Present: Councillors S. Merulla (Chair), T. Jackson (Vice Chair), S. Duvall, M. McCarthy, B. McHattie and B. Morelli

Absent with Regrets: Councillor R. Pasuta – Personal Business

Also Present: Councillors C. Collins, B. Bratina and T. Whitehead

G. Peace, City Manager
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services Department
J. Kay, General Manager/Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services
C. Murray, Director, Housing
B. Purdon, Program Manager – Residential Care Facilities and Hostels
B. Smith, Project Manager – Hostels to Homes Project (H2HP)
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, Clerk’s Office

THE EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 07-011 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Hostels to Homes Pilot (ECS07064) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

That Report ECS07064 – Hostels to Homes Pilot Project be received.

2. Artificial Outdoor Ice Rinks (ECS07049) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(a) That Report ECS07049 – Artificial Outdoor Rinks, be received.

(b) That staff be directed to bring forward a report, outlining the costs associated with the analysis of the City’s outdoor recreational facilities, to the 2008 budget process for consideration.

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(c) That Item respecting Artificial Outdoor Ice Rinks be identified as completed and removed from the Emergency and Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List.

3. **Home Depot Sponsored "KaBOOM" Play Structure (ECS07072) (Ward 5) (Item 8.2)**

(a) That the General Manager of Community Services be directed to enter into a License Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to install play structure equipment, which is to be provided by the KaBOOM Community Partners on the school board site located at 157 Lake Avenue North in Hamilton known as Lake Avenue School.

(b) That the General Manager of Community Services be directed to enter into the Letter of Agreement, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, between the City of Hamilton and the KaBOOM Playground Community Partners in order to receive the community playground equipment sponsored by KaBOOM and Home Depot.

(c) That staff be directed to undertake the necessary site preparation at an estimated cost of $10,000 to be financed through the 2005 capital account #4400442100, Playground Upgrades.

(d) That Public Works, Operations and Maintenance Division bring forward the required **$3,700** annual cost to maintain the play structure as an enhancement for deliberation during the 2008 Budget process or if the enhancement is not approved, the Operations and Maintenance Division must find the monies within their current Operating Budget.

4. **Council Appointments to the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (Item 9.1)**

That Councillors S. Merulla and T. Jackson be appointed to the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee for the remainder of the 2006 – 2010 term of Council or until such time as a successor is appointed by Council.
FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk noted the following change to the agenda:

(i) Added as Item 8.2 - Home Depot Sponsored "KaBOOM" Play Structure (ECS07072) (Ward 5)

The agenda for the September 19, 2007 agenda of the Emergency & Community Services Committee was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were none declared.

(c) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

The Minutes of the September 5, 2007 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee were approved, as presented.

(d) Paul Johnson, Wesley Urban Ministries respecting Item 7.1 - Hostels to Homes Pilot (ECS07064) (City Wide) (Item 4.1)

The request, made by Paul Johnson of Wesley Urban Ministries, to speak before the Emergency & Community Services Committee, on September 19, 2007, respecting Item 7.1 - Hostels to Homes Pilot (ECS07064), was approved.

(e) Letter Requesting Badminton Courts for the Stoney Creek Area (ESC07066) (Ward 10) (Item 5.1)

Report ECS07066 – Letter Requesting Badminton Courts for the Stoney Creek Area, was received.

(f) City of Hamilton Child Care Wage and Fee Subsidy Review (ECS07063) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

Report ECS07063 - City of Hamilton Child Care Wage and Fee Subsidy Review, was received.
(g) **Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee Minutes, dated March 15, 2007 (Item 5.3)**

The Minutes of the March 15, 2007, meeting of the Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee, were received.

(h) **Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee Minutes, dated May 17, 2007 (Item 5.4)**

The Minutes of the May 17, 2007, meeting of the Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee, were received.

(i) **Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee Minutes, dated April 19, 2007 (Item 5.5)**

The Minutes of the April 19, 2007, meeting of the Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee, were received.

(j) **Walter Peace, on behalf of the Hamilton Historical Board (HHB) – Update to Committee respecting the HHB’s Achievements To-date (Item 6.1)**

Walter Peace, Chair of the Hamilton Historical Board, provided Committee with an update with respect to the Board’s achievements to-date. A hard copy of the Powerpoint presentation was provided to Committee.

The Hamilton Historical Board respectfully requested that a member of Council volunteer to sit as a member of the Board.

The presentation provided by Walter Peace, Chair of the Hamilton Historical Board, with respect to the Board’s achievements to-date, was received.

(k) **Commemorative and Designation Plaques**

Staff was directed to report back, to the Emergency & Community Services Committee, prior to the 2008 budget deliberations, respecting the current annual budget allocation for commemorative and designation plaques, the list of requested plaques to-date and an enhancement recommendation to increase the number of plaques issued annually.
(l) Andre Gaudet respecting Junior Lacrosse (Item 6.2)

Mr. Gaudet expressed his discontent with having the Hamilton Junior Bengals’ Lacrosse Club moved from the Mountain Arena to the Morgan Firestone Arena. Mr. Gaudet claimed that the relocation of the Bengals has cost the Club $11,121.01, and he feels that the City of Hamilton should reimburse him for his loss (an itemized list of revenues and expenditures for the Bengals was provided to Committee).

The presentation provided by Andre Gaudet respecting the relocation of the Hamilton Junior Bengals Lacrosse Club from Mountain Arena to the Morgan Firestone Arena, was received.

Staff was directed to report back, to the Emergency & Community Services Committee, with respect to the notification process regarding the relocation of the Hamilton Junior Bengals’ Lacrosse Club and to comment on the claim that the relocation has cost the Bengals $11,121.01.

(m) Paul Johnson, Wesley Urban Ministries respecting Item 7.1 - Hostels to Homes Pilot (ECS07064) (City Wide) (Item 6.3)

Paul Johnson, Wesley Urban Ministries, spoke in strong support of the Hostels to Homes Pilot and commended the City for managing this program in such an effective.

The presentation provided by Paul Johnson, Wesley Urban Ministries, respecting Item 7.1 - Hostels to Homes Pilot (ECS07064), was received.

(n) Outstanding Business Items that Require New Due Dates (Item 11.1)

The new due dates for the following Outstanding Business List items, were approved:

(a) Roomers & Boarders
Due Date: September 19, 2007
Proposed New Due Date: November 28, 2007

(b) Needs Study for a New Seniors Facility in the Lower End of the City
Due Date: September 19, 2007
Proposed New Due Date: June 18, 2008
(o) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
September 19, 2007