Emergency & Community Services Committee
REPORT 07-002
Wednesday, February 7, 2007
1:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor B. McHattie – Vacation

Also Present: G. Peace, City Manager
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services Department
J. Kay, General Manager/Chief Hamilton Emergency Services
B. Mullan, Chief of Police, Hamilton Police Service
G. Hendry, Director of Employment & Income Support Branch
B. Fenwick, Director, Culture & Recreation Division
A. Bradford, Manager of Culture
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, Clerk’s Office

THE EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 07-002 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Appointment of Administrator of the Ontario Works Act 1997 (ECS07002) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

   (a) That Council approve the appointment of Gillian Hendry as the Administrator of the Ontario Works Act 1997.

   (b) That this appointment be submitted to the Minister of Community and Social Services for approval.
2. Upgrading of the 911 Emergency System (Item 9.1)

That staff be directed to investigate and report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee on the cost and requirements, associated with upgrading the City’s 911 Emergency System to enable video and camera footage to be immediately sent to 911 dispatchers, via cell phones.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk noted the following changes to the agenda:

(i) Added as Item 4.2 – A Delegation Request made by Brian Decker, of the Hamilton Tennis Club, requesting to speak before Committee respecting Funding to Resurface Courts 7 and 8 at the Hamilton Tennis Club

(ii) Added as Item 9.2 – A Motion respecting the Emergency & Community Services Committee Outstanding Business List

The agenda, for the February 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 PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

The Minutes of the January 17, 2007 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee were approved, as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

4.1 Josie d'Amico and Mary Lee requesting to speak at the February 21, 2007 Committee Meeting, on behalf of the Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits, respecting the Advocacy Role of Council, with the Provincial and Federal Governments, on Matters Related to Poverty
The delegation request made by Josie d'Amico and Mary Lee requesting to speak at the February 21, 2007 Committee Meeting, on behalf of the Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits, respecting the Advocacy Role of Council, with the Provincial and Federal Governments, on Matters Related to Poverty was approved.

4.2 Brian Decker, of the Hamilton Tennis Club, requesting to speak before Committee respecting Funding to Resurface Courts 7 and 8 at the Hamilton Tennis Club

The delegation request made by Brian Decker, of the Hamilton Tennis Club, requesting to speak before Committee respecting Funding to Resurface Courts 7 and 8 at the Hamilton Tennis Club was approved.

(e) Councillor T. Jackson assumed the Chair in order that Councillor Merulla could speak to Items 8.1 - To Establish a Public Art Reserve (ECS07008), and 9.1 – a motion respecting the Upgrading of the 911 Emergency System. Councillor S. Merulla then resumed as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

(f) To Establish a Public Art Reserve (ECS07008) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

Report ECS07008 was amended by adding recommendation (c) as shown below:

(a) That a Public Art Reserve 108043 be established as a source of funding for Public Art projects and initiatives.

(b) That the total amount of $281,200 from the capital projects (attached as Appendix A to Report 07-002) be transferred to the Public Art Reserve 108043.

(c) That Report ECS07008 – To Establish a Public Art Reserve be referred to the 2007 Budget deliberations for consideration.

(g) Emergency & Community Services Committee – Outstanding Business List Items (Item 9.2)

(a) Item “A” – MOU with YMCA, was recognized as complete and removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee Outstanding Business List, as the matter went before the Public Works Committee on Monday, February 5, 2007 (South Mountain Complex – Status Update/Approval of Agreements (PW07018/FCS07025) (Ward 7)).
(b) Item “Q” – Youth Advisory Committee, was recognized as complete and removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee Outstanding Business List, as the matter was before Committee at its meeting of January 17, 2007.

(c) Item “L” – Residential Care Facilities By-law was referred to the Board of Health.

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
February 7, 2007
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