EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT 13-005
1:30 p.m.
Monday, June 10, 2013
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Present: Councillor T. Whitehead, Chair
Councillor J. Farr, Vice-Chair
Councillors S. Duvall, T. Jackson, B. McHattie, and S. Merulla

Absent with Regrets: Councillor B. Morelli, Sick leave
Councillor J. Partridge, City business

THE EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 13-005 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Child Care Funding (CS13028) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)
That Report CS13028 respecting Child Care Funding be received.

2. Emergency Management Program By-law (CS13031) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)
   (a) That the updated Emergency Management Program By-law attached as Appendix “A” to Report CS13031 be passed;

   (b) That City of Hamilton Emergency Management Program By-law 05-105 as amended, be repealed.

3. Hamilton Farmers' Market Sign (PW13048) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)
That Report PW13048 respecting Hamilton Farmers' Market Sign be received.

4. Hamilton Centre For Civic Inclusion - Funding Agreement (CS11023(e)) (City Wide) (Item 5.5)
That Report CS11023(e) respecting Hamilton Centre For Civic Inclusion – Funding Agreement be received.

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5. Licence Agreement for Use of Morgan Firestone Arena by Junior B Franchise (CS13029) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(a) That the City of Hamilton enter into a Licence Agreement with the Stoney Creek Junior Hockey Club Inc. to provide the Junior B franchise with dedicated space in the Morgan Firestone Arena;

(b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Licence Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Stoney Creek Junior Hockey Club Inc., in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,

(c) That the General Manager of Community & Emergency Services, or designate, be authorized to approve any subsequent changes to the Licence Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Stoney Creek Junior Hockey Club Inc., and to execute any related or ancillary documentation as may be required to give effect thereto, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

6. Ensuring Access to Services for Immigrants (Item 9.1)

That copies of the following resolution be forwarded to the area Members of Parliament (M.P.'s) and Members of Provincial Parliament (M.P.P.'s):

Whereas, the City of Toronto passed a resolution on February 21 2013, reaffirming its commitment to ensuring access to services without fear to immigrants without full status or without full status documents, with direction to staff to review opportunities and strategies on how the City can assist;

Whereas, the Public Health Department has been active with others in Hamilton ensuring service is provided to undocumented individuals;

Whereas, several Hamilton agencies have also been active in assisting undocumented workers and are interested in working with the City of Hamilton in developing policy on this issue, with a workshop being planned by the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic / Clinique juridique communautaire de Hamilton;

Therefore be it resolved:

That the Community and Emergency Services Department engage with the Public Health Department and local agencies to investigate how undocumented individuals are treated in Hamilton, and report to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.
FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)
The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

(i) If it is Committee's pleasure to approve Item 4.1 to address Committee today, it would be appropriate to move Councillor McHattie's motion up in the agenda to follow Ms. Antelo's delegation;

(ii) Also, there is an added Item 11.2 – a Verbal Update respecting FCM's National Housing Strategy, by Chair Whitehead

The agenda was approved as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)
There were none declared.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)
The Minutes of the May 13, 2013 meeting were approved as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) The following delegation request was approved and the rules of order waived in order to hear the delegation at today's meeting:

   Maria Antelo, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic, in support of immigrants and refugees having access to services in Hamilton. (Item 4.1)

(e) CONSENT (Item 5)

(i) VARIOUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Item 5.1):
The following Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes were received:

   (i) Seniors Advisory Committee meeting of April 5, 2013
   (ii) Food & Shelter Advisory Committee meeting of April 11, 2013

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS DELEGATIONS

(i) Tammy Francoeur, Turning Point Detox, wishing to initiate a “Recovery Day” in the City of Hamilton on September 8, 2013. (Approved May 13, 2013) (Item 6.1)

   Tammy Francoeur was not in attendance.
Committee requested that the Committee Clerk advise Ms. Francoeur that the City of Hamilton does not issue proclamations and to provide her with Councillor Farr’s contact information as he would be willing to participate in the “Recovery Day” initiative.

(ii) Maria Antelo, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic, in support of immigrants and refugees having access to services in Hamilton. (Item 4.1)

Maria Antelo, of the Hamilton Community Legal Clinic addressed Committee.

She read from a prepared statement and spoke in support of immigrants and refugees having access to services in Hamilton. Copies of her presentation were distributed and a copy is included in the Clerk’s file and can be viewed on the City’s website.

On a motion, Committee received the delegation.

(g) MOTIONS (Item 9)

(i) Ensuring Access to Services for Immigrants (Item 9.1)

Committee amended the motion by adding the following introduction:

“That copies of the following resolution be forwarded to the area Members of Parliament (M.P.’s) and Members of Provincial Parliament (M.P.P.’s):"

The motion, as amended, was approved as outlined in Item 6 of this Report.

(h) GENERAL INFORMATION (Item 11)

(i) Outstanding Business List

(1) The due dates of the following outstanding business list items were amended:

Item “A” – Recreation Centre in Winona
Due dated: June 10, 2013
Proposed New Due Date: December 9, 2013

Item “B” – Follow-up report re: HHS ABC Program pre and post conditions after one year.
Due dated: June 10, 2013
Proposed New Due Date: October 8, 2013
Item “D” – Neighbourhood Down Payment Assistance Program.
Due dated: June 10, 2013
Proposed New Due Date: September 9, 2013

(2) The following Item was identified as completed and removed from the Outstanding Business List:
Item “M” – Location of Market Sign
(See Item 3 of this Report.)

(ii) Verbal Update respecting FCM’s National Housing Strategy (Added Item)

Chair Whitehead relinquished the Chair to Vice Chair Farr to provide a verbal update. He advised that he and Councillor Duvall have recently returned from a FCM conference where there was discussion respecting a National Housing Strategy and it was noted that the real estate market is affecting the availability of affordable housing. The Federal Government has not bought into a National Housing Strategy as yet but it is a high priority for FCM.

Committee received the verbal update.

(i) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor T. Whitehead, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

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