EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 17, 2010
Hamilton Convention Centre
1 Summers Lane
Albion Room
Hamilton, Ontario

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor M. McCarthy – Personal Matters

Also Present: J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
B. Browett, Acting General Manager, Hamilton Emergency Services
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. 2009 Annual Report of the Office of the Auditor General of Ontario (CS10011) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

(Jackson/Duvall)

CARRIED

2. Feasibility of Hockey Equipment Subsidy (City Wide) (CS10014) (Item 5.2)

(Jackson/Duvall)
That Report CS10014 – Feasibility of Hockey Equipment Subsidy, be received.

CARRIED
3. Infrastructure Grants from other Levels of Government (CS10013) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

(Jackson/Duvall)
That Report CS10013 – Infrastructure Grants from other Levels of Government, be received.

CARRIED

4. Call for Action - Recreation, Parks and Sport Infrastructure Funding (CS10010) (Item 5.4)

(Jackson/Duvall)
That Report CS10010 – Recreation, Parks and Sport Infrastructure Funding, be received.

CARRIED

5. Short Term Funding for Neighbour to Neighbour’s Resource Counselling Program (Wards 6, 7, 8 and 9) (CS09062(b)) (Item 5.5)

(Jackson/Duvall)
That the General Manager of the Community Services Department be authorized and directed to fund Neighbour to Neighbour’s Resource Counselling Program, from April 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010 at a cost of $19,858 from the Social Services Initiative Fund.

CARRIED

6. Request For Proposals C5-37-09, Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program 2009 Extension - New Rental Housing Component (CS10016) (Wards 1, 3, 4 and 6) (Item 8.1)

(Morelli/Merulla)
That the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing be advised that the City of Hamilton recommends the following prioritized proponents be approved for funding under the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program 2009 Extension – New Rental Housing Component:

(i) Hellenic Community of Hamilton and District, 37 Strathcona Avenue North, Hamilton, Ontario, 4 units for seniors;
(ii) Homestead Christian Care, 1429 Main Street East, Hamilton, Ontario, 46 units for persons with disabilities;
(iii) J. Beume Real Estate Limited, 106 and 127 Burton Street, Hamilton, Ontario, 27 units for families;
(iv) 815488 Ontario Inc., 1489-1495 Upper Gage Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario, 59 units for seniors.

CARRIED
7. Hamilton & District Injured Workers' Group – Social Services Matters (CS10012) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Pasuta/Merulla)
(a) That Report CS10012 – Hamilton & District Injured Workers' Group – Social Services Matters, be received.

(b) That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Labour and the Chair of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board to respectfully request that the Province review the Workplace Safety Insurance Act, and consider changes with respect to: (a) deeming; (b) the cost of living indexation; and, (c) experience rating, as they affect poverty levels among Ontario’s injured workers.

CARRIED

8. Mount Hamilton Youth Soccer Club Renovations of the Existing Club House at Macassa Park Field House – 9 Dallas Avenue, Hamilton (CS10009) (Ward 6) (Item 8.3)

(Jackson/Duvall)
(a) That the request, submitted by the Mount Hamilton Youth Soccer Club to renovate, construct, fully fund and operate the existing clubhouse, located at 9 Dallas Avenue, Hamilton (known as Macassa Field) (attached as Appendix A to Report CS10009), be approved.

(b) That the Key Terms and Conditions (attached as Appendix B to Report CS10009), for the renovation, construction and operation of the existing clubhouse, located at 9 Dallas Avenue, Hamilton (known as Macassa Field), be approved.

(c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Construction and Operation Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Mount Hamilton Youth Soccer Club, for the renovation, construction and operation of the clubhouse located at 9 Dallas Avenue, Hamilton (known as Macassa Field), in accordance with the Key Terms and Conditions, (attached as Appendix B to Report CS10009), and any further agreements or documents, as may be required for this project, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

9. Ontario Municipal Social Services Association – Pre-Budget Submission to Province of Ontario (CS10021) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

(McHattie/Merulla)
(a) That the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association's Recommendations for the 2010 Provincial Budget report, attached as Appendix A to Report CS10021, be endorsed.
(b) That the Mayor, on behalf of Council, correspond with the Premier of Ontario and Minister of Finance to request their timely consideration be given to the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association's Recommendations for the 2010 Provincial Budget report (attached as Appendix A to Report CS10021), while preparing the 2010 Provincial budget.

(c) That the correspondence to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Finance be copied to all local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

10. Single Source of Paramedic Services Linen Cleaning and Replacement (HES10004) (City Wide) (Item 8.5)

(McHattie/Merulla)
That Mohawk Shared Services be approved as the single sourced provider for linen cleaning and replacement services for Emergency Medical Services Division of Hamilton Emergency Services, for a period of five years (2010 through to the end of 2014).

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

(i) Added as Item 4.2 – a Delegation Request, submitted by Bishop Sylvester Bigaj and Mr. Tim Welch, of the Polish National Catholic Church, respecting Item 8.1 on today’s agenda.

(Morelli/Duvall)
That the agenda for the February 17, 2010 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were none declared.
(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) January 15, 2010 (Budget) (Item 3.1)

(Morelli/McHattie)
That the Minutes of the January 15, 2010 Emergency & Community Services Committee budget meeting be approved, as presented.
CARRIED

(ii) January 20, 2010 (Item 3.2)

(Jackson/Duvall)
That the words “where a DVD presentation was provided and a guest speaker was in attendance” be added to Item (h) – Seniors Advisory Committee Annual Presentation; at the end of the third bullet point.
CARRIED

(Jackson/Duvall)
That the Minutes of the January 20, 2010 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as amended.
CARRIED

(d) Mr. Shane Coleman, of the Hamilton Farmers’ Market, respecting Proposed 2 Hour Free Parking at the Hamilton Farmers’ Market during Renovations (Item 4.1)

(Jackson/Morelli)
That the delegation request, submitted by Mr. Shane Coleman, of the Hamilton Farmers’ Market, respecting Proposed 2 Hour Free Parking at the Hamilton Farmers’ Market during Renovations, be approved.
CARRIED

(e) Bishop Sylvester Bigaj and Mr. Tim Welch, of the Polish National Catholic Church, respecting Item 8.1 on today’s agenda (Item 4.2)

(Morelli/Merulla)
That the delegation request, submitted by Bishop Sylvester Bigaj and Mr. Tim Welch, of the Polish National Catholic Church, respecting Item 8.1 (Request For Proposals C5-37-09, Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program 2009 Extension - New Rental Housing Component (CS10016)) on today’s agenda, be approved.
CARRIED

Bishop Bigaj spoke about his history with the Polish National Catholic Church and one his aspirations, which is to help seniors in the community. However, he feels very frustrated that he is unable to do so, with respect to the Seniors Residence in Stoney Creek, as the Church’s application, under the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program 2009 was not approved. Bishop Bigaj
believes that the project is very worthwhile and needed to help lower income seniors in the area.

Tim Welch reiterated the Bishop’s comments, and advised that the Church would not be filing an appeal, but they wanted to advise Council of their disappointment in Council’s decision to not approve the project.

(Morelli/Merulla)
That the comments, provided by Bishop Sylvester Bigaj and Mr. Tim Welch, of the Polish National Catholic Church, be received.

CARRIED

(f) **Advisory Committee Minutes (Item 5.8):**

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

(i) Hamilton Veterans Committee Minutes, November 18, 2009 (Item 5.6)

(ii) Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes, November 6, 2009 (Item 5.7)

(iii) Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes, December 4, 2009 (Item 5.8)

(iv) Arts Advisory Commission Minutes, December 15, 2009 (Item 5.9)

(v) Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Minutes, November 17, 2009 (Item 5.10)

(vi) Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Minutes, December 15, 2009 (Item 5.11)

CARRIED

(g) **Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 11):**

(McHattie/Morelli)
(a) That the proposed new due dates for the following Emergency & Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List Items be approved:

(i) Item “J” – Recreation Access Policy
Current Due Date: February 17, 2010
Proposed New Due Date: 2011

(ii) Item “P” – Green Roofs and Living Walls
Current Due Date: February 17, 2010
Proposed New Due Date: March 24, 2010

(iii) Item “T” – Installation of Sub-Meters in Residential Rental Units and its Impact on Tenant Affordability Units
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Current Due Date: February 17, 2010
Proposed New Due Date: April 21, 2010

(iv) Item “X” – Accessibility & Funding for Social Affordable Housing
    Current Due Date: February 17, 2010
    Proposed New Due Date: March 24, 2010

(b) That the following items be considered compete and removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business list:

(i) Item “V” – Feasibility of Hockey Equipment

(ii) Item “K” – Infrastructure Grants from Other Levels of Government

(iii) Item “H” – Call for Action: Recreation, Parks and Sport Infrastructure

(iv) Item “R” – Hamilton & District Injured Workers’ Group – Social Services Matters

CARRIED

(h)  ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Morelli/Merulla)
There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor R. Pasuta, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
February 17, 2010