EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES 09-012
1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 7, 2009
Hamilton Convention Centre
1 Summers Lane
Room 207
Hamilton, Ontario

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor R. Pasuta (1st Vice Chair) – Personal Matters

Also Present: Councillor L. Ferguson
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
J. Kay, General Manager/Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services
B. Browett, Director, Emergency Medical Services / Deputy
Dr. Shuster, Municipal Medical Advisor
A. Bradford, Director, Culture
J. Soldera, Director, Social Development & Early Childhood Services
K. Lubrick, Special Supports Program Manager
D. Brodati, Policy & Program Specialist, Housing Division
A. Cranbury, Chair, Tenant Advisory Committee
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Code Zero Report from January to July 2009 (HES08006(f)) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

   (Jackson/McCarthy)
   That Report HES08006(f) - Code Zero Report from January to July 2009, be received.

   CARRIED

   *(Jackson/Merulla)*


   **CARRIED**

3. **Update on the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration (ECS07069(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)**

   *(Morelli/McCarty)*

   That the Strategic Framework for the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration, prepared by Erin Mitchell, Partner, Mitchell Westlake, attached as Appendix A to Report ECS07069(a), be received.

   **CARRIED**

4. **Business Process Review for Child Care Services (CS09065) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)**

   *(Morelli/McCarthy)*

   That Report CS09065, respecting the Business Process Review for Child Care Services be received.

   **CARRIED**

5. **Renewal of Provincial Rent Bank Program (CS09063) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

   *(Morelli/McHattie)*

   (a) That the delivery of the new Provincial Rent Bank Program be administered through a community agency, to be selected through the Request for Proposals process, be endorsed.

   (b) That the Provincial Rent Bank Program be delivered as a grant to eligible applicants, effective January 1, 2010.

   (c) That the Local Rules, attached as Appendix A to Report CS09063, at the request of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, be endorsed.

   (d) That a Provincial Rent Bank Program Reserve be established and that all Provincial contributions, including the $226,648 (Provincial Fiscal Year 2009-10), be transferred to this Reserve and that these funds be transferred to the operating fund, as needed, to offset the costs of the Rent Bank Program.

   **CARRIED**

(Merulla/Jackson)
That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Licence Agreement, between the City of Hamilton and the Ancaster Minor Sports Association, as per the Key Terms and Conditions (attached as Appendix A Report CS09064) for the Association’s use of the property known as the Richard Hammill House, located at 314 Wilson Street East, Ancaster, as a one-stop location for local residents to register their children in various Ancaster minor sports, upon final completion of the building renovations, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence from the Township of Madawaska Valley respecting and Increase in Funding for Additional Personal Support Workers (Referred by Council at its Meeting of September 16, 2009) (Item 8.3)

(Merulla/Morelli)
That the correspondence from the Township of Madawaska Valley, respecting and Increase in Funding for Additional Personal Support Workers, be endorsed.

CARRIED

8. Correspondence from the Corporation of the City of Kingston respecting the Housing Network of Ontario Declaration (Referred by Council at its Meeting of September 16, 2009) (Item 8.4)

(McHattie/Morelli)
That the correspondence from the Corporation of the City of Kingston, respecting the Housing Network of Ontario Declaration, be endorsed.

CARRIED

9. Hamilton Snow Angels Program (ECS08054(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.5)

(Merulla/Morelli)
(a) That the Hamilton Snow Angels Program Evaluation, attached as Appendix A to Report ECS08054(a), be received.

(b) That staff be directed to:

(i) Investigate the best method of providing this service of sidewalk snow removal to those who require assistance;

(ii) Investigate the various means of partnering with other groups in the recruitment of volunteers;

(iii) Contact the Property Elves respecting their volunteer recruitment process; and,
report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

AMENDMENT CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

10. Tenant Advisory Committee Member Resignation (Item 9.1)

(McHattie/Merulla)
That the resignation, submitted by Laura Harper-Stubbs, from the Tenant Advisory Committee be received.

CARRIED

11. Citizen Appointments to the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (Item 9.2)

(McHattie/Merulla)
That the following four (4) applicants be appointed to the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee for the balance of the 2006 to 2010 Term of Council or until such times as successors are appointed by Council:

(i) Fatime Sadeq
(ii) Ari Fejzaj
(iii) Michelle Leach
(iv) Tahiya Bakht

CARRIED

12. Discussions with Hamilton Health Sciences regarding Repercussions of the McMaster University Medical Centre Adult Emergency Department Closure (Item 9.3)

(McHattie/Merulla)
WHEREAS, at the March 25, 2009 meeting of the Emergency and Community Services Committee, Report HES09002 - Third Party Review Report on Additional Costs to EMS Resulting from Hamilton Health Sciences Access to Best Care Plan conveyed findings of the Third Party Review, prepared for the City of Hamilton by Integral Performance Solutions, which estimates that the financial impact to Hamilton Emergency Medical Services could be $1.5 million, as a result of the McMaster University Medical Centre Adult Emergency Department closure, and;

WHEREAS, citizens may now need to drive further to obtain adult emergency department care; thereby, possibly putting them and their families at further risk, and;

WHEREAS, to avoid this additional risk, citizens should be advised to call 911 and access ambulance transportation to adult emergency departments, and Hamilton
Health Sciences will need to prepare an education program to assist in this transition, and;

WHEREAS, this may lead to additional cost for Emergency Medical Services beyond the $1.5M already stated;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That Hamilton Health Sciences staff be requested to attend an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting to respond to the following items:

(a) How they will assist the City of Hamilton in recovering the increased Emergency Medical Services costs associated with their decision to close the McMaster University Medical Centre (MUMC) Adult Emergency Department; both with the current projected $1.5M cost and future costs should citizens make increased use of ambulances to be transported east of MUMC;

(b) To outline what their communication/education plan is to encourage adult patients to use other hospital emergency departments, and the expected outcomes of that plan;

(c) The details on timing for closing the McMaster University Medical Centre Adult Emergency Department; and,

(d) The details for timing and design/functional details for the new west-end Urgent Care Centre.

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 4.1 – A delegation request from Lynn Aquin, on behalf of the Campaign for Adequate Welfare, requesting support from Council respecting the continuing Clawback to OW and ODSP.

(ii) Item 9.2 – Citizen Appointments to the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (Revised Copy)

(iii) Committee was requested to approve the introduction of a new motion by Councillor McHattie, prior to Item 5.1, as Dr. Shuster, Municipal Medical Advisor to the City of Hamilton, is in attendance to answer any questions respecting this matter, but needs to leave shortly to catch a plane.
(Jackson/McHattie)
That the agenda for the October 7, 2009 meeting 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 September 9, 2009

(Jackson/McHattie)
That the Minutes of the September 9, 2009 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee be approved, as presented. CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUEST (Item 4)

4.1 Lynn Aquin, on behalf of the Campaign for Adequate Welfare, requesting support from Council respecting the continuing Clawback to OW and ODSP

(Jackson/McHattie)
That the request made by Lynn Aquin, on behalf of the Campaign for Adequate Welfare, requesting support from Council respecting the continuing Clawback to OW and ODSP be approved. CARRIED

(e) Minutes of Various Advisory Committees (Items 5.5 to 5.8)

(Jackson/Merulla)
That the following Advisory Committee Minutes be received:

5.5 Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Minutes, Dated May 19, 2009
5.6 Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Minutes, Dated June 16, 2009
5.7 Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee Minutes, Dated June 11, 2009
5.8 Arts Advisory Commission Minutes, Dated July 28, 2009 CARRIED
(f) Tenant Advisory Committee – Annual Presentation (Item 7.1)

Andrew Cranbury, Chair of the Tenant Advisory Committee, provided a Powerpoint presentation to Committee, which outlined the Advisory Committee’s achievements for 2009 and goals for 2010.

(Jackson/Merulla)
That the presentation by the Tenant Advisory Committee be received.

CARRIED

(g) Discussions with Hamilton Health Sciences regarding Repercussions of the McMaster University Medical Centre Adult Emergency Department Closure (Item 9.3)

(McHattie/Merulla)
That the Rules of Order be waived in order to introduce a motion respecting Discussions with Hamilton Health Sciences regarding Repercussions of the McMaster University Medical Centre Adult Emergency Department Closure.

CARRIED

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

(Jackson/Merulla)
That the proposed new due dates for the following items, be approved:

(a) Item “A” – Little Africa Plaque
   Due Date: September 23, 2009
   Proposed New Due Date: February 17, 2010

(b) Item “B” – Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits
   Due Date: October 21, 2009
   Proposed New Due Date: December 2, 2009

(c) Item “E” – Adequacy of Ontario Works Social Assistance Rates and the Economic Impact of Ontario Impact of Ontario Child Benefit Monies
   Due Date: October 21, 2009
   Proposed New Due Date: December 2, 2009

(d) Item “F” – Beach Canal Lighthouse
   Due Date: October 7, 2009
   Proposed New Due Date: November 4, 2009
(e) Item “N” – Infrastructure Grants from Other Levels of Government, Partnerships with Other Organizations or Other Funding Opportunities respecting Recreational Facilities  
Due Date: October 21, 2009  
Proposed New Due Date: December 2, 2009

(f) Item “T” – Auchmar Estate Business Plan  
Due Date: October 7, 2009  
Proposed New Due Date: November 18, 2009

(g) Item “U” – Hamilton & District Injured Workers Group – Social Services Matters  
Due Date: September 23, 2009  
Proposed New Due Date: December 2, 2009

(h) Item “X” – Installation of Sub-Meters in Residential Rental Units and its Impact of Tenant Affordability  
Due Date: October 21, 2009  
Proposed New Due Date: February 17, 2009

(i) Item “BB” – Best Start Final Action Plan  
Due Date: October 21, 2009  
Proposed New Due Date: November 4, 2009

(j) Item “CC” – Best Start Transition Plan  
Due Date: October 21, 2009  
Proposed New Due Date: November 4, 2009

  CARRIED

(i) ITEMS REFERRED TO THE 2010 BUDGET FOR CONSIDERATION:

  (i) Update on the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration (ECS07069(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

  (Morelli/McCarty)  
  That staff be directed to include $50,000 in funding for the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration for branding, preliminary event planning and preparation, as part of the 2010 Capital Budget Submission.

  CARRIED

  (ii) Business Process Review for Child Care Services (CS09065) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

  (Morelli/McCarthy)  
  That staff be directed to forward a program enhancement request, for an increase to the Social Development and Early Childhood Services Division staff complement, for the Child Care Services Management Program, by 1.5 FTEs at a cost of $120,000 with no impact on the net levy.

  CARRIED
(iii) Hamilton Snow Angels Program (ECS08054(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.5)

(Merulla/Morelli)
(a) That the continuation of the Hamilton Snow Angel Program for 2010, at a cost not to exceed $100,000; to be funded from the Community Services Departmental Operating budget, be referred to the 2010 budget process for consideration.

(b) That, pending approval of the Hamilton Snow Angels Program and the associated funding, in an amount not to exceed $100,000, the City Manager be authorized and directed to enter into a Letter of Agreement (attached as Appendix “B” to Report ECS08054(a)) with Volunteer Hamilton, to continue to provide the Hamilton Snow Angels Program for 2010.

CARRIED

(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Morelli/McHattie)
There being no further business, that the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Duvall, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
October 7, 2009