EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Wednesday, September 5, 2007
1:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall

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

Also Present: G. Peace, City Manager
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services Department
J. Kay, General Manager/Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services
B. Browett, Director of EMS/Deputy
J. Soldera, Director, Social Development & Early Childhood Services
R. Sabo, Assistant City Solicitor
S. Gencher, Solicitor
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR
CONSIDERATION:

1. City of Hamilton Audit Report 2004-03 Ontario Works Payments and
Service Delivery Model Technology (CM07003(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

(McCarthy/Pasuta)
That Report CM07003(a) - City of Hamilton Audit Report 2004-03 Ontario
Works Payments and Service Delivery Model Technology, be received for
information.

CARRIED
2. **City of Hamilton Child Care Service Management Plan 2007 - 2008 (ECS07062) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

   (McHattie/Morelli)
   (a) That the Best Start: Hamilton’s Early Learning and Care Community Plan – 2007/2008 (attached as Appendix A to Report ECS07062), be received.

   (b) That the City of Hamilton Child Care Service Management Plan 2007-2008 (attached as Appendix B to Report ECS07062), be approved.

   (c) That staff be directed to implement the City of Hamilton Child Care Service Management Plan 2007-2008 (attached as Appendix B to Report ECS07062).

   (d) That staff be directed to submit the City of Hamilton Child Care Service Management Plan 2007-2008 (attached as Appendix B to Report ECS07062) to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, in accordance with Provincial guidelines.

   (e) That the staff complement of the Community Services Department required to provide administrative support in order to implement the Best Start Initiative, be increased by 3.5 FTEs, which are to be 100% funded by the Province of Ontario – Best Start Initiative.

   **CARRIED**

3. **Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) (Memorandum of Understanding) (HES07005(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

   (Jackson/Duvall)
   (a) That the Memorandum of Understanding, between the City of Hamilton and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario (HSFO) (attached as Appendix A to Report HES07005(a)), respecting the HSFO grant to the City for Public Access Defibrillators, be approved.

   (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Memorandum of Understanding, between the City of Hamilton and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario (HSFO) (attached as Appendix A to Report HES07005(a)), respecting the HSFO grant to the City for Public Access Defibrillators (PAD), in a form satisfactory to the General Manager/Chief of Hamilton Emergency Services and the City Solicitor.

   **CARRIED**
4. 2007 Ontario Works Cost of Administration (ECS07057) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Morelli/McHattie)
(a) That Council correspond with the Minister of Community and Social Services to request that the gross approved amount for Ontario Works (OW) Cost of Administration in the 2007 OW Service Contract be equal to the City of Hamilton's budget for the same costs.

(b) That, in the event of any shortfall resulting from reductions in the 2007 Ontario Works (OW) Service Contract subsidies, the administration costs for the OW Program be financed first from within the overall Community Services Department 2007 Operating Budget, secondly from the overall Corporate Budget surplus, if any, and lastly through the Social Services Initiative Fund.

CARRIED

5. Revised Hamilton Historical Board Mandate/Guidelines for Members 07-002 (HHB) (Item 8.3)

(Pasuta/Morelli)
That the revised Hamilton Historical Board Mandate / Guidelines for Members, attached as Appendix A to Report No. 07-002(HHB), be approved.

CARRIED

6. First Place, Hamilton (ECS07061) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

(Morelli/Jackson)
That Report ECS07061 – First Place, Hamilton, be received for information.

CARRIED

7. Interview Sub-Committee Report 07-001 – Appointment of Citizens to the Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee (Item 8.5)

(Duvall/Jackson)
That the following three (3) applicants be appointed, to the Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee, for the balance of the 2006 to 2010 term of Council or until such time as successors are appointed by Council:

i. Major Ron Sharegan
ii. Geoffrey Roman
iii. Allison Jones

CARRIED
8. Hamilton Historical Board Membership Amendments (Item 9.1)

(Jackson/McCarthy)
That, as Wade Zagdanski has resigned from the Hamilton Historical Board, as he has moved away from the city of Hamilton, he be removed from the Hamilton Historical Board membership.

CARRIED

9. Homelessness Partnership Initiative Community Advisory Board (Item 9.3)

(Jackson/McCarthy)
That the following seven (7) citizens be appointed to the Homelessness Partnership Initiative Community Advisory Board for the 2006-2010 term of Council or until such time as successors are appointed, or until conclusion of the Homelessness Partnership Initiative by the Federal government:

1. Loretta Hill-Finamore
2. Thomas Mobley
3. Catherine Pead
4. Nabil Rashidi
5. Suzanne Ross
6. Ron Sharegan
7. Kerry Turcotte

CARRIED

10. Canada-Ontario Agreement on Child Care (COACC) (Item 9.4)

(McHattie/Morelli)
WHEREAS while the City of Hamilton is very appreciative of the funding that was provided to our municipality under the Provincial Best Start Initiative, which has allowed Hamilton to create over 1,110 new child care spaces in our community, we are still only able to provide spaces for approximately 11% of all children between 0-12 years of age in our community; and,

WHEREAS while the child care space expansion has been significant, the City of Hamilton believes that additional funding should be made available, through the Canada-Ontario Agreement on Child Care, in order to ensure that a much high percentage of our children are ready to succeed when they enter grade one.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

(a) That Council forward a letter to Prime Minister Harper reconfirming its resolution of June 14, 2007, which reads as follows:

‘WHEREAS the City of Hamilton delivers Children Service plans and manages the local child care systems, focusing on the integration of
government initiatives, inter agency coordination and the
development of new programs and services

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has formally announced
its intention to cancel the Canada-Ontario Agreement on Child Care
(COACC) effective April 1, 2007;

AND WHEREAS Child development experts, women’s advocates,
and international organizations have all agreed that Canada’s current
patchwork system of child care is sadly inadequate and undermines
the lifelong potential of our children, and the opportunity for full
labour force participation by parents;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Governments anticipated annual
surplus of $15 billion in the coming years provides ample resources
with which to fund both the continuation of the COACC, as well as
the $100 per month child allowance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Hamilton work with
the Federal Government to obtain the best possible deal with respect
to preserving the COACC;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to area
Members of Provincial and Federal Parliament.”

(b) That Prime Minister Harper be requested to reinstate the Canada-
Ontario Agreement on Child Care, as soon as possible, in order for
Hamilton’s children have a better opportunity to reach their full
potential.

(c) That a copy of this resolution be sent to local area Members of
Federal and Provincial Parliament as well as the Federation of
Canadian Municipalities.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk noted the following change to the agenda:

(i) Added as Item 11.4 – An Update respecting Canadian Idol (Brian
Melo)
(McCarthy/Pasuta)
That the agenda for the September 5, 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)
(Duvall/McCarthy)
That the Minutes of the June 20, 2007 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) Andre Gaudet respecting Junior Lacrosse (Item 4.1)
(Pasuta/McCarthy)
That the delegation request, made by Andre Gaudet, to speak before the Emergency & Community Services Committee respecting Junior Lacrosse be approved.

CARRIED

(e) Hamilton Historical Board Minutes (Item 5.2)
(McCarthy/Pasuta)
That the Minutes of the April 10, 2007 meeting of the Hamilton Historical Board be received.

CARRIED

(f) Arts Advisory Commission Minutes (Items 5.3 and 5.4)
(McCarthy/Pasuta)
That the Minutes of the April 24, 2007 and May 22, 2007 meetings of the Arts Advisory Commission be received.

CARRIED

(g) Tenant Advisory Committee Minutes (Items 5.5 through 5.9)
(McCarthy/Pasuta)

CARRIED
(h) City of Hamilton Child Care Service Management Plan 2007 - 2008 (ECS07062) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Joe-Anne Priel, Director of the Community Services Department, introduced Paul Johnson, Chair of the Best Start Network, who provided a Powerpoint presentation respecting the Best Start: Hamilton’s Early Learning and Care Community Plan to Committee, which is Appendix A1 to Report ECS07062.


(i) Feasibility of Moving Staff to First Place (Item 9.2)

(Morelli/Pasuta)
That the General Manager of Community Services be directed to investigate the financial and operational impacts of moving staff, of the Housing Division, from 55 Hess Street South as well as possibly moving staff of the General Manager’s Office, into vacant space at First Place Hamilton, and report back to Emergency & Community Services Committee as soon as possible.

CARRIED

(j) Reverend Stanley Whittaker, Abundant Life Group and the Gideons respecting Fees for Use of Gore Park for Open Air Worship (Item 11.1)

(McHattie/Pasuta)
That the delegation request, made by Reverend Stanley Whittaker, Abundant Life Group and the Gideons, respecting fees for use of Gore Park for Open Air Worship, be lifted from the table.

CARRIED

(McHattie/Pasuta)
That the delegation request, made by Reverend Stanley Whittaker, Abundant Life Group and the Gideons, respecting fees for use of Gore Park for Open Air Worship, be withdrawn as the matter was dealt with at the June 20, 2007 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

CARRIED

(k) Removal of Completed Outstanding Business List Items (Item 11.2)

(McCarthy/Jackson)
That the following items be considered complete and removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee Outstanding Business list:
(i) Item “B” – Hamilton Farmers’ Market
Approved by Council: June 27, 2007

(ii) Item “G” – Employment Trends
Approved by Council: June 27, 2007

(iii) Item “L – Resource and Deployment Review of Emergency Medical Services
Approved by Council: July 11, 2007

CARRIED

(I) Outstanding Business List Items that Require New Due Dates (Item 11.3)

(McCarthy/Jackson)
That the proposed new due dates for the Outstanding Business list items shown below, be approved:

(i) Item “C” – Arena Renovation/Replacement – North Wentworth Arena
Due Date: August 8, 2007 - COW
Proposed New Due Date: October 17, 2007

(ii) Item “D” – Arena Renovation/Replacement – Morgan Firestone Arena
Due Date: August 8, 2007 - COW
Proposed New Due Date: November 7, 2007

(iii) Item “E” – Arena Renovation/Replacement – Valley Park Arena
Due Date: August 8, 2007 - COW
Proposed New Due Date: November 21, 2007

(iv) Item “I” – Ice Rates for Non Affiliated Clubs
Due Date: June 20, 2007
Proposed New Due Date: October 3, 2007

(v) Item “O” – Artificial Outdoor Ice Rinks
Due Date: September 5, 2007
Proposed New Due Date: September 19, 2007
(m) **Canadian Idol (Item 11.4)**

Joe-Anne Priel, Director of the Community Services Department, advised Committee that Brian Melo is now one of the top two finalists in Canadian Idol, and that staff has been working diligently to arrange an event to support Brian on September 11, 2007, when the winner of Canadian Idol is announced.

To-date, arrangements have been made to host the event at Hamilton Place, which has seating for up to 2000. There will also be a live feed from CTV televising the event.

Staff has also been requested to investigate the possibility of having a Jumbo screen located somewhere outside Hamilton Place in order that any overflow of supporters can view the live feed from outside.

Bars and restaurants in the downtown area are also more than ready to assist with any overflow from the event.

HRS is reviewing the possibility of providing free transit to those who are attending Hamilton Place for this event. Details will be forthcoming.

Committee was asked if it would have an objection to information respecting the costs associated with the free transit to and from Hamilton Place, which is anticipated to be nominal, being brought forward to the September 12, 2007 Council, which is the day after the event, in order to ratify approval of the costs.

There were no objections from Committee.

(n) **ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

(McCarthy/McHattie)
There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 2:25 p.m.  

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla, Chair  
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Assistant  
September 5, 2007