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

Also Present: Councillor B. Bratina
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
J. Kay, General Manager/Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services
B. Browett, Director/Deputy Chief
C. Murray, Director, Housing
T. Quinn, Director, Strategic Services
L. Oligmueller, Program Manager, Employment Supports
N. Roque, Program Manager, Employment & Income Support
J. Gaunt, Supervisor, Special Events
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. City of Hamilton Projects Funded Under the Aging in Place Strategy of the Provincial Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) (ECS08034) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

(Morelli/McCarthy)
That Report ECS08034 – City of Hamilton Projects Funded under the Aging in Place Strategy of the Provincial Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), be received.

CARRIED
2. Employment Innovations Project (HamiltonHires) (ECS08033) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

(Morelli/McCarthy)
That Report ECS08033 – Employment Innovations Project (HamiltonHires), be received.
CARRIED

3. Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, dated April 15, 2008 (Item 5.3)

(Morelli/McCarthy)
That the Minutes of the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee meeting, dated April 15, 2008, be received.
CARRIED

4. Arts Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes, dated April 22, 2008 (Item 5.4)

(Morelli/McCarthy)
That the Minutes of the Arts Advisory Commission meeting, dated April 22, 2008, be approved.
CARRIED

5. 2008 Heat Response Plan (ECS08027) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(McHattie/McCarthy)
CARRIED

6. Ontario Child Benefit (ECS08031) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

(McHattie/Merulla)
(a) That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Community and Social Services to request issuance of the full amount of the Ontario Works Back to School and Winter Clothing Allowances in 2008, as a transition strategy to reduce financial hardship for social assistance recipients with children, and that these allowances be paid 100% by the Province of Ontario.

(b) That the addition of one (1) temporary FTE, for a six-month period, to complete the implementation of the business process amendments, to be 100% funded by the Province, be approved.

(c) That, in the meantime, the Minister of Community and Social Services also be requested to reconsider permanently reinstating the Ontario Works Back to School and Winter Clothing Allowances in the immediate future.

AMENDMENT CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED
7. Municipal Comparison of Ontario Works Employment Outcomes
   (ECS08029) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

   (Merulla/McHattie)
   That Report ECS08029 – Municipal Comparison of Ontario Works Employment
   Outcomes, be received.

   CARRIED

8. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities National Action Plan on Housing
   and Homelessness, and the City’s Actions to Address Housing Need and
   Homelessness Locally (ECS08032) (City-Wide) (Item 7.4)

   (Merulla/Duvall)
   (a) That the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ “Sustaining the
   Momentum: Recommendations for a National Action Plan on Housing”
   (attached as Appendix “A” to Report ECS08032) be endorsed, and that
   the Federal Minister of Human Resources & Social Development, the
   Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing and all local MPs and
   MPPs, be informed of this decision.

   (b) That the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing be forwarded a copy of
   Report ECS08032, as input to the province’s Long-Term Affordable
   Housing strategy.

   (c) That Housing Division staff, working in partnership with community
   agencies, senior levels of government and City politicians/staff, be
   directed to develop and implement a comprehensive housing action plan
   that addresses the needs of our citizens now and in the foreseeable
   future.

   CARRIED

9. Beasley Community Centre (ECS07092(a)) (Ward 2) (Item 7.5)

   (Duvall/McHattie)
   That Report ECS07092(a) – Beasley Community Centre, be received.

   CARRIED

10. Utilities Arrears Program Review (ECS08030/FCS08054) (City Wide) (Item
    8.1)

    (Merulla/Pasuta)
    (a) That staff be authorized to re-direct funds up to $100,000 of the $500,000
        allocation for the Utilities Arrears Program between the targets groups
        (Ontario Works/Ontario Disability Support Program and Low-Income) as
        dictated by need in order to maximize usage of the funds.
(b) That staff continue to communicate the availability of the Utilities Arrears Program through such methods as utility bill inserts, brochures, newsletters and City and agency websites.

CARRIED

11. Hamilton East Kiwanis Non-Profit Homes Inc. – Request to Place Federal Portfolio under the Social Housing Reform Act, 2000 (ECS08025) (Ward 4) (Item 8.2)

(Merulla/Pasuta)
That Report ECS08025 – Hamilton East Kiwanis Non-Profit Homes Inc. – Request to Place Federal Portfolio under the Social Housing Reform Act, 2000, be received.

CARRIED

12. Approval for Alcohol as part of a Special Event (Baseball/Slo-Pitch Tournament) – Bernie Arbour Stadium, Mohawk Sports Park, Freelton Community Park (ECS08035) (Wards 6 and 14) (Item 8.3)

(Pasuta/Merulla)
(a) That the Canadian National Oldtimers Baseball Championship, organized by the Hamilton Oldtimers Baseball Organization Inc., be approved to host a Beer Garden as part of their 2008 National Tournament at Bernie Arbour Stadium and Mohawk Sports Park on Friday, August 1, 2008, to Monday, August 4, 2008, between the hours of 12-noon and 11:00 p.m.

(b) That the Freelton Lions Club be approved to host a Beer Garden as part of a fundraiser for “Wheels to Walk” on Saturday, August 2, 2008, from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Freelton Community Park.

(c) That, if the request to host a Beer 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.

(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
13. Appointment to the Tenant Advisory Committee (Item 9.1)

(Duvall/Pasuta)
That Constance Bellamy be appointed to the Tenant Advisory Committee for the balance of the 2006-2010 Term of Council or until such time as a successor is appointed by Council.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk noted the following changes to the agenda:

(i) Added as Item 4.2 – a delegation request made by Maggie Hughes respecting the Benefits of Green Roofs and Living Walls

(ii) Item 8.2 – has been moved to Item 7.5, as staff would like to provide a presentation for Report ECS07092(a) – Beasley Community Centre. Therefore, Items 8.2 to 8.4 will be renumbered accordingly in the Committee minutes.

(iii) Added as Item 8.4 – Approval for Alcohol as part of a Special Event (Baseball/Slo-Pitch Tournament) – Bernie Arbour Stadium, Mohawk Sports Park, Freelton Community Park (ECS08035) (Wards 6 and 14)

(Morelli/McCarthy)
That the June 18, 2008, 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)

3.1 June 4, 2008

(Morelli/McCarthy)
That the Minutes of the June 4, 2008 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED
(d) **Delegation Request – Peter Page, President, Hamilton & District Injured Workers’ Group respecting Social Services Matters (Item 4.1)**

(Pasuta/McHattie)
That the delegation request, made by Peter Page, President, Hamilton & District Injured Workers’ Group respecting Social Services Matters, be approved.

CARRIED

(e) **Delegation Request – Maggie Hughes respecting the Benefits of Green Roofs and Living Walls (Item 4.2)**

(McCarthy/Merulla)
That the delegation request, made by Maggie Hughes respecting the Benefits of Green Roofs and Living Walls, be approved.

CARRIED

(f) **Lynn Aquin, on behalf of the Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits, respecting Item 7.1 – 2008 Heat Response Plan (ECS08027) (Item 6.1)**

Lynn Aquin spoke on behalf of the Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits, with respect global weather predictions and the 2008 Heat Response plan; noting that she believes that the current heat alert trigger system is not adequate for those who are vulnerable. A handout was also provided to Committee for their information.

It was suggested that a voluntary vulnerable person registry be set up in order that those who are vulnerable may be contacted when there is a heat alert forecast. Volunteers could be utilized (i.e. churches, community groups, etc.) to compile this registry and to make the contact with those registered, when necessary.

(McCarthy/McHattie)
That the presentation, made by Lynn Aquin, on behalf of the Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits, respecting Item 7.1 – 2008 Heat Response Plan (ECS08027), be received.

CARRIED

(g) **Tom Cooper, on behalf of the Community Heat Response Committee, respecting Item 7.1 – 2008 Heat Response Plan (ECS08027) (Item 6.2)**

Tom Cooper spoke on behalf of the Community Heat Response Committee in support of the 2008 Heat Response Plan noting that those most impacted by long periods of extreme heat and humidity are seniors, people who suffer with mental health issues, are in a low income bracket, or persons with disabilities; many of whom cannot get to cooling centers.
Mr. Cooper did support the voluntary vulnerable person registry suggestion, and also proposed that, when heat alerts are announced, free HSR service be provided to those citizens who need to reach cooling centres, public areas; such as libraries, malls, etc. or the homes of friends and family who have air conditioning.

Mr. Cooper was advised by Committee that there is a report forthcoming to the Board of Health with respect to the operation of HSR during heat and/or smog alert days, which will recommend options to address this matter.

(Duvall/McCarthy)
That the presentation, made by Tom Cooper, on behalf of the Community Heat Response Committee, respecting Item 7.1 – 2008 Heat Response Plan (ECS08027), be received.

CARRIED

(h) 2008 Heat Response Plan (ECS08027) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Terry Quinn, Director, Strategic Services, provided a verbal overview of Report ECS08027.

(i) Feasibility of Opening City Cooling Centres at an Earlier Heat Alert Stage

(McHattie/Merulla)
That staff be directed to investigate the cost and staff implications associated with opening City cooling centres at the second stage of the heat trigger system (heat warning) of a 40 degree celsius humidex, and to provide a report back to the July 9, 2008 Board of Health meeting.

CARRIED

Councillor M. McCarthy wished to be recorded as OPPOSED to this motion.

(j) Ron Sherigan, on behalf of the Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee, respecting Item 7.2 – Ontario Child Benefit (ECS08031) (City Wide) (Item 6.3)

Ron Sherigan spoke on behalf of the Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee, in support of Item 7.2 – Ontario Child Benefit (ECS08031).

(McHattie/McCarthy)
That the presentation, made by Ron Shergian, on behalf of the Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee, respecting Item 7.2 – Ontario Child Benefit (ECS08031), be received.

CARRIED
(k) **Ontario Child Benefit (ECS08031) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

Nella Roque, Program Manager, Employment and Income Support, provided a Powerpoint presentation and detailed overview of Report ECS08031 – Ontario Child Benefit.

**CARRIED**

(l) **Municipal Comparison of Ontario Works Employment Outcomes (ECS08029) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)**


Staff was directed to report back to a future Emergency & Community Services Committee with respect to the best possible methods of measurement and illustration of Ontario Works outcomes.

(m) **The Federation of Canadian Municipalities National Action Plan on Housing and Homelessness, and the City’s Actions to Address Housing Need and Homelessness Locally (ECS08032) (City-Wide) (Item 7.4)**

Chris Murray, Director of Housing, provided a verbal overview of Report ECS08032 – The Federation of Canadian Municipalities National Action Plan on Housing and Homelessness, and the City’s Actions to Address Housing Need and Homelessness Locally.

(n) **Beasley Community Centre (ECS07092(a)) (Ward 2) (Item 7.5)**

Terry Quinn, Director, Strategic Services, provided a presentation and overview of Report ECS07092(a) – Beasley Community Centre.

Note: Item 7.5 was originally noted on the agenda as Item 8.2.

(o) **Hamilton East Kiwanis Non-Profit Homes Inc. – Request to Place Federal Portfolio under the Social Housing Reform Act, 2000 (ECS08025) (Ward 4) (Item 8.2)**

Note: Item 8.2 was originally noted on the agenda as Item 8.3.
(p) Approval for Alcohol as part of a Special Event (Baseball/Slo-Pitch Tournament) – Bernie Arbour Stadium, Mohawk Sports Park, Freelton Community Park (ECS08035) (Wards 6 and 14) (Item 8.3)

Note: Item 8.3 was originally noted on the agenda as Item 8.4, when added to the agenda.

(q) Investigation of Costs Associated with the Proposed Revised dates of Operation for City Owned, Outdoor Pools (Item 9.2)

(McHattie/Pasuta)
That the Rules of Order be waived in order to introduce a Motion respecting the investigation of Costs Associated with the Proposed Revised Dates of Operation for City Owned, Outdoor Pools.

CARRIED

(McHattie/Pasuta)
Whereas, climate change trends include warmer weather earlier each year and later into the autumn; and,

Whereas, Hamilton continues to experience more heat alerts, and the third trigger on the heat alert system requires pools to be kept open later into the evening; and,

Whereas, the first week in June 2008 exhibited humidex figures over 40 degrees celsius; and,

Whereas, City owned, outdoor pools in Hamilton are currently only open for the months of July and August;

Therefore be it resolved:

That staff be directed to investigate the costs associated with opening City owned, outdoor pools in June and keeping them open into September, and report back to the 2009 budget process for consideration.

CARRIED

(r) Outstanding Business List Items Requiring Approval for Proposed New Due Dates (Item 11.1)

(Merulla/McHattie)
That the proposed new due dates for the following Emergency & Community Services Committee Outstanding Business List items, be approved:

(i) Item “J” - Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits
Current Due Date: June 18, 2008
Proposed New Due Date: October 2, 2008
(ii) Item “M” – Farmers’ Market – Costing and Relocation (Temporary)
Current Due Date: June 18, 2008
Proposed New Due Date: September 17, 2008

(iii) Item “O” – Adequacy of Ontario Works Social Assistance Rates and the Economic Impact of Ontario Child Benefit Monies
Current Due Date: June 18, 2008
Proposed New Due Date: November 5, 2008

(iv) Item “P” – State of Care for Seniors
Current Due Date: June 18, 2008
Proposed New Due Date: November 19, 2008

(v) Item “Q” – Plan on How to Redevelop the Oriole Crescent Housing Complex
Current Due Date: June 18, 2008
Proposed New Due Date: November 19, 2008

(vi) Item “R” – Feasibility of Moving Staff to First Place
Current Due Date: June 18, 2008
Proposed New Due Date: September 17, 2008

(vii) Item “S” – Ice Rates and Times for Non-Affiliated Clubs
Current Due Date: 2008 Budget Deliberations
Proposed New Due Date: December 3, 2008

(viii) Item “V” – Artificial Outdoor Ice Rinks
Current Due Date: 2008 Budget Deliberations
Proposed New Due Date: December 3, 2008

(ix) Item “Y” – City of Hamilton’s War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration Initiative (PED070257/ECS07069)
Current Due Date: June 18, 2008
Proposed New Due Date: December 3, 2008

CARRIED

(s) Outstanding Business List Items Requiring Approval to be removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee Outstanding Business List (Item 11.2)

(Pasuta/Duvall)
That Item “L” - Farmers’ Market – Free Bus Passes and/or Tokens for Market Shoppers, be considered complete and removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business list.

CARRIED

(This item was addressed at the May 7, 2008 Committee Meeting - Farmers’ Market Free Bus Passes and/or Tokens for Market Shoppers (ECS08022).)
(t) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Duvall/Pasuta)
There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor T. Jackson, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
June 18, 2008