EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES 09-007
1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22, 2009
Hamilton Convention Centre
1 Summers Lane
Room 207
Hamilton, Ontario

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

Absent with Regrets:
Councillor B. Morelli – Other City Business
Councillor M. McCarthy – Illness

Also Present:
C. Murray, City Manager
J. Kay, General Manager / Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
T. Tollis, Acting General Manager, Finance & Corporate Services
P. Thorburn, Assistant Deputy, Fire
C. Secore, Manager, Recreation
C. Bian, Senior Policy Analyst
K. Lubrick, Special Supports Program Manager
B. Kreps, Manager, Housing Policy and Programs
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Ancaster Little League - Hosting for 2010 Canadian Little League Championships (CS09034) (Ward 12) (Item 5.1)

(Merulla/Pasuta)
That Report CS09034 – Ancaster Little League - Hosting for 2010 Canadian Little League Championships, be received.

CARRIED
2. Costs Associated with Artificial Outdoor Ice Rinks (ECS07064(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

(Merulla/Pasuta)
That Report ECS07064(a) – Costs Associated with Artificial Outdoor Ice Rinks, be received.

CARRIED

3. Fee Waiver Policy – Golf / Charity Tournaments Chedoke Municipal Golf Course (CS09032) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

(Merulla/Pasuta)
That Report CS09032 – Golf / Charity Tournaments Chedoke Municipal Golf Course, be received.

CARRIED

4. Approval for Alcohol as part of a Special Event (La Magia Del Carnevale) – Art Gallery of Hamilton (AGH), Commonwealth Square (CS09035) (Ward 2) Item 5.6)

(Jackson/McHattie)
(a) That the Art Gallery of Hamilton (AHG) be granted permission to seek a temporary extension permit to their existing liquor license for La Magia Del Carnevale, an annual fundraising gala taking place on May 30, 2009.

(b) That the Art Gallery of Hamilton (AGH) also be granted permission to serve alcohol at the above mentioned event.

(c) That, if the request to serve alcohol is approved, the hosting organization must comply with:

(i) The Ontario Liquor License Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter L.19 and the administration of the Act by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO).

(ii) The conditions contained within the City of Hamilton’s Municipal Alcohol Guidelines, Appendix A of the Policy for Special Event Planning.

(iii) The applicant must provide $5,000,000 comprehensive general liability insurance coverage (which shall include a host liquor liability endorsement), and that the City of Hamilton is named as an additional insured party to this Policy.

(iv) The applicant must pay all City Service costs associated with the operation of this event.

CARRIED
5. Expansion of the Affordable Transit Pass Pilot Program to those in Receipt of Ontario Works/Ontario Disability Support Program with Earnings (ECS08051(b)/PW09038) (City Wide) (Item 5.7)

(Merulla/McHattie)
(a) That the eligibility criteria for the Affordable Transit Pass Program Pilot be expanded to include those adults in receipt of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program, with earnings, as of June 1, 2009, and that those eligible as part of the program expansion be required to pay 50% of the current cost of an adult monthly transit pass.

(b) That the General Manager of the Community Services Department be authorized to increase the staff complement by one full-time Case Aid within the Special Supports Section, on a temporary basis, from June 1 to December 31, 2009 for a total of $35,000 funded from the Social Services Initiatives Fund #112214.

(c) That the Acting General Manager of the Public Works Department be authorized to increase staff complement by one full-time Ticket Agent within the Transit Division, on a temporary basis, from June 1 to December 31, 2009 for a total of $32,083 funded from the Social Services Initiatives Fund #112214.

CARRIED

6. Blueprint for Emergency Shelter Services (CS09015) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Merulla/Jackson)
(a) That the Blueprint for Emergency Shelter Services, which seeks to develop a sustainable system to better support homeless people as they move to permanent housing, attached as Appendix A to Report CS09015, be endorsed.

(b) That staff be directed to report back with a detailed implementation plan for the implementation of Basic Emergency Shelter Services and Intensive Case Management as described in the Blueprint for Emergency Shelter Services.

(c) That staff and the Hamilton Emergency Shelter Integration and Coordination Committee be directed to work with other Consolidated Municipal Service Managers; who provide emergency shelter services, to advocate to the Ministry of Community and Social Services to change from a per diem to sustainable funding formula for Emergency Shelters.

(d) That a copy of the Blueprint for Emergency Shelter Services and the approved Council resolution be provided to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all local MPs and MPPs for their information.

AMENDMENT CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED
7. Trunked Radio System Upgrade (HES08004(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Merulla/Jackson)
That staff be authorized and directed to proceed with the proposal, provided by Motorola Canada Limited (summary attached as Appendix A to Report HES08004(a)), for the upgrades to the Corporate Trunk Radio System, in an amount not to exceed $21.6 million.

CARRIED

8. Sponsorship for Hamilton and Scourge 2009 Archaeological Survey (CS09037) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Merulla/Jackson)
(a) That the Hamilton and Scourge 2009 Archaeological Survey and work plan, attached as Appendix “A”, be approved in principal, subject to such technical changes as may be prudent or required by the Ontario Ministry of Culture.

(b) That the Hamilton and Scourge 2009 Archaeological Survey Project be sponsored in full by YAP Productions.

(c) That the General Manager of Community Services be authorized to execute any and all necessary documents (including agreements), in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, in order to facilitate the Project, and/or to otherwise deal with the data or other materials produced pursuant to the Project.

CARRIED

9. Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 11.2)

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

(a) Item “A” - Fee Waiver Policy – Golf
(Was addressed as Item 3 above.)

(b) Item “K” – Artificial Outdoor Ice Rinks
(Was addressed as Item 2 above.)

(c) Item “O” – Ancaster Little League Hosting for 2010 Canadian Little League Championships
(Was addressed as Item 1 above.)

(d) Item “Z” – Trunked Radio System Upgrade
(Was addressed as Item 8 above.)

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 4.2 – A delegation request made by David Cherkewski respecting Item 5.7 - Expansion of the Affordable Transit Pilot Program to Those in Receipt of Ontario Works/Ontario Disability Support Program with Earnings (ECS08051(b)/PW09038). If approved, the delegation will appear as Item 6.2 on today’s agenda.

(ii) Item 5.6, as shown on the agenda face pages (Expansion of the Affordable Transit Pilot Program to Those in Receipt of Ontario Works/Ontario Disability Support Program with Earnings (ECS08051(b)/PW09038)) – will be renumbered as Item 5.7.

(iii) Item 5.6, (Approval of Alcohol as part of a Special Event (La Magia Del Carnevale – Art Gallery of Hamilton, Commonwealth Square (CS09035) – as contained in the agenda package, but not shown on the agenda face pages will be considered as same.

(iv) Item 6.1 – Sally Palmer will not be in attendance; however, Rosemarie Chapman is in attendance and will be speaking to Item 5.7 (rather than 5.6).

(v) Item 6.2 has been renumbered as Item 6.3.

(vi) Item 7.1 – Blueprint for Emergency Shelter Services (CS09015) has been amended by staff. A revised copy is contained in the Changes to the Agenda package for your consideration.

(vii) Added as Item 8.2 – Sponsorship of Hamilton and Scourge 2009 Archaeological Survey (CS09037) (City Wide)

(viii) Item 11.1(b) – Subsequent to the printing of the agenda, staff has requested that the due date for the Funeral Service Fee Increases report be changed to June 17, 2009 rather than June 3, 2009.

(ix) Item 5.5 – Report PW09037/ECS07092, Beasley Community Centre – Status Update/Approval of Agreements, has been pulled from the agenda and will be brought forward to the next Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting for consideration.

(x) Added as Item 4.3 – A delegation request made by Peter Hutton, on behalf of the Hamilton Transit Users Group and the Affordable Transit Pass Sub Committee to the Roundtable on Poverty, respecting Item 5.7 – Expansion of the Affordable Transit Pilot Program to Those in Receipt of
Ontario Works/Ontario Disability Support Program with Earnings (ECS08051(b)/PW09038).

(Pasuta/Jackson)
That the April 22, 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)
(Pasuta/Jackson)
That the Minutes of the April 8, 2009 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee be approved, as presented.  
CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

4.1 Julianne Burgess from LINC for Youth Video Project – a Mohawk College ESL program for newcomer youth aged 18 to 25, to raise awareness of issues that affect the lives of newcomer youth in Hamilton.

(McHattie/Pasuta)
That the delegation request, made by Julianne Burgess from LINC for Youth Video Project – a Mohawk College ESL program for newcomer youth aged 18 to 25, to raise awareness of issues that affect the lives of newcomer youth in Hamilton, be approved.  
CARRIED

4.2 David Cherkewski respecting Item 5.7 – Expansion of the Affordable Transit Pilot Program to Those in Receipt of Ontario Works/Ontario Disability Support Program with Earnings (ECS08051(b)/PW09038)

(Jackson/McHattie)
That the delegation request, made by David Cherkewski respecting Item 5.7 – Expansion of the Affordable Transit Pilot Program to those in Receipt of Ontario Works/Ontario Disability Support Program with Earnings (ECS08051(b)/PW09038), be approved.  
CARRIED
4.3 Peter Hutton, on behalf of the Hamilton Transit Users Group and the Affordable Transit Pass Sub Committee to the Roundtable on Poverty, respecting Item 5.7 – Expansion of the Affordable Transit Pilot Program to Those in Receipt of Ontario Works/Ontario Disability Support Program with Earnings (ECS08051(b)/PW09038)

(Jackson/McHattie)
That the delegation request, made by Peter Hutton on behalf of the Hamilton Transit Users Group and the Affordable Transit Pass Sub Committee to the Roundtable on Poverty, respecting Item 5.7 – Expansion of the Affordable Transit Pilot Program to Those in Receipt of Ontario Works/Ontario Disability Support Program with Earnings (ECS08051(b)/PW09038), be approved.

CARRIED

(e) Arts Advisory Commission Minutes of February 24, 2009 (Item 5.3)

(Merulla/Pasuta)
That the Minutes of the February 24, 2009 meeting of the Arts Advisory Commission be received.

CARRIED

(f) Beasley Community Centre – Status Update/Approval of Agreements (PW09037/ECS07092b) (Ward 2) (Item 5.5)

Item 5.5 was pulled from the agenda. Staff will be bringing forward an amended report to the May 20, 2009 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

(g) Implications Associated with Providing Reduced Bus Pass Fees to Working Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Recipients, as well as Low Income Citizens

(Merulla/McHattie)
That staff be directed determine the implications associated with providing all working Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program recipients, as well as low income citizens, with bus passes at a reduced rate of $25 per month, and report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

CARRIED
(h) DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

6.1 Rosemarie Chapman on behalf of the Social Action Committee to the Ontario Association of Social Works respecting the issue of extending the Pilot Transit Pass Program to working people on social assistance.

Ms. Chapman addressed Committee and advised that there are shortcomings in the existing program. The current program should be expanded to include ODSP/OW recipients who work and who currently do not medically qualify (under ODSP/OW) for subsidized bus passes.

(Jackson/Pasuta)
That the presentation made by Rosemarie Chapman, on behalf of the Social Action Committee to the Ontario Association of Social Works, respecting Item 5.7 – Expansion of the Affordable Transit Pilot Program to those in Receipt of Ontario Works/Ontario Disability Support Program with Earnings (ECS08051(b)/PW09038), be received.

CARRIED

6.2 David Cherkewski respecting Item 5.7 – Expansion of the Affordable Transit Pilot Program to Those in Receipt of Ontario Works/Ontario Disability Support Program with Earnings (ECS08051(b)/PW09038)

Mr. Cherkewski was not in attendance.

6.3 Peter Hutton, on behalf of the Hamilton Transit Users Group and the Affordable Transit Pass Sub Committee to the Roundtable on Poverty, respecting Item 5.7 – Expansion of the Affordable Transit Pilot Program to Those in Receipt of Ontario Works/Ontario Disability Support Program with Earnings (ECS08051(b)/PW09038)

Mr. Hutton, coordinator of the Hamilton Transit Users Group (TUG), advised Committee that the TUG is in full support of the recommendations contained within Report ECS08051(b)/PW09038. TUG also believes that the recommendations offer affordable solutions to the needs of some in the community.

Mr. Hutton noted that it important to TUG that steps be taken now to ensure the program continues to expand and flourish past the end of 2009.

On behalf of the Roundtable on Poverty Working Group, Mr. Hutton informed Committee that the report brings the Province into the picture in a manner that illustrates how they can assist in supporting the transportation needs of social assistance recipients; while assisting the community as well.
That the presentation made by Peter Hutton, on behalf of the Hamilton Transit Users Group and the Affordable Transit Pass Sub Committee to the Roundtable on Poverty, respecting Item 5.7 – Expansion of the Affordable Transit Pilot Program to Those in Receipt of Ontario Works/Ontario Disability Support Program with Earnings (ECS08051(b)/PW09038), be received.

CARRIED

6.4 Paul Johnson, on behalf of the Emergency Shelter integration and Coordination Committee, respecting Item 7.1 – Blueprint for Emergency Shelter Services (CS09015) (City Wide)

Paul Johnson, on behalf of the Hamilton Emergency Shelter Integration and Coordination Committee, spoke in strong support of the Blueprint for Emergency Shelter Services.

Mr. Johnson, on behalf of the Hamilton Emergency Shelter Integration and Coordination Committee, requested the following:

- That Council support the Blueprint in the strongest possible manner. Having full support of City Council is critical to the success of the Blueprint;

- That a report be brought back to Committee as soon as possible with respect to the implementation plan for the Blueprint; and,

- That staff include members of the Hamilton Emergency Shelter Integration and Coordination Committee, and any other community organizations and groups, in the advocacy effort with the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

(McHattie/Merulla)

That the presentation made by Paul Johnson, on behalf of the Emergency Shelter integration and Coordination Committee, respecting Item 7.1 – Blueprint for Emergency Shelter Services (CS09015), be received.

CARRIED

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

(Jackson/Pasuta)

That the proposed new due dates for the following Outstanding Business List items, be approved:

(a) Item “CC” – Feasibility of Bidding to Host the 2009/2010 Vanier Cup in Hamilton

Current Due Date: April 22, 2009
Proposed New Due Date: May 6, 2009
(b) Item “DD” – Funeral Service Fee Increases
   Current Due Date: April 22, 2009
   Proposed New Due Date: June 17, 2009
   CARRIED

(j) ADJOURNMENT

(Merulla/Pasuta)
There being no further business, that the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 3:25 p.m.
   CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Duvall, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
April 22, 2009