EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT 09-013

1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 21, 2009
Hamilton Convention Centre
1 Summers Lane
Room 207
Hamilton, Ontario

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor S. Duvall (Chair) – Vacation

Also Present: Councillor B. Bratina
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
J. Kay, General Manager/Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services
B. Browett, Director, Emergency Medical Services / Deputy
A. Bradford, Director, Culture
J. Soldera, Director, Social Development & Early Childhood Services
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s Office

THE EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 09-013 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Hamilton Veteran’s Committee (Item 5.1)

That Councillor B. Bratina be appointed to the Hamilton Veteran’s Committee.

2. Mobile Data Terminals for Hamilton Emergency Services - Fire (HES09007) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

(a) That Intergraph’s Suite of software for Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) is approved, as the City of Hamilton’s standard to provide an end-to-end

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integrated dispatch solution for Fire Services, for a period of five (5) years (2009 through to 2014).

(b) That Motorola’s line of rugged mobile computers is approved, as the City of Hamilton’s standard for mobile data terminals (MDT) hardware in all Fire Service vehicles and for handheld operation, for a period of five (5) years (2009 through to 2014).

3. Standardization of Ventilation and Rescue Saws, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and Vehicle Exhaust Extraction Systems (HES09003) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

(a) That Cutters Edge, a division of Edge Industries Incorporated, be the approved manufacturer’s standard for a period of four (4) years (2009 through to 2012) for the single source purchase of ventilation and rescue saws.

(b) That Scott Aviation be the approved manufacturer’s standard for providing firefighting self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for a four (4) year period (2009 through to 2012).

(c) That Nederman Canada be the approved manufacturer’s standard for providing vehicle exhaust extraction systems for a four (4) year period (2009 through to 2012).

(d) That staff be authorized to negotiate “house accounts” with: (a) Cutters Edge, a division of Edge Industries Incorporated; (b) Scott Aviation; and, (c) Nederman Canada for the supply of new equipment, parts, repair and maintenance services with original equipment manufacturers and/or licensed distributors of the approved standardized products.

4. Standardization of Emergency Response Support Vehicles (HES09008) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

That the Ford Expedition Max Special Services Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) 4X4 vehicle, manufactured by the Ford Motor Company, be approved as the City’s standard for the Hamilton Emergency Services – Fire, emergency response support vehicles and that this standard be for a period of four (4) years (2009 through to 2012).
5. Participation of Arts Hamilton in the Arts and Artists Forum (AAC 09-002) (City Wide) (Item 5.5)

That Report 09-002 - Participation of Arts Hamilton in the Arts and Artists Forum, be received for information.

6. Lynn Aquin, on behalf of the Campaign for Adequate Welfare, requesting support from Council respecting the continuing Clawback to OW and ODSP (Item 6.1)

(a) That the Mayor correspond, on behalf the city’s most vulnerable citizens, with the Honourable Madeleine Meilleur, Minister of Community and Social Services, to compel the Province to restore the Basic Needs portion of social assistance payments to a minimum of the levels, prior to the introduction of the Ontario Child Benefit; and,

(b) That City of Hamilton strongly endorses the concept of a Guaranteed Annual Income benefit.

7. Hamilton Historical Board Annual Presentation (Item 7.1)

That the Hamilton Historical Board’s Annual presentation to the Emergency & Community Services Committee be received.

8. Hamilton Historical Board Report 09-002 – Hatt (Red) Mill Commemorative Plaque (Report 09-002(HHB)) (Ward 12) (Item 8.1)

That the wording for the Hatt (Red) Mill commemorative plaque, hereto attached and marked as Appendix A to Report 09-013, be approved.

9. Hamilton Historical Board Report 09-004 – Rymal Family Heritage Commemorative Plaque (Item 8.2)

That the wording for the Rymal Family Heritage commemorative plaque, attached as Appendix B to Report 09-013, be approved.

10. Continuation of Best Start Funding (CS09042(c)) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(a) That the Action Plan to mitigate the potential loss of Best Start Funding in 2010, as detailed in Appendix C to Report 09-013, be approved.
(b) That item “AA” - Best Start–Final Action Plan, be considered complete and removed from the Emergency and Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List.

(c) That Item “BB” - Best Start-Transition Plan, be considered complete and removed from the Emergency and Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List.

11. Donating Used Ambulances to Not-for-profit Organizations (HES09005) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

(a) That the donation of a used ambulance, in “as is condition”, to St. John’s Ambulance, be approved.

(b) That the donation of a used ambulance in, “as is condition”, to the Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), be approved.

(c) That the donation of a used ambulance in, “as is condition”, to the Hamilton Beach Rescue, be approved.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following change to the agenda:

(i) Added as Item 5.5 – Arts Advisory Commission Report 09-002 respecting the Participation of Arts Hamilton in the Arts and Artists Forum

(ii) An additional handout to go with Item 6.1 – Lynn Aquin, on behalf of the Campaign for Adequate Welfare.

The agenda for the October 21, 2009 meeting 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)

3.1 October 7, 2009

The Minutes of the October 7, 2009 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee were approved, as presented.

(d) Minutes of Various Advisory Committees (Items 5.1)

The following Advisory Committee Minutes were received:

(i) Hamilton Veteran’s Committee Minutes, dated July 29, 2009

(e) Hamilton Historical Board Report 09-003 – August Civic Holiday (Item 7.2)

The Hamilton Historical Board Report 09-003 was received and referred to staff to investigate the costs and feasibility associated with the proposed recommendations, respecting the August Civic Holiday, for a report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor R. Pasuta, 1st Vice Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
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THE RED MILL

Richard Hatt became one of the most influential men in this region. He emigrated from England in 1792 and worked in a store in Newark (Niagara). In 1795 he petitioned the government for land for himself, his siblings and father. They arrived in Canada in 1796 with equipment to build a mill and operate large farms.

To obtain a source of waterpower, Richard and his brother Samuel purchased this site on Ancaster Creek in 1798 and built a gristmill and sawmill 200 feet downstream on the western edge of Old Dundas Road. They painted the structure red with the only available paint. It was a large mill for the time with a 36-foot undershot water wheel that turned three millstones. It could produce thirty bags of pot barley and twenty barrels of flour a day. To utilize inferior grain the brothers built a distillery supplying the mash to adjacent hog fattening pens. The mill served farmers from as far away as Galt, Guelph and Woodstock.

The Hatt brothers widened the Indian trail to Dundas to improve business but in 1804, they sold the mill and moved down to Dundas where they eventually purchased mills and water rights on Spencer Creek. Subsequent owners of the Red Mill leased the property but it never flourished. In 1887, the machinery was dismantled and by 1908, the mill was gone.

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226 Words

Original submitted by Jim Green.
Checked, corrected and verified by R. Williamson,
Chairman, JPSC.

Introduction

The theme of this plaque is the Red Mill. However, what distinguishes it from dozens of other mills in the area is that it was built by Richard Hatt. He was a distinguished area entrepreneur, businessman, politician, magistrate, War of 1812 veteran and newspaper owner. It is the essence of this man that makes the Red Mill important and should be referred to in the plaque.

References

- Picturesque Dundas Revisited, Olive Newcombe, Dundas Historical Society, pp. 9-11
- Dixon-MacKenzie Archives, HPLSC p. 448
- Wikipedia Encyclopedia – “Richard Hatt came to Canada in 1792 and originally started business as a merchant at Niagara”.
- Dundas Biographies, Dundas Public Library, Hamilton Spectator, 1945
- Dundas Biography, Craig Burch, President Ontario Genealogy Society, 1984
- Sophia Pooley's Story, A First Person Narrative by Jane Mulkewich, Dundas Valley History Society Website
- Hatt Family Vol. 1, Janis Duench, 1997
- A Plan of Ancaster Township, 1822 – the map shows a sawmill and gristmill on the Hatt site.
- Archaeological & Historic Sites Board, Dept. of Public Archives of Ontario
- History of the Town of Dundas, Part 1, Roy Woodhouse.
- The Petition of Richard Hatt Senior, dated 1797, Ontario Historical Society Papers

Note: A three-page, detailed analysis of every fact in every sentence was prepared for the JPSC record.
RYMAL FAMILY HERITAGE

William Rymal (1759-1852), his wife Barbara and his younger brother along with their family members obtained, through crown grants and purchases, 800 acres of land on either side of Upper Paradise Road from the escarpment to Rymal Road. Arriving as United Empire Loyalists of German descent from Pennsylvania, they were amongst the first settlers on Hamilton Mountain. William’s homestead was built in 1789 on the north side of Mohawk Road to the west of what is now Westcliffe Mall. St. Peter’s Cemetery to the east of the mall began as the Rymal family burial ground where they built the first church on the mountain (1811–1844). It was a two-storey, wooden, universal meeting house called the Union Church.

William’s son, Jacob (1790-1858), married Christine Horning and became the Wentworth County representative in the Upper Canada Legislative Assembly. His large wooden frame home once stood behind St. Thomas More High School on Upper Paradise Road. A reformer, Jacob was known to have sheltered a rebel associate, William Lyon Mackenzie, providing him with a fresh horse as he fled from military authorities during the Rebellion of 1837, part of the struggle for Responsible Government in Canada.

Jacob’s son, Joseph (1821-1900), was the longest serving Liberal Member of Parliament for the federal riding of South Wentworth (1857-1882). He participated in the Canadian Confederation debates. Well-known for his integrity and lucid debating skills with a penchant for barn-door humour, he was called “Honest Joe”. He married Lydia Terryberry and, although their farm on the site of William Rymal’s original homestead was sold to the Sanatorium, their house still stands at # 700 Mohawk Road West.

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Prepared by Robert Williamson, Chairman, JPSC for Joseph Rymal Woolley.

Sources:
1. A Mountain and a City, M.F. Campbell, 1956, p. 11
2. Barton on the Mountain, Mabel Burkholder, 1956, p. 11
3. Census Returns for Barton Township 1851-2
5. Library and Archives Canada PA 033399, www.parl.gc.ca/information
6. Hamilton Genealogy Society, Rymal Family Tree 6
7. Hamilton Spectator, May 1937, Honest Joe Rymal
8. Mountain Memories, A Picture History, pp. 29, 132
9. Wentworth County Illustrated Historical Atlas 1875, p. 11
10. Wentworth Landmarks p. 57
BEST START FUNDING  
2010- ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan to mitigate the potential reduction of provincial Best Start funding in 2010 follows:

1. In absence of the Province reinstating the potential loss of $1,644,432 to the City of Hamilton’s 2010 Best Start budget, that the budget shortfall be absorbed within the Best Start Reserve in order to sustain current Best Start funded programming throughout 2010.

2. If the budget shortfall is not fully resolved by the Province in 2010, staff will return to the Emergency and Community Services Committee by September 2010 with a subsequent plan that takes into account the annualized budget shortfall of $3,524,775, beginning in 2011, and the recognition that ongoing budget shortfalls cannot be sustained though an finite reserve account.