Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger  

Absent with regrets: Councillor M. Ferguson – Vacation  
Councillor R. Pasuta – City Business

Also Present: G. Peace, City Manager  
J. Rinaldo, General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services  
C. Graham, General Manager, Human Resources  
J.A. Priel, General Manager, Community Services  
J. Kay, General Manager/Chief HES  
M. Gallagher, Coordinator, COW

5.2 Community Services Department (Book 1, Appendix 1-1, Page 31)

1. Additional Reports/Recommendations for consideration:
(a) To establish a Public Art Reserve (ECS07008)

(Pearson/Bratina)

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

(ii) That the total amount of $281,200 from the capital projects (attached as Appendix A to Report ECS07008) be transferred to the Public Art Reserve 108043. CARRIED.

(b) Golf Courses/Winter Sports Park RFP Process (CS05008(a))

(Jackson/Collins)

That this item be deferred to 2009 budget process. CARRIED.

(c) Hamilton Tennis Club Funding Request to Resurface Courts (ECS07025) Ward 1

(Mchattie/Bratina)

(i) That the City of Hamilton provide a one time loan of up to $57,000 to the Hamilton Tennis Club for capital expenditures, at an interest rate of 5.06% compounded and payable annually; and

(ii) That the loan be on the condition that the Hamilton Tennis Club provide the City of Hamilton appropriate financial information and cash flow projections that demonstrate the Tennis Club’s ability to repay the loan, to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services.

(iii) That Community Services and Finance and Corporate Services staff be authorized to negotiate a term for the loan payment with the Hamilton Tennis Club.

(iv) That the City Solicitor and General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services be authorized and directed to prepare the loan agreement for execution by the Mayor and City Clerk. CARRIED.
2. Council Referred Items

(a) Funding to move remainder of LEAP Program off NCB to the levy
(Merulla/Morelli)
That the program enhancement of $200,000 be approved. MOTION WITHDRAWN

(b) Funding previously received through NCB for the Home Management/Eviction Prevention Position +$70,000

(c) Beasley Community Centre Programming to offset elimination of NCB funding +$20,000

(d) 2007 National Child Benefit Strategy (SSC06023(a))
(McHattie/Merulla)
(i) That the Community Services Operating Budget be increased by $318,000 and

(ii) That a one time funding of $834,000 be approved from the Tax Stabilization reserves until such time as the YSAN Grow, New Choices and YWCA Employment Resource Centre programs are assessed.

(iii) That 20 NCB Community Grants be transferred to the Community Partnership Program.

(iv) That staff submit the 2007 National Child Benefit Strategy as amended to the Ministry of Community and Social Services.
CARRIED.

Councillors Mitchell, Pearson, McCarthy Opposed.

Staff were further directed to provide a revised chart for 2007 expenditures from levy presented to council in chart form as well as to provide a year to year growth in new social services program relative to other programs.
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(d) Staff support for Youth Advisory Committee +$45,800

(Jackson/Morelli)
That this enhancement be approved as a 2 year pilot project. CARRIED.

(e) Free Parking at Hamilton Farmers Market +$100,000

(i) Parking at the Hamilton Farmer’s Market (ECS07006)

(Collins/Merulla)
That this enhancement be approved. CARRIED.

(f) First Place Seniors – Funding to support recreation/volunteer program +$25,000

(Morelli/Merulla)
That this enhancement be approved. CARRIED.
Councillor McCarthy opposed.

(g) Sport Hamilton Administrative Support +$25,000

(Jackson/Pearson)
Tabled to obtain additional information. CARRIED.

3. Legislated Items

(a) Increased dietician services to meet Ministry of Health and Long Term Care standards +$46,640

(b) P/T Casual recreationist to comply with Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Standards +$54,870

(c) Supervisor for Residential Social Services +$41,840

(Clark/Pearson)
That these three items be withdrawn.

(Clark/McCarthy)
That the City Manager be requested to report back to Committee of the Whole on the following:

(i) Alternate source of funding within the Community Services Department (i.e. Gapping)

(ii) Current Legislation on operation of Homes

(iii) Have Operational Reviews be conducted on the homes?

(iv) Process by which the City can divest one long term care facility CARRIED.

Councillor Jackson opposed.
Other Business – Non Related Budget matter
Commonwealth Games

Councillor Merulla advised Committee that Halifax has pulled out of the Commonwealth Games. Staff were directed to report back.

4. **Net Levy Zero Items**

   (a) Housing Programs Officer  
   (Whitehead/McHattie)  
   Be approved.  CARRIED.

   (b) Immigration Strategy  
   (Whitehead/McHattie)  
   Be approved.  CARRIED.

5. **Other**

   (a) Emergency Assistance for Food Banks +$134,000  
   (McHattie/McCarthy)  
   That the enhancement be approved.

   (i) Emergency Food Assistance Program  
   (ECS07011)  
   Be received.  CARRIED.

   (b) City Investment in Homelessness Programming  
   (McHattie/Whitehead)  
   That the enhancement be approved.  CARRIED.

   (c) Staff, supply, coverage and supplies for child minding rooms located at Ontario Works Offices +$61,300  
   (McCarthy/McHattie)  
   That the enhancement be approved.  CARRIED.

   (d) Provision of Discretionary Benefits +$10,500  
   (McHattie/Jackson)  
   That the enhancement be approved.  CARRIED.  
   Councillors McCarthy, Mitchell, Pearson Opposed.

   Staff directed to provide a report on what benefits are mandated and not mandated.
6. **Reductions**  
(Morelli/Merulla)  
(a) That the Community Services reduction of ($400,000) for Expense and Revenue Adjustments be approved. CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 adjourn.