Emergency & Community Services Committee
REPORT 07-008
Wednesday, June 6, 2007
1:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor B. McHattie – Personal Business

Also Present: G. Peace, City Manager
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services Department
J. Kay, General Manager/Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services
B. Fenwick, Director, Culture & Recreation Division
G. Hendry, Director, Employment & Income Support Branch
E. Mifflin, Housing Programs Officers
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, Clerk’s Office

THE EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 07-008 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. City of Hamilton Ontario Works 2006 Caseload Statistics (ECS07032) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

That Report ECS07032 – City of Hamilton Ontario Works 2006 Caseload Statistics be received.

2. Ministry of Community and Social Services Domiciliary Hostel Policy Framework Implementation (ECS07012/HSC03001(b)) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

That Report ECS07012/HSC03001(b) – Ministry of Community and Social Services Domiciliary Hostel Policy Framework Implementation, be received.

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3. Approval for Alcohol as part of a Special Event (Bavarian Garden) at Gage Park, Freelton Park and Market Street Arena (Wards 3, 13 and 14) (ECS07045) (Item 8.1)

(a) That the following events be approved to host a Bavarian Garden as part of their program:
   (i) W.J. Deans Transportation Employee Picnic, August 26, 2007, at Gage Park, catered by BBQ Catering;
   (ii) Freelton 150th Anniversary, June 30, 2007; Freelton Park, to be hosted by the Freelton 150 Organizing Committee; and,

(b) That, if the request to host a Bavarian Garden is approved, the hosting organizations 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; and,
   (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.

4. The Homeownership Component of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program: Moving Households Along the Housing Continuum (ECS07047) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(a) That the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be advised that the City of Hamilton will participate in the Homeownership Component of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program.

(b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to execute the “Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Service Manager Administration Agreement” in a form satisfactory to Corporate Counsel.

(c) That the Director of Housing be delegated authority to execute loan agreements with eligible participants of the Homeownership Component of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program.
5. **Selection Sub-committee – Citizen Volunteer Committee (Item 9.1)**

That the existing Selection Sub-committee be requested to review the applications and conduct the interviews for the following Citizen Volunteer Committees:

(i) Seniors Advisory Committee  
(ii) Arts Advisory Commission  
(iii) Hamilton Historical Board  
(iv) Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee  
(v) Tenant Advisory Committee

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Committee Clerk noted the following changes to the agenda:

(i) Background Information respecting Item 6.1 – Dr. Gene Sutton, of SportHamilton, regarding Funding for SportHamilton.

(ii) Added as Item 9.1 – A motion respecting a Selection Sub-committee for Volunteer Committees

(iii) Added as Item 9.2 – A motion respecting Soccer Pitches throughout the City of Hamilton

(iv) A Typographical Error in Item 8.1 - Approval for Alcohol as part of a Special Event (Bavarian Garden) at Gage Park, Freelton Park and Market Street Arena (Wards 3, 13 and 15) (ECS07045) – the Report Affects Wards 3, 13 and 14.

The June 6, 2007, agenda of the Emergency & Community Services Committee was approved, as amended.

(b) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

There were none declared.

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

The Minutes of the May 23, 2007 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee were approved, as presented.

(d) **DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)**

4.1 Judy Travis, on behalf of the Skills Development Flagship Committee, respecting their Activities and Progress To-date

The delegation request, made by Judy Travis, on behalf of the Skills Development Flagship Committee, respecting their Activities and Progress To-date, was approved.

(e) **Dr. Gene Sutton, of SportHamilton, regarding Funding for SportHamilton (Item 6.1)**

Dr. Gene Sutton appealed to Committee respecting financial support, in the amount of $25,000 annually, to assist with administrative staffing costs for SportHamilton, in order that they may continue the programs they currently provide throughout the community.

A written request and copy of SportHamilton’s mandate was also provided to Committee for their information.

The presentation, by Dr. Gene Sutton, of SportHamilton, respecting their request for financial support, in the amount of $25,000 annually, to assist with administrative staffing costs for SportHamilton, was received.

Staff was directed to report back at the June 20, 2007 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting, with the status of the Culture and Recreation Division’s Budget Exception Report, as of May 31, 2007, and the projected surplus or deficit, if any, for the balance of 2007, in order to assist in determining a possible funding source for the $25,000 annual funding request, made by SportHamilton.

(f) **Soccer Pitches throughout the City of Hamilton (Item 9.2)**

Whereas, there is a strong need for additional soccer pitches throughout the City of Hamilton, with demand exceeding supply, and;

Whereas, the changing nature of recreation in Hamilton makes soccer a more attractive choice for many children and their families;
Therefore, be it resolved that staff report back, to the Emergency & Community Services Committee, respecting the current availability of soccer pitches, and a plan to evaluate future needs, which is to include a strategy to create additional facilities including, but not limited to, new fields and the conversion of existing facilities.

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
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