Present: Councillors T. Jackson (Chair), S. Merulla (2nd Vice Chair), M. McCarthy, B. McHattie, B. Morelli and R. Pasuta

Absent with Regrets: Councillor S. Duvall - Vacation

Also Present: Councillors B. Bratina, D. Mitchell, M. Pearson
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
B. Browett, Acting General Manager, Hamilton Emergency Services
D. LaPointe-Kay, Director, Recreation
T. Quinn, Director, Strategic Services
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, May 2, 2008 (Item 5.1)

   (McHattie/Morelli)

   That the Minutes of the May 2, 2008 meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee be received.

   CARRIED
2. **Arts Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes, dated June 24, 2008 (Item 5.2)**

   *(McHattie/Morelli)*
   That the Minutes of the June 24, 2008 meeting of the Arts Advisory Commission be received.
   CARRIED

3. **Use, Renovation and Replacement Study of Hamilton Recreation and Public-Use Facilities (ECS07068(b)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

   *(McHattie/McCarthy)*
   (a) That the Use, Renovation and Replacement Study of the Hamilton Recreation and Public-Use Facilities, prepared by Monteith Brown Planning Consultants (attached as Appendix D to Report ECS07068(b)), be received.

   (b) That staff be directed to utilize Option 4 – the Strategic Renewal and New Construction strategy, as shown on pages 137-156 of the Use, Renovation and Replacement Study of Hamilton Recreation and Public-Use Facilities (attached as Appendix D to Report ECS07068(b)), as the guiding framework for establishing priorities in the 10 year capital program, subject to annual capital budget review.

   (c) That funding for Option 4 – the Strategic Renewal and New Construction strategy, as summarized in Appendix C to Report ECS07068(b), be referred to the 2009 capital budget process.

   (d) That staff be directed to review and update those recommendations made in Option 4 - the Strategic Renewal and New Construction strategy, as shown on pages 137-156 of the Use, Renovation and Replacement Study of Hamilton Recreation and Public-Use Facilities (attached as Appendix D to Report ECS07068(b)), every five years and recommend changes, as necessary.

   (e) That staff be directed to investigate the use of infrastructure grants from other levels of government, partnerships with other organizations or other funding opportunities which would advance the schedule of the recreation facilities refurbishments, expansions and new construction (attached as Appendix D to ECS07068(b)) and report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

   (f) That staff be directed to investigate lands suitable for:
      (i) The redevelopment of the Norman Pinky Lewis Recreation Centre;
      (ii) Development of a new recreation facility in Lower Stoney Creek;
      (iii) Development of a new recreation facility on Hamilton Mountain to replace the Westmount Community Centre;
(iv) Development of a new seniors centre in lower Hamilton;
(v) Development of a new seniors centre in Waterdown;
(vi) Development of a new recreational facility in Glanbrook;
(vii) Development of a new recreational facility in Upper Stoney Creek; and,
(viii) Development of a new recreational facility in on the South Hamilton mountain.

(as shown in Appendices A and B to Report ECS07068(b)), and report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

(g) That the following Items be considered complete and removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee Outstanding Business List:

(i) Item “B” – Use, Renovation and Replacement Study – Phase II;
(ii) Item “C” – Arena Renovation/Replacement – Morgan Firestone Arena;
(iii) Item “D” – Arena Renovation/Replacement – Valley Park Arena;
(iv) Item “E” – Saltfleet Arena – Persons with Disabilities; and,
(v) Item “J” – Needs Study for a New Seniors Facility in the lower end of the City.

(h) That the background and operational efficiencies, along with the recommendations contained in the Use, Renovation and Replacement Study of the Hamilton Recreation and Public-Use Facilities (attached as Appendix D to Report ECS07068(b)), be included in the feasibility studies for each project.

AMENDMENT CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

4. Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee Report 08-001 (Item 8.1)

(Mchattie/McCarthy)

(a) That Tom Cooper be appointed Chair of the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee.

(b) That Councillor Russ Powers be appointed Vice-Chair of the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee.

(c) That City Council forward correspondence to the Premier, the Finance Minister and the local M.P.P.'s advising of Council’s concern in the delay in announcing the results of the Joint Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review and request that all parties work expeditiously to ensure delivery by December 31, 2008 as the current economic downturn makes the Province’s announcement all the more urgent.
(d) That Tom Cooper, Chair of the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-committee, be requested to hand deliver a copy of the approved resolution to the honourable Ted McMeekin, Minister of Government and Consumer Services.

AMENDMENT CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

5. Citizen Committee Resignations (Item 9.1)

(McCarthy/Morelli)
That the resignations from the following citizen committee members be received:

(a) Arts Advisory Commission:
   (i) Bill Manson
   (ii) Brian Kelly

(b) Hamilton Historical Board:
   (i) James Bretzler
   (ii) Martha Ronalds
   (iii) Darrell Epp

(c) Seniors’ Advisory Committee:
   (i) Renate Lamm

(d) Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee:
   (i) Shevon Clarke – Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee
   (ii) Megan Meredith
   (iii) Cassie Bian
   (iv) Chengbo Qian
   (v) Jonathon Creary
   (vi) Lauren Rebelo
   (vii) Alexandra Mindorff

CARRIED
FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a)  CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

There were no changes to the agenda.

(b)  DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were none declared.

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

3.1 June 18, 2008

(Pasuta/Morelli)
That the Minutes of the June 18, 2008 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d)  DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

4.1 Peter Hasek respecting the CityHousing ROOFS Program

(McHattie/Morelli)
That the delegation request, made by Peter Hasek respecting the CityHousing ROOFS Program, be approved.

CARRIED

4.2 Deirdre Pike, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton, respecting the Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy: 25 in 5 (Reducing Poverty by 25% in 5 Years)

(McHattie/Morelli)
That the delegation request, made by Deirdre Pike, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton, respecting the Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy: 25 in 5 (Reducing Poverty by 25% in 5 Years), be approved.

CARRIED

(e)  Use, Renovation and Replacement Study of Hamilton Recreation and Public-Use Facilities (ECS07068(b)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Diane LaPointe-Kay, Director of Recreation, provided an overview of Report ECS07068; putting it in context with the Recreation and Public Use Facilities ten (10) year plan. Ms. LaPointe-Kay then introduced Jean Monteith, Monteith Brown Planning Consultants, who provided a detailed overview and PowerPoint
presentation respecting the Use, Renovation and Replacement Study of Hamilton Recreation and Public-Use Facilities.

Councillor Jackson relinquished the Chair to Councillor S. Merulla in order that he could speak to Item 7.1.

Councillor Jackson requested that staff confirm that any possible removal of services to existing buildings within the next five (5) years would involve consultation with the appropriate Ward Councillor and residents of the affected areas.

Councillor Jackson provided direction to staff, on behalf of Councillor S. Duvall, to ensure that extensive consultation is held with the Ward Councillor, community groups and area stakeholders, prior to the removal of Eastmount Community Hall or any services it may provide.

Councillor Jackson also conveyed Councillor L. Ferguson’s comments, respecting the twinning of Morgan Firestone Arena and the possible closing of Spring Valley to Committee, on his behalf.

Councillor Jackson then assumed the Chair.

(f) Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-Committee Report 08-001 (Item 8.1)

Tom Cooper, Chair of the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-committee spoke to Item 3 of the Fairness to Hamilton Campaign Sub-committee Report 08-001 respecting the delay in releasing the Joint Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review.

Mr. Cooper was in agreement with Committee’s request for him to hand deliver the Council correspondence to Minister McMeekin, Minister of Government and Consumer Services.

The Committee Clerk will provide the letter to Mr. Cooper, once it has been signed by the Mayor.

(g) Outstanding Business List Items Requiring Approval for Proposed New Due Dates (Item 11.1)

(McCarthy/Pasuta)

That following items be considered complete and removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee Outstanding Business List:

(i) Item “CC” – Feasibility of Providing Full or Partial Free Transit to Hamilton Residents (Addressed at the July 8, 2008 Public Works Committee Report 08-012, Item 1(e).)
(ii) Item “GG” – Retirement Age of 60 for Paramedics (Addressed at the July 9, 2008 Committee of the Whole Report 08-025, Item 15.)

(iii) Item “MM” - Feasibility of Opening City Cooling Centres at an Earlier Heat Alert Stage (Addressed at the July 9, 2008 Board of Health Report 08-006, Item 5.)

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(McCarthy/Morelli)
There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor T. Jackson, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
September 3, 2008