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

Also Present: J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
B. Browett, Acting General Manager, Hamilton Emergency Services
T. Tollis, City Treasurer
J. Kay, Acting Director, Culture
D. Brodati, Policy & Program Specialist, Social Housing
J. Xamin, Senior Project Manager, Operational Strategies
L. Huibers, Executive Director, Housing Help Centre
A. Ochnik, Rooming House Coordinator, Housing Help Centre
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit Program Update (CS09060(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

(McCarthy/Jackson)
That Report CS09060(a) – Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit Program Update, be received.

CARRIED
2. Roomers and Boarders – Rooming House Coordinator (PED05125(d)/SPH05066(d)) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

(McHattie/Duvall)
That Report PED05125(d)/SPH05066(d) Roomers and Boarders – Rooming House Coordinator, be received.  
CARRIED

3. Transformation of Employment Ontario (CS10022) (City Wide) (item 5.3)

(McHattie/Duvall)
(a) That Report CS10022) – Transformation of Employment Ontario, be received.

(b) That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Training Colleges and Universities to request that the Minister or his designate come to Hamilton to explain the rationale, behind the Ministry’s decision respecting the Transformation of Employment Ontario; and, to consult with Hamilton employment agencies, the City of Hamilton, and citizens, prior to finalizing Employment Ontario delivery mechanisms in Hamilton.  
AMENDMENT CARRIED 
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

4. 2010 Hamilton Civic Golf Course Rates & Fees Schedule (CS10017) (Wards 1 and 5) (Item 8.1)

(McCarthy/Jackson)
(a) That the 2010 Rates and Fees Schedule for the Hamilton Civic Golf Courses, attached as Appendix A to Report CS10017, to be effective March 11, 2010, be approved; and,

(b) That future proposed golf rate and fee increases be included as part of the Corporate User Fees and Charges for Services, Activities or the Use of Property Report.  
CARRIED

5. 'Red Friday' Events (CS10018) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Merulla/Duvall)
(a) That the report, prepared by Carrie Brooks-Joiner, Carrie Brooks-Joiner and Associates, respecting Red Fridays and Troop Recognition (attached as Appendix “A” Report CS10018), be received.

(b) That the Director of Culture be directed disseminate information to appropriate community organizations regarding the Red Friday’s
campaign and provide guidance, when requested, to Red Friday community event organizers.

(b) That the Hamilton Veterans’ Committee be directed purchase a Support the Troops banner, for display at appropriate veterans’ events at a cost of $65, to be funded from the Veterans’ Committee 2010 budget.  

CARRIED

6. Mohawk 4Ice Centre Operating and Maintenance Agreement (CS10020) (Ward 6) (Item 8.3)

(Jackson/Merullia)

(a) That the proposed amendments to the Operating and Maintenance Agreement for the Mohawk 4Ice Centre (attached as Appendix A to Report CS10020), be approved; and,

(b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Operating and Maintenance Amending Agreement for the Mohawk 4Ice Centre (attached as Appendix A to Report CS10020).

CARRIED

7. Mohawk 4Ice Operating Letter of Credit (CS10019) (Ward 6) (Item 8.4)

(Jackson/Merulla)

(a) That the correspondence from Hamilton Arena Partners (attached as Appendix A to Report CS10019), requesting removal of the requirement for Hamilton Arena Partners Inc. to provide the City of Hamilton with a letter of credit in the amount of $150,000, as per Article 3.17 of the Mohawk 4 Ice Centre Operating and Maintenance Agreement, be received.

(b) That staff be directed to return the Letter of Credit, in the amount of $150,000, which is currently held by the City of Hamilton, as per Article 3.17 of the Mohawk 4 Ice Centre Operating and Maintenance Agreement, to the Hamilton Arena Partners Inc.;

(c) That staff be directed to transfer $150,000 from the Four Pad Arena Capital Reserve to the Mohawk 4Ice Arena Operating Stabilization Reserve #110049.

CARRIED

8. City of Hamilton Recreation Infrastructure Renewal – Facility Closure (CS10023) (City Wide) (Item 8.5)

(Merulla/McCarthy)

That Report CS10023 - City of Hamilton Recreation Infrastructure Renewal – Facility Closure, be received.  

CARRIED
FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

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

There were no changes to the agenda.

*(Morelli/Merulla)*

That the agenda for the March 3, 2010 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as presented.  
**CARRIED**

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

There were none declared.

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

3.1  **February 17, 2010**

*(Morelli/Merulla)*

That the Minutes of the February 17, 2010 Emergency & Community Services Committee budget meeting be approved, as presented.  
**CARRIED**

(d)  **Roomers and Boarders – Rooming House Coordinator (PED05125(d)/SPH05066(d)) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)**

Joe Xamin, Senior Project Manager, Operational Strategies, introduced Larry Huibers, Executive Director of the Housing Help Centre, and Anna Ochnik, Rooming House Coordinator, to members of Committee.

(e)  **Mr. Shane Coleman, of the Hamilton Farmers’ Market, respecting Proposed 2 Hour Free Parking at the Hamilton Farmers’ Market during Renovations (Item 6.1)**

Mr. Coleman’s comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Proposal is to transfer the budgeted funds allotted for garbage removal and have them used to purchase free parking for the markets customers.
- Currently the garbage collection is costing $70000 per annum.
- 10 years ago the garbage collection was not a cost covered by the budget.
- Other markets do not offer garbage services.
- Majority of business on the market do not use garbage services.
- Flowers, bread, crafts and farmers do not use this service.
• Asking for basic service of one black garbage bag per business per day.
• Remainder of waste – cardboard, plastic and organic will be removed by vendors.
• Savings of removal, savings in cleaning supplies and man power.
• By not subsidizing garbage this will clean up the quality on the market.
• Asking for the City of Hamilton to extend the free parking to the market by freeing up the budget currently used for garbage service and using that money to purchase free parking for the Hamilton Farmers Market valued customers.

(McCarthy/Jackson)
(a) That the presentation provided by Shane Coleman, of the Hamilton Farmers’ Market, respecting Proposed 2 Hour Free Parking at the Hamilton Farmers’ Market during Renovations, be received.

(b) That the presentation be referred to staff, with a copy to the Ward 2 Councillor, for review and a report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

CARRIED

(f) Advisory Committee Minutes (Items 5.4)

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

(i) Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee Minutes, September 10, 2009 (Item 5.4)

(ii) Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee Minutes, October 8, 2009 (Item 5.5)

(iii) Tenant Advisory Committee Minutes, December 11, 2009 (Item 5.6)

(iv) Hamilton Veteran’s Committee Minutes, January 12, 2010 (Item 5.7)

CARRIED

(g) Transformation of Employment Ontario (CS10022) (City Wide) (item 5.3)

The following motion was put forward by Councillor B. McHattie, and the recommendation is shown as Item 2(b) above:

Whereas, the decision by Ministry of Colleges and Universities in choosing specific Hamilton employment training organizations over others, causing significant gaps in service delivery.
Whereas, that Employment Ontario outcomes are in divergent contrast to community-development and supported plans (i.e. settlement strategies for newcomers); and,

Whereas, the Province of Ontario’s decision has created confusion for agencies and service recipients, and has resulted in questions regarding boundaries and accountability; and,

Whereas the Province has not explained their rationale nor undertaken discussions on the impacts of their decision;

Therefore be it resolved:

That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Training Colleges and Universities to request that the Minister or his designate come to Hamilton to explain the rationale, behind the Ministry’s decision respecting the Transformation of Employment Ontario; and, to consult with Hamilton employment agencies, the City of Hamilton, and citizens, prior to finalizing Employment Ontario delivery mechanisms in Hamilton.

(h) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 11):

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

(i) Item “B” – Campaign for Adequate Welfare
Current Due Date: March 3, 2010
Proposed New Due Date: April 21, 2010

(ii) Item “I” – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Needs Assessment
Current Due Date: March 3, 2010
Proposed New Due Date: April 7, 2010

(iii) Item “N” – Benefits of Green Roofs and Living Walls
Current Due Date: March 24, 2010
Proposed New Due Date: April 7, 2010

CARRIED

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Morelli/Merulla)
There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m. CARRIED
Respectfully submitted,

Councillor R. Pasuta, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
March 3, 2010