THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Progress Update – Rooming House Coordinator for Comprehensive Rooming House Strategy (PED05125(e)/SPH05066(e)) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

(McHattie/Merulla)

(a) That Report PED05125(e)/SPH05066(e), respecting the Progress Update – Rooming House Coordinator for Comprehensive Rooming House Strategy, be received.

(b) That staff be directed submit a request, for the funding required to continue the Rooming House Strategy, to the 2011 Operating Budget deliberations for consideration.

CARRIED
2. Update – Comprehensive Operational Review of CityHousing Hamilton (CS10037(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

(Merulla/Duvall)
That Report CS10037(a), respecting an Update – Comprehensive Operational Review of CityHousing Hamilton, be received.

CARRIED

3. Mohawk 4Ice Centre Annual Report (CS10081) (Ward 6) (Item 5.3)

(Merulla/Duvall)
That Report CS10081, respecting the Mohawk 4Ice Centre Annual Report, be received.

CARRIED

4. Update Hostels to Homes Pilot (CS10077) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

(McHattie/Merulla)
(a) That Report CS10077, respecting the Update for the Hostels to Homes Pilot Program, be received.

(b) That staff be directed submit a request, for the funding required to continue the Hostels to Homes Program, to the 2011 Operating Budget deliberations for consideration.

CARRIED

5. Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee Report 10-001 – Future of Federal Funding in Hamilton (City Wide) (Item 5.5)

(Jackson/Merulla)
That the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write a letter to the Federal Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada to advocate for:

(i) Continued federal funding of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy for the period of April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2014; and,

(ii) To request that Hamilton’s allocation be increased to reflect its needs.

CARRIED

6. Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program: 2010-2011 Allocation (CS10090) (City Wide) (Item 5.6)

(Jackson/Merulla)
(a) That the General Manager of the Community Services Department or her designate be authorized and directed to deliver and administer the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) for the 2010-2011 delivery year, in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the 2010-
2011 RRAP Budget Allocation (attached as Appendix A to Report CS10090).

(b) That the General Manager of the Community Services Department be authorized and directed to execute the Agency Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, and all necessary associated document associated with the Agency Agreement, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

(c) That the Mayor correspond with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to request an additional $2.5 million for Rental Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program funding in order to improve the condition of the aging multi-residential housing stock in Hamilton.

CARRIED

7. Short Term Rent Supplement Program (CS10089) (City Wide) Item 5.7)

(Jackson/Merulla)
(a) That the General Manager, Community Services Department, or her designate, be authorized and directed to deliver and administer the Short Term Rent Supplement Program.

(b) That the General Manager, Community Services Department, or her designate, be authorized and directed to execute all ancillary agreements as may be required to deliver the Short Term Rent Supplement Program, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

8. Early Learning Program (Full Day Learning for Four and Five Year-Olds) (CS10042(b)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

(Duvall/Jackson)
That Report CS10042(b), respecting the Early Learning Program (Full Day Learning for Four and Five Year-Olds), be received.

CARRIED

9. Finding Home Evaluation Report (CS10055(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

(Merulla/Morelli)
That Report CS100559(a), respecting Find Home Evaluation Report, be received.

CARRIED
10. Taxi Transportation for Clients of Special Supports (CS10082) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Merulla/McHattie)
That the provision of taxi services for eligible Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program participants, and individuals with a low income, be exempt from the Purchasing Policy to reduce the City of Hamilton’s exposure to potential risk.

CARRIED

11. Affordable Access to Recreation Strategy (CS10047(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Merulla/Jackson)
(a) That the Affordable Access to Recreation Strategy, attached as Appendix A to Report CS10047(a), be approved.

(b) That staff be directed to implement the Affordable Access to Recreation Strategy (attached as Appendix A to Report CS10047(a)) on January 1, 2011.

(c) That the contract for the Youth Service Agency Network GROW Program be extended to December 31, 2010.

(d) That staff be directed to discontinue the Letter of Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington, for the GROW Program effective December 31, 2010.

(e) That Item “T”, respecting Affordable Access to Recreation Strategy, be identified as complete and removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List.

CARRIED

12. Amendments to the Food, Shelter & Housing Advisory Committee (CS10088) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(Merulla/McHattie)
(a) That the Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee be renamed the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee.

(b) That revised Terms of Reference for the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee, formerly the Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee (attached as Appendix A to Report CS10088), be approved.

(c) That the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee (formerly known as the Food, Shelter and Housing Committee) continue through the 2010-2014 term of Council.

CARRIED
13. Lease Agreement for Tisdale House, 314 Wilson Street, Ancaster – Hamilton Police Services Board (CS10084) (Ward 12) (Item 8.4)

(Merulla/Duvall)

(a) That the Lease Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Police Services Board for the property known as Tisdale House, located at 314 Wilson Street East, Ancaster, attached as Appendix A to Report CS10084, be approved.

(b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, the Lease Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Police Services Board, for the property known as Tisdale House, located at 314 Wilson Street East, Ancaster (attached as Appendix A to Report CS10084) and all necessary associated documents, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

(c) That $100,000 in construction material renovation costs for the Tisdale House, located at 314 Wilson Street East, Ancaster (capital project #7101058002), to be funded from previously approved Capital accounts: $60,000 from Capital Project #7100858706 (Hammill House Renovation Project), And $40,000 from Capital Project #4241053050 (Ancaster portion of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Surplus reconciliation funding).

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

(i) Added as Item 4.1 – delegation request submitted by Sheileen Kew, respecting Item 8.2 Affordable Access to Recreation Strategy (CS10047(a).

(Duvall/Jackson)

That the agenda for the September 22, 2010 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as amended. CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were none declared.
(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

3.1 September 8, 2010

(Duvall/Jackson)
That the Minutes of the September 8, 2010 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) Sheileen Kew, respecting Report CS10047(a), Affordable Access to Recreation Strategy

(Merulla/McHattie)
That the delegation request, submitted by Sheileen Kew, respecting Affordable Access to the Recreation Strategy, be approved.

CARRIED

Ms. Kew’s comments included, but were not limited to:

• In the early spring she was accepted into the GROW program for her son.
• Single mother who could not otherwise afford to have her son participate in these programs.
• Currently in karate program, but is this is not offered through a recreation centre, if the program ends, she will no longer be able to afford to keep her son enrolled in the karate program.
• Her current portion is $15 per month versus $60 per month.
• At the end of September 2010, her son will be eligible for T-ball and karate. Without the GROW Program or similar, she will not be able to afford either program.
• Current staff provides a “personal touch”; they know her son’s name, what he likes and what program(s) he is enrolled in.
• Would like to understand how families currently involved in the GROW Program will move forward.
• How is the program changing?
• Families involved were not notified of changes and are concerned.

(Jackson/Morelli)
That the presentation by Sheileen Kew, respecting Affordable Access to the Recreation Strategy (CS10047(a), be received.

CARRIED

(e) ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES:

(Merulla/Duvall)
That the following Advisory Committee Minutes, be received:
(i) Hamilton Farmers’ Market Transition Sub-committee Minutes, August 17, 2010 (Item 5.8)

CARRIED

(f) Arts Advisory Commission Annual Presentation (Item 7.1)

Patti Randazzo-Beckett and Renee Wetselaar, of the Arts Advisory Commission provided the AAC’s annual presentation to Committee. Their comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

• 2010 Accomplishments:
  
  • Hosted The Bigger Picture in June 2010, as a follow up to the successful Big Picture event of fall 2009.
  • Participated in the review of the Arts Awards Program, which was approved by Council.
  • Adjudication of the 2010 Community Partnership Program – Culture Stream applications.
  • Participation in focus groups and juries for three public art projects.

• Current Projects - Arising from the Big Picture:
  
  • Developing a website to facilitate communication and collaboration within the arts community.
  • Providing input into the review of the AAC appointment process.
  • Exploring new funding models to meet local needs, fit with City’s budget structure, and increase financial support for the arts community.
  • Identifying a model for arms-length funding delivery.
  • Finding the resources for a dedicated community engagement position to increase communication and collaboration.
  • Participating in the development and implementation of the new Arts Awards Program.
  • 2011 Community Partnership Program adjudication for the Culture Stream.
  • Monitoring and assisting with the Public Art Program.
  • Involvement in advisory group for City Housing Hamilton artist live/work project.
  • Working with Police Chief, street entertainers and staff to resolve busking issues.
  • Providing arts community input to the Creative Catalyst Project.
  • Provided input to Grants Sub-Committee Chair regarding issues with the Community Partnership Program.
  • Ongoing liaison with artists, arts organizations, youth arts network etc., to further access and equity.

• View for the Future:
  
  • A more vibrant, well supported arts community that will help make Hamilton a great place in which to work, live and play.
• Increased exposure for arts in Hamilton.
• A more informed City Council on arts matters.
• Increased collaboration amongst artists and arts organizations.

(McHattie/Duvall)
That the Arts Advisory Commissions annual presentation be received.

CARRIED

(g) Early Learning Program (Full Day Learning for Four and Five Year-Olds) (CS10042(b)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

Jane Soldera, Director of Social Development and Early Childhood Services, provided a presentation, respecting Report CS10042(b), Early Learning Program (Full Day Learning for Four and Five Year-Olds). Ms. Soldera’s comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

• Key Sign Posts along the Way:
  • Full Day Learning.
  • Child Care Stabilization.
  • Coordinated Children’s Services System.

• Legislative and Regulatory Changes:
  • Full Day Junior/Senior Kindergarten Program
  • Extended Day Program
  • Fee Subsides for Extended Day
  • Ministry of Education Assumes Responsibility for Child Care

• Significance to the City of Hamilton:
  • New responsibilities.
  • Policy implications.
  • Agreements with Boards of Education.
  • Reporting obligations.
  • New Fee Subsidy funding of $62,000.

• Full Day Learning Implementation – Year 1:
  • 20 Schools providing Full Day Junior/Senior Kindergarten Program.
  • No schools providing extended day program.
  • Fee subsides being re-directed to Child Care System.

• Stabilization of the Child Care Program:
  • Impact of full day learning on Child Care System.
• 5 year process.
• Provincial funding.
• Municipalities responsible for Plan and its implementation.

• Hamilton’s Stabilization Plan – Year 1:
  • Process to create the plan.
  • Capital and operating funds for impacted programs.
  • System-wide strategies.
  • Year 1 funding is $224,400.

• Coordinated Children’s Service System:
  • Integrated Network of Best Start Child and Family Centres.
  • Lessons learned from Hamilton’s Best Start Demo Site.
  • Provincial Advisory Group.
  • Work will be underway in the Fall of 2010.

(Duvall/Jackson)
That the presentation, respecting Report CS10042(b), Early Learning Program (Full Day Learning for Four and Five Year-Olds), be received.

CARRIED

(h) Finding Home Evaluation Report (CS10055(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

Betty Lou Purdon, Program Manager, Residential Care Facilities and Hostels, provided a presentation, respecting Report CS10055(a), Finding Home Evaluation Report. Ms. Purdon’s comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

• Finding Home Pilot:
  • Purpose: To evaluate a mobile, intensive case management model of counseling for chronically homeless men who cycle through the correctional, social assistance and housing systems.
  • Timeframe: June 2008 – September 2009.

• Finding Home Services and Supports:
  • Coordinated intensive case management.
  • Trauma informed counseling.
  • Help in accessing health and social services.
•Finding Home Client Testimonial:

  • Alan, a Finding Home client, shared his experiences while homeless and explained how Finding Home helped him. Alan’s comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

  • Currently 54 years old.
  • Was born in Vermont into a family with 8 children.
  • His family was very abusive and there were members who also suffered from alcohol addiction.
  • Left home at 18 and moved to Canada where he met and married his first wife. He lost his first wife during childbirth.
  • Separated from his second wife after 20 years, and his situation went downhill from there.
  • Lost his job, suffers from alcohol addiction and became homeless.
  • Subsequently, he met Lynn who introduced him to the Finding Homes Program.
  • It has helped a great deal with his self esteem, he is now attending counselling for his alcoholism and is improving communications and his relationship with his family, and is no longer homeless.
  • The Finding Homes Program has been a big help.

•Outcomes of the Finding Home Pilot Program:

  • 176 men received counseling.
  • There were 127 short term interventions.
  • 49 intensive case management and counseling.
  • 26 neurological assessments to support incidence of acquired brain injury.
  • 14 community based rehabilitation.
  • Client Feedback.

•Life Events Contributing to Chronic Homelessness:

  • Of the 49 individuals who attended counseling:
    • 40% - childhood abuse and/or neglect.
    • 51% - family breakdowns in childhood.
    • 67% - victims of assault.
    • 98% - history of head trauma.
    • 88% - history of incarceration.
    • 90% - substance abuse and unemployment.

•Benefits of the Finding a Home Pilot Program:

  • Increased access to income support;
  • Reduced shelter use;
  • New collaboration between the City, Brain Injury Services of Hamilton and Hamilton Health Sciences;
• Evidence to support a client centered, intensive case management approach; and,
• Valuable information for service planning.

• Lessons Learned from the Finding a Home Pilot Program:

• Increased awareness of Acquired Brain Injury within the shelter system and broader community services (Ontario Works, housing, health, and employment);
• Validated the benefits of trauma informed counseling for the chronically homeless; and,
• Supports the benefits of client centered, intensive case management.

(Merulla/Morelli)
That the presentation, respecting Report CS10055(a), Finding Home Evaluation Report, be received.

CARRIED

(i) Naming of the North Entrance to Beach Boulevard after James (Jimmy) Lomax (Item 11.1)

Councillor C. Collins was in attendance and provided an e-mail from James Howlett, President and Ed Nowlan, Chair, of the Hamilton Beach Community Council, dated September 21, 2010, advising that the Hamilton Beach Community Council had unanimously endorsed a motion to request the North Entrance to Beach Boulevard be named after James (Jimmy) Lomax. The Hamilton Beach Community Council is asking the City of Hamilton Council to consider the same.

When the matter came forward, Councillor Merulla spoke on behalf of Councillor Collins, advising Committee that there had been a motion put forward at the July 6, 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting (Item 11(d), Report 10-020), which referred a request to name a City facility after Jimmy Lomax to the Facility Naming Sub-committee for their consideration.

Councillor Merulla directed the Committee Clerk to forward the correspondence from James Howlett, President and Ed Nowlan, Chair, of the Hamilton Beach Community Council to the Facility Naming Sub-committee for consideration at the same time as the motion from Committee of the Whole.

(j) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

(Mchattie/Duvall)
That Item "M", respecting the Comprehensive Review of CityHousing Hamilton, be considered complete and removed from the Emergency and Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List.
(k) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Merulla/Morelli)
There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor R. Pasuta, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
September 22, 2010