EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 3, 2007
Hamilton Convention Centre
1 Summers Lane
Room 207, 2nd Floor
Hamilton, Ontario

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

Also Present:  Councillors B. Bratina, C. Collins, R. Powers and T. Whitehead
G. Peace, City Manager
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services Department
J. Kay, General Manager/Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services
T. Quinn, Manager, Strategic Planning & Continuous Improvement
V. Woodcox, Administrator, Macassa Lodge
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Use, Renovation and Replacement Study for Hamilton Recreation and Public-Use Facilities, Phase I Findings (ECS07068) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Merulla/Morelli)
(a) That Report ECS07068 - Use, Renovation and Replacement Study for Hamilton Recreation and Public-Use Facilities, Phase I Findings and presentation, be received.

(b) That Phase II of the Use, Renovation and Replacement Study for Hamilton Recreation and Public Use Facilities not consider closure of any recreational facilities within the City of Hamilton.

AMENDMENT CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED
2. Update Status of Macassa & Wentworth Lodges (ECS07067) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

(Jackson/Morelli)
That Report ECS07067 Update Status of Macassa & Wentworth Lodges and presentation be received.

CARRIED

3. Citizen Appointments to the Arts Advisory Commission (Item 8.1)

(McHattie/Jackson)
That the following twelve (12) applicants be appointed to the Arts Advisory Commission, commencing on January 1, 2007, for the balance of the 2006 to 2010 term of Council or until such time as successors are appointed:

(i) Jahan Zeb
(ii) Brian Lane
(iii) Patti Randazzo-Beckett
(iv) Josefa Radman
(v) Anne McLean
(vi) Gary Deopdeste
(vii) Brian Kelly
(viii) Karen Logan
(ix) Nancy McKibbon Gray
(x) Renee Wetselaar
(xi) Bill Manson
(xii) Dr. Eli Tshibwabwa

AMENDMENT CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

4. Presentations to Standing Committees

(McHattie/Jackson)
That the City of Hamilton Volunteer Committees prepare and provide a presentation, with the assistance of their staff liaisons, to the appropriate Standing Committee on an annual basis, which outlines their achievements to-date.

CARRIED

5. Beach Lighthouse Operational Study and Heritage Building Assessment (ECS07073) (Ward 5) (Item 8.2)

(Jackson/Morelli)
(a) That the Beach Canal Lighthouse Group be provided with funding in an amount not to exceed $50,000, from the City of Hamilton’s Beach Restoration Fund, to have a Business and Operations Plan prepared and Cultural Heritage Assessment conducted for the Burlington Canal Light Station.
(b) That as a condition to providing the funding mentioned in item (a) the Beach Canal Lighthouse Group will provide a presentation of the Business and Operations Plan and the results of the Cultural Heritage assessment to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

CARRIED

6. Citizen Appointments to the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (Item 9.1)

(Jackson/Morelli)
That the following thirteen (13) applicants be appointed to the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee for the balance of the 2006 to 2010 term of Council or until such time as successors are appointed by Council:

(i) James R. K. Buffett
(ii) Shevon Clarke
(iii) Megan Meredith
(iv) Cassie Bian
(v) Nicholas Klimchuk
(vi) Ben Konyi
(vii) Chengbo Qian
(viii) Kristen Holubeshen
(ix) Chauntell Dietrich
(x) Jonathon Creary
(xi) Lauren Rebelo
(xii) Anna Nguyen
(xiii) Alexandra Mindorff

CARRIED

7. Resolution to Support Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction Recommendation for a Province Wide Poverty Strategy (Item 9.2)

(McHattie/Morelli)
WHEREAS poverty has reached critical levels across Ontario and particularly in Hamilton, where more than 96,000 residents live below the low income cut-off, including one quarter of all children;

AND WHEREAS, poverty has a significant impact upon long-term learning, health, participation rates in community life and future economic potential of the residents of Hamilton;

AND WHEREAS successful, collaborative poverty strategies; which recognize the importance of breaking down systemic and bureaucratic barriers that exist, within and between governments, have been successfully employed internationally, and initiated by other Canadian provinces towards significantly reducing poverty in those jurisdictions;
AND WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton believes that Ontario must employ a broad-based, collaborative and comprehensive poverty reduction strategy to coordinate efforts and engage all ministries, all levels of government, and the private and non profit sectors towards reducing poverty;

THEREFORE BE IT resolved

(a) That the City of Hamilton endorses the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction’s recommendation for the development of an Ontario-wide Poverty Reduction Strategy that will:

(i) Establish an inter-ministerial secretariat on poverty reduction;
(ii) Establish a provincial panel on poverty reduction;
(iii) Develop measurable targets and a timeline to reduce poverty; and,
(iv) Invest the resources and create the necessary policies to reduce and prevent poverty.

(b) That a copy of this resolution be sent to the leaders of all Provincial Parties and all local area MPP’s.

CARRIED

8. Cafeteria Services at Macassa Lodge (ECS07065) (City Wide) (Item 12.1)

(Jackson/McHattie)

(a) That the cafeteria at Macassa Lodge be closed for operations effective October 31, 2007.

(b) That alternative meal services through a variety of venues be in place, effective October 31, 2007.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk noted the following changes to the agenda:

(i) Added as Item 9.1 – Citizen Appointments to the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee

(ii) Added as Item 9.2 - Resolution to Support Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction Recommendation for a Province Wide Poverty Strategy
(McCarthy/Duvall)
That the agenda for the October 3, 2007 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)
(McCarthy/McHattie)
That the Minutes of the September 19, 2007 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) Use, Renovation and Replacement Study for Hamilton Recreation and Public-Use Facilities, Phase I Findings (ECS07068) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)
Jean Monteith, of Monteith Brown Planning Consultants, provided an in-depth Powerpoint presentation respecting Report ECS07068.

Committee and additional Councillors in attendance voiced concerns and stated that they do not wish to consider closing any of the City of Hamilton recreational facilities.

Committee also directed the consultant and staff to ensure that the following matters are considered and included in the Phase II Report:

(i) The needs of those who experience physical and mental disabilities are considered (i.e. accessibility, family change rooms, etc.).

(ii) The increased needs of the City’s new immigrants.

(iii) The needs and accessibility of those who are at or below the poverty level (cost, accessibility by walking, cycling or public transit).

(iii) The services and facilities offered at each recreational centre are geared to the needs of the majority of the neighbourhood in which they exist – and meet the needs of those who need them most.
Joe-Anne Priel, General Manager of the Community Services Department, advised Committee that she would like to review the comments and suggestions that came forward at today’s meeting, in order to prepare a more comprehensive study to include the suggestions that will better accommodate the needs of the community. A Phase I-A report will come before Committee to address these matters, prior to the Phase II report being completed.

Councillor McHattie commented that additional resources need to be allocated to the Recreational Services Division budget in order to provide for additional recreational services throughout the city. It was suggested that a portion of the budget, which is currently allocated toward roads, be reallocated to the Recreational Services Division for achieve these goals.

(e) **Update Status of Macassa & Wentworth Lodges (ECS07067) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

V. Woodcox, Administrator, Macassa Lodge, provided a Powerpoint presentation and an overview of Report ECS07067.

Councillor R. Powers directed staff to bring forward information, to a future meeting of the Emergency and Community Services Committee, which outlined the Province’s contribution and participation with respect to Hamilton’s long-term care facilities.

Once Committee and Council received this information, Councillor Powers suggested that Council lobby the Province for additional participation with respect the long-term care facilities.

(f) **Cafeteria Services at Macassa Lodge (ECS07065) (City Wide) (Item 12.1)**

(Duvall/Morelli)

That Committee move into Closed Session, at 3:35 p.m., pursuant to Section 8.1, subsection (d) of the City's Procedural By-law and Section 239, subsection (d) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as the subject matter pertains to labour relations or employee negotiations.

CARRIED

Committee reconvened in Open Session, at 3:46 p.m., and approved staff’s recommendations in Open Session, as shown in Item 8 above.

Report ECS07065 – Cafeteria Services at Macassa Lodge was released, in its entirety, as public information.
(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Jackson/McHattie)
There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
October 3, 2007