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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor B. Morelli – Personal Business
Councillor S. Duvall – City Business

Also Present: J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services Department
J. Kay, General Manager/Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services
A. Bradford, Manager of Culture
J. Gaunt, Special Events Supervisor
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, Clerk’s Office

THE EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 07-013 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Needs Study for a New Seniors’ Facility in Lower Hamilton (ECS07070) (Ward 10) (Item 5.1)

That Report ECS07070 – Needs Study for a New Seniors’ Facility in Lower Hamilton, be received.

2. Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes, dated June 8, 2007 (Item 5.2)

That the Minutes of the Seniors Advisory Committee, dated June 8, 2007, be received.
3. **City of Hamilton Events Strategy (ECS07058) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

   (a) That staff be directed to prepare an Events Strategy for the City of Hamilton, which outlines the City’s role in the delivery and support of Special Events within Hamilton.

   (b) That staff be directed to engage an event specialist to assist in the development of the Events Strategy for the City of Hamilton.

   (c) That the cost of developing the City of Hamilton’s Events Strategy, to an upset limit of $120,000 including the costs for the events specialist, be funded from the Unallocated Capital Reserve #108020.


   That, in accordance with the City of Hamilton's role in the delivery of the HomeStart Program, a site-specific Municipal Capital Facility By-law for Affordable Housing with The Bank of Nova Scotia (attached as Appendix A to ECS07071), be approved and enacted.

5. **Approval of Additional FTE – Director of Culture, Community Services (ECS07077) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

   That the addition of one (1) FTE, for the new position of Director of Culture, be approved with a funding transfer from the Recreation Division’s budget.

6. **Ivor Wynne Stadium - Structural and Bleacher Load-Testing Reports (ECS07013) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

   (a) That Option I – Maintain the Facility to meet current health and safety related repairs to the concrete and/or steel structures at Ivor Wynne Stadium, as outlined in Report ECS07013, be approved.

   (b) That the Ivor Wynne Stadium Structural Engineering Survey and Bleacher Load Testing Report, prepared by S.P. Design, dated October 2004, be received.

   (c) That the report prepared by Norr Limited, dated November 20, 2006 respecting Ivor Wynne Stadium, be received.


   (a) That the wording for the Peace Memorial Park plaque, hereto attached and marked as Appendix A to Report 07-013, be approved.
(b) That the wording for the Peace Memorial School plaque, hereto attached and marked as Appendix B to Report 07-013, be approved.

8. **Hamilton Historical Board/Joint Plaquing Sub-committee Report 07-005 – The Place of Firsts Plaque (Ward 2) (Item 8.5)**

That the wording for The Place of Firsts plaque, hereto attached and marked as Appendix C to Report No. 07-013, be approved.

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

That the following two (2) 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) Evan Gravely
(ii) Leo Nupolu Johnson

10. **Citizen Appointment to the Hamilton Historical Board (Item 9.2)**

That Pat Saunders be appointed to the Hamilton Historical Board for the remainder of the 2006 to 2010 term of Council or until such time as a successor has been appointed by Council.

11. **Appointment of three (3) Councillors, from the Emergency & Community Services Committee, to the Emergency Medical Services Resource and Deployment Advisory Task Force (Item 11.2)**

That the following members, of the Emergency & Community Services Committee, be appointed to the Emergency Medical Services Resource & Deployment Task Force:

(i) Councillor R. Pasuta
(ii) Councillor S. Merulla
(iii) Councillor S. Duvall

12. **Citizen Appointments to the Seniors Advisory Committee (Item 9.3)**

(a) That, as Ms. Ann Karow, a long-time, valued member of the Seniors Advisory Committee has passed away, her name be withdrawn from the Seniors Advisory Committee membership.

(b) That Ms. Lorraine Meloche be appointed to the Seniors Advisory Committee for the remainder of the 2006 to 2010 term of Council or until such time as a successor has been appointed by Council.
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 9.2 – Citizen Appointment to the Hamilton Historical Board

(ii) Added as Item 9.3 – Citizen Appointment to the Seniors Advisory Committee

The agenda for the November 7, 2007 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were none declared.

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

The Minutes of the October 3, 2007 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee were approved, as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Mary Sinclair respecting various matters with regard to Assistance for Persons with Disabilities (Item 4.1)

The delegation request, made by Mary Sinclair, respecting various matters with regard to Assistance for Persons with Disabilities was approved.

(ii) Peggyanne Mansfield, on behalf of the Women’s Centre (Item 4.2)

The delegation request, made by Peggyanne Mansfield, on behalf of the Women’s Centre was approved.

(e) City of Hamilton Events Strategy (ECS07058) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Anna Bradford, Manager of Culture, provided a Powerpoint presentation overview of Report ECS0758.

Councillor Merulla requested that staff contact the Waterfront Trust with respect to a possible Wingfest.
(f) **Correspondence from Glenn Harkness, Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys’ and Girls’ Club, respecting an Agreement with the City of Hamilton (Item 11.1)**

The correspondence from Glenn Harkness, Hamilton East Kiwanis Boys’ and Girls’ Club, respecting an Agreement with the City of Hamilton was received.

The correspondence was referred to staff for a response Mr. Harkness

(g) **Closed Session Minutes of October 3, 2007 (Item 12.1)**

As the Committee determined that no discussion or amendments, respecting the Closed Session Minutes of the October 3, 2007, meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee was required, the Minutes were approved in Open Session, as shown below:

The Closed Session Minutes of the October 3, 2007 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee were approved, as presented.

The October 3, 2007 minutes, of the Emergency & Community Services Committee, will remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure, in accordance with exemptions provided in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

(h) **ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
November 7, 2007
PEACE MEMORIAL PARK

Prior to the demolition of Peace Memorial School in 2005, plans were formulated to create a neighbourhood park on this site. This memorial arch relates to the ancient Romans, who built such arches to commemorate famous battles and to remember those who lost their lives for the cause. This old columned portico stands proudly today as a memorial to the school and to the thousands of Canadian men and women who served and gave their lives in the struggle for peace and freedom. Peace Memorial Park was established not only as a remembrance to those who served and gave their lives in the First World War, but also as a tribute to honour the men and women of Canada’s armed forces who have served their country in war and peace in the 20th and 21st centuries. Their legacy prevails today in the service of their committed descendants.

Remember Them.

Donated by The Royal Hamilton Military Institute
City of Hamilton

155 words

Prepared by the Peace Memorial Park Development Committee representative, Colwyn Beynon who sourced the information.

Approved pending submission of sources by the JPSC – 9 January 2007

Proofed for Grammar & Syntax – 16 March 2007

Approved pending submission of sources by the Hamilton Historical Board – 12 July 2007

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Colwyn Beynon was in attendance at the school as a child back in 1945-46 and personally witnessed the influx of veterans children to the school and in addition was able to give a first hand account of conditions and activities there.

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Other references were obtained by Colwyn Beynon as the Mountain Historian. He has been published in the Hamilton Mountain News over twelve years writing articles such as "Proud Yesterdays" and currently "Dusty Corners", both describing the history of Mount Hamilton.
PEACE MEMORIAL SCHOOL  
1919 - 2003

Peace Memorial School was built in 1919 on donated land in the former Township of Barton, County of Wentworth. This school was named as a tribute to those who died on the battlefields of the First World War. From 1919 – 1921, part of the school was pressed into service as a military recovery ward, caring for the overflow of wounded from Mount Hamilton Hospital. In 1919, students from S.S. No. 7 Barton School on Upper Gage Avenue began attending Peace Memorial School, grades one to eight. The Hamilton Board of Education assumed control of the school in 1929. The Second World War was followed by rapid growth on the mountain. As a result of overcrowding, six rooms were added in 1948 for the 329 students. Shift classes were inaugurated in 1950, with half the school attending mornings and the other half afternoons. Eight additional rooms and a gymnasium were added by 1952 to handle 922 students. Through the years, declining enrollment and antiquity befell the old school. The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board closed Peace Memorial School in June 2003, ending 84 years of education service. The former portico, now an archway, remains as a tribute to all those who walked its halls.

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THE PLACE OF FIRSTS

In the 1790s, many of Hamilton’s first United Empire Loyalist families settled around this site where the head of an extended inlet from Burlington Bay intersected a prehistoric trail from Niagara.

Smith’s Tavern, the first public house in the area opened at this intersection. In 1796, the tavern hosted the first full meeting of the Barton Lodge Free and Accepted Masons.

Local members of the Land, Springer, Depew, Stuart, Ferguson, and Aikman families erected the first log schoolhouse in Hamilton on the southeast corner in 1816, employing William Applegarth as the first teacher.

In 1824, community focus on the school site expanded with the construction of the first Methodist church in Hamilton, just west of the school. Many members of the first local families were buried in the churchyard. The log church was known as the Hamilton Church, the King Street Church, and when rebuilt in 1868, the Stone Church.

On March 19, 1912, fire severely damaged the Stone Church. It was replaced by the first Methodist cathedral in Hamilton, designed by W. E. N. Hunter, a Hamilton-born architect. The Cathedral opened May 10, 1914. The Italian Renaissance style church, with a dome 56 feet high and 60 feet in diameter, was later known as First United Church. It was destroyed by fire on September 13, 1969.

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227 words

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