EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES 09-005
1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 25, 2009
Hamilton Convention Centre
1 Summers Lane
Room 207
Hamilton, Ontario

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor B. McHattie – Personal

Also Present: J. Kay, General Manager/Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services
V. Woodcox, Acting General Manager, Community Services
K. Extance, Director, Housing
J. Soldera, Director, Social Development & Early Childhood Services
B. Browett, Director/Deputy, Emergency Medical Services
C. Biggs, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. State of Care for Seniors (CS09026) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

   (Pasuta/Jackson)
   (a) That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Health and Long Term Care to request additional funding for the Aging at Home Initiatives to assist seniors to live independently in their own home.

   (b) That copies of the letter be forwarded to all local MPPs, the Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors, the Association
of Municipalities of Ontario and the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network.

(c) That Item "H" - State of Care for Seniors, be considered complete and removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List.  

CARRIED

2. Child Care Fee Subsidy Program Caseload Management (ECS08050(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

(Morelli/Merulla)
That Report ECS08050(a) – Child Care Fee Subsidy Program Caseload Management, be received.  

CARRIED

3. Plan on How to Redevelop the Oriole Crescent Housing Complex (CS09027) (Ward 4) (Item 5.3)

(Morelli/Merulla)
That Report CS09027 – Plan on How to Redevelop the Oriole Crescent Housing Complex, be received.  

CARRIED

4. Third Party Review Report on Additional Costs to EMS Resulting from Hamilton Health Sciences Access to Best Care Plan (HES09002) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Jackson/Pasuta)
(a) That the Third Party Report, prepared by Integral Performance Solutions, respecting additional costs to Emergency Medical Services resulting from the Hamilton Health Sciences Access to Best Care Plan (attached as Appendix A to Report HES09002), be received.

(b) That staff be directed to forward the Third Party Report, prepared by Integral Performance Solutions, to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care when requesting adjustments to provincial land ambulance grants in order to offset increased costs of new ambulance resources necessary to maintain performance.

(c) That Item "GG" – Third Party Review – Additional costs to EMS Resulting from Hamilton Health Sciences Access to Best Care Plan, be considered complete and removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List.  

CARRIED

5. Financial Exposure to the Potential Increase in Demand for Affordable Housing Due to the Recession (ECS08046(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)
(Jackson/Pasuta)
(a) That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Human Resources and Social Development and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to request that an increase in Federal and Provincial funding be provided for housing allowances and/or rent supplement programs to assist the thousands of existing renter households in Hamilton that are paying in excess of 30% of their income on rent.

(b) That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting additional funding for the Rent Bank program in Hamilton.

(c) That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Community and Social Services requesting an extension to the Hostels to Homes Pilot project in Hamilton.

CARRIED

6. Referral from Council – Correspondence from the City of Greater Sudbury respecting the Regulation and Provision of Resources to Monitor Retirement Homes (Item 8.2)

(McCarthy/Jackson))
That the correspondence from the City of Greater Sudbury, respecting the Regulation and Provision of Resources to Monitor Retirement Homes, be referred to the Medical Officer of Health for review and response to be included in the pending report to the Board of Health respecting a revised Residential Care By-law.

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) Item 4.2 should read as “Peter” Hasek.

(ii) Added as Item 4.3 – A delegation request from Sally Palmer and Rosemarie Chapman, on behalf of the Social Action Committee to the Ontario Association of Social Workers, respecting the issue of extending the Pilot Transit Pass Program to Working People on Social Assistance

(Pasuta/Jackson))
That the March 25, 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)

3.1 March 4, 2009

(Morelli/Pasuta)

That the Minutes of the March 4, 2009 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee be approved, as presented.  

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

4.1 Louise MacRae, on behalf of the Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion Event Planning Team, respecting the June 14, 2009 Event at Mohawk College

(Jackson/McCarthy)

That the delegation request, made by Louise MacRae, on behalf of the Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion Event Planning Team, respecting the June 14, 2009 Event at Mohawk College, be approved.  

CARRIED

4.2 Peter Hasek respecting the ROOFS Strategic Plan Update

(Jackson/Merulla)

That the delegation request, made by Peter Hasek respecting the ROOFS Strategic Plan Update, be referred to the CityHousing Hamilton Board of Directors.  

CARRIED

4.3 Sally Palmer and Rosemarie Chapman, on behalf of the Social Action Committee to the Ontario Association of Social Workers, respecting the issue of extending the Pilot Transit Pass Program to Working People on Social Assistance

(McCarthy/Jackson)

That the delegation request, made by Sally Palmer and Rosemarie Chapman, on behalf of the Social Action Committee to the Ontario Association of Social Workers, respecting the issue of extending the Pilot Transit Pass Program to Working People on Social Assistance, be approved.  

CARRIED

(e) Volunteer/Sub-Committee Minutes (Item 5.3)
(Morelli/Merulla)
That the following Volunteer/Sub-committee meeting Minutes be received:

(a) Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, dated January 20, 2009 (Item 5.4)

(b) Arts Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes, dated January 27, 2009 (Item 5.5)

(c) Hamilton Historical Board Meeting Minutes, dated January 13, 2009 (Item 5.6)

(d) Hamilton Historical Board Meeting Minutes, dated February 10, 2009 (Item 5.7)

(e) Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, dates February 13, 2009 (Item 5.8)

CARRIED

(f) Third Party Review Report on Additional Costs to EMS Resulting from Hamilton Health Sciences Access to Best Care Plan (HES09002) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Chief Kay provided a summary of Report HES09002. Brent Browett introduced Mic Gunderson, President of IPS Consulting.

Mr. Gunderson gave a power point presentation which provided an overview of IPS’ report entitled Impact of Proposed Hamilton Health Sciences Restructuring on Hamilton Emergency Medical Services (attached as Appendix A to Report HES08002).

A copy of the presentation has been retained in the Office of the City Clerk for the public record.

Councillor Jackson requested that staff report back to the Committee should the Province not provide 100% funding for any new paramedic resources required to offset EMS pressures if they arise due to the Hamilton Health Sciences ABC plan and that result in a negative impact to the residents in the community. Chief Kay advised that EMS representatives have been invited to participate on a number of committees set up by the hospitals. LIHN’s are contributing $2 million to the hospitals to alleviate wait times. It is also hoped that some of the new initiatives will alleviate some of the pressures.

(g) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)
That the following items be considered complete and removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List:

(i) Item “H” – State of Care for Seniors
   (This Item was addressed as Item 1 of these Minutes.)

(ii) Item “DD” - Child Care Fee Subsidy Program Caseload Management
     (This Item was addressed as Item 2 of these Minutes.)

(iii) Item “I” - Plan on How to Redevelop the Oriole Crescent Housing Complex
     (This item was addressed as Item 3 of these Minutes.)

CARRIED

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

   (McCarthy/Morelli)

There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Duvall, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Assistant
March 25, 2009