendix “B” to Report HES08003), as required.

   (d) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Mutual Release Agreements for Receipt of Funds (attached as Appendix “C” to Report HES08003), as required.

   CARRIED
6. Hamilton Historical Board Report 07-007 – Bishop Ryan High School Plaque (Item 8.2)

(Merulla/Duvall)
That the wording for the Bishop Ryan High School plaque, hereto attached and marked as Appendix A to Report No. 07-007(HHB), be approved.

CARRIED

7. Hamilton Historical Board Report 07-008 – Approval for Designated Property Plaques Text (Item 8.3)

(McCarthy/McHattie)
That the wording for designated property plaques, hereto attached and marked as Appendix A to Report No. 07-008(HHB) (Wards 1, 2, 13 and 15), be approved.

CARRIED

8. Hamilton Jr. Bengals' Lacrosse Relocation Costs (ECS08001) (City Wide) (Item 12.1)

(McCarthy/Merulla)
(a) That the City of Hamilton further credit the account of the Hamilton Jr. Bengals’ Lacrosse Association in the amount of $1,865.00 ($2,470.95 already paid by the City) in compensation.

(b) That Report ECS08001 – Hamilton Jr. Bengals’ Lacrosse Relocation Costs remain Private and Confidential, pursuant to Section 8.1, subsection (e) of the City’s Procedural By-law and Section 239 of the Ontario Municipal Act, as the subject matter pertains to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

AMENDMENT CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk noted the following changes to the agenda:

(i) Additional Information to Item 6.2 – a letter of congratulations to the Teachers from Dr. Michelle Welsford, Hamilton Medical Director respecting the ACT High School CPR Program.

(ii) Added as Item 4.2 – a Delegation Request, made by John Grant and Jeff Wingard, on behalf of the Threshold School of Building, to speak before
the Emergency & Community Services Committee at its meeting of February 20, 2008

(Merulla/McCarthy)
That the January 16, 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 December 5, 2007

(McCarthy/Duvall)
That the Minutes of the December 5, 2007 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee be approved, as presented.
CARRIED

(d) Francesca Simone and Bill Armstrong, on behalf of Macassa and Wentworth Lodges respecting Family Councils for Long-term Care Facilities and other matters pertaining to Long-term Care (Item 4.1)

(McCarthy/Merulla)
That the delegation request, made by Francesca Simone and Bill Armstrong, on behalf of Macassa and Wentworth Lodges respecting Family Councils for Long-term Care Facilities and other matters pertaining to Long-term Care, be approved.
CARRIED

(e) Delegation Request, made by John Grant and Jeff Wingard, on behalf of the Threshold School of Building, to speak before the Emergency & Community Services Committee at its meeting of February 20, 2008 (Item 4.2)

(McHattie/Merulla)
That the delegation request, made by John Grant and Jeff Wingard, on behalf of the Threshold School of Building, to speak before the Emergency & Community Services Committee at its meeting of February 20, 2008, be approved.
CARRIED
(f) Delegation Lynn Aquin, on behalf of the Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits respecting Heat Response Matters (Item 6.1)

Ms. Lynn Aquin addressed Committee, on behalf of the Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits, outlining their concerns and recommendations.

It was suggested that the humidex level for heat advisory notification should be 37 humidex degrees celsius rather than the current 40 humidex degrees celsius. Other recommendations brought forward on behalf of the Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits, were as follows:

1. Very early in the spring begin to remind the public about the symptoms of heat disorders and the Heat Response Plan for the City. Ensure that the Heat Response Plan has built in features that will allow it to be implemented even when the humidex is lower than specified if needed.

2. Encourage people to become proactive about their safety in heat, which might not trigger an alert, but which can be dangerous to those at high-risk.

   Buses and bus shelters, newspapers, TV and radio can show that the key message for preventing heat-related illness and death is to *keep cool*. High-risk individuals should be contacted twice daily by family, friends or volunteer agencies.

3. Temperatures inside buildings are often much higher than the published humidex. A thermal hygrometer is a simple way to measure the temperature and relative humidity in an apartment or workplace. These should be widely available and encouraged. Landlords should be discouraged from charging extra for tenants’ use of air conditioners, and those on OW or ODSP should be given funds to buy air conditioners and fans.

Staff (Environmental Health) was directed to research the humidex advisory trigger (37 versus 40 humidex degrees) with respect to Health Canada’s policy for Canada, more specifically Southern Ontario, and provide a report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

Staff (Community Services) was directed to determine if there is an existing policy in place to assist citizens in need with respect to utility arrears during the summer months; as is done with heat during the winter months, and to provide a report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

(McCarthy/Merulla)

(a) That the presentation made by Lynn Aquin, on behalf of the Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits respecting Heat Response Matters, be received.
(b) That the correspondence from Lynn Aquin, on behalf of the Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits, respecting Heat Response Matters, be referred to the Community Heat Response Plan Committee and report be brought forward, in cooperation with Public Health Services, the Emergency and Community Services Committee.

CARRIED

(g) Dr. Michelle Welsford, Medical Director, Hamilton Health Sciences Base Hospital Program, respecting the ACT High School CPR Program – Hamilton (Item 6.2)

Dr. Welsford, Medical Director, Hamilton Health Sciences Base Hospital Program, provided an overview of the ACT High School CPR Program, which will provide Program training to 75 teachers within the various Hamilton schools. In turn, those teachers will pass on that training to over 4,000 Grade 9 students on an annual basis. This training would include the risk factors of cardiovascular disease, how to recognize a developing emergency, to react immediately and how to resuscitate a victim of cardiac arrest using CPR.

Mr. Kelly McGiffin, President and CEO of FirstOntario Credit Union, the lead community partner who provided the necessary support, which enabled the Program to expand to all Hamilton high schools, spoke in support of the ACT High School CPR Program.

(McCarthy/Merulla)
That the presentation made by Dr. Michelle Welsford, Medical Director, Hamilton Health Sciences Base Hospital Program and Mr. Kelly McGiffin, President & CEO of FirstOntario Credit Union, respecting the ACT High School CPR Program – Hamilton, be received.

CARRIED

(h) Emergency Funding for the Threshold School of Building (Referred by Council at its meeting of December 12, 2007) (Item 9.1)

(McHattie/McCarthy)
That Item 9.1 - Emergency Funding for the Threshold School of Building, be tabled to the February 20, 2008 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

CARRIED

(i) Hamilton Jr. Bengals' Lacrosse Relocation Costs (ECS08001) (City Wide) (Item 12.1)

(McCarthy/Merulla)
That Committee move into Closed Session at 3:00 p.m., as discussion of Report ECS08001 – Hamilton Jr. Bengals' Lacrosse Relocation Costs, is subject to Section 8.1, Sub-section (e) of the City’s Procedural By-law 03-301, and Section 239 of the Ontario Municipal Act, as the subject matter pertains to litigation or
potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

CARRIED

(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(McHattie/Duvall)
There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor T. Jackson, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
January 16, 2008