EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES 08-001(b)
Wednesday, January 23, 2008
1:30 p.m.
Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board
Boardroom
(Corner of Main St. West and Bay St.)
Hamilton, Ontario

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor B. McHattie – Medical Reasons

Also Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger
Councillors L. Ferguson, T. Whitehead
G. Peace, City Manager
J. Kay, General Manager/Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services Department
J. Rinaldo, General Manager, Corporate Services
T. Tollis, Director, Budgets & Finance
T. Hewitson, Manager, Current Budgets & Fiscal Planning
B. Browett, Director of EMS/Deputy Chief
D. Cunliffe, Director of Fire Operations/Deputy Chief
A. Bradford, Director, Culture
J. Soldera, Director, Social Development & Early Childhood Services
C. Murray, Director, Housing
D. LaPointe-Kay, Director, Recreation
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s Division

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO BUDGET STEERING COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION:
1. **2007 National Child Benefit Strategy Update (SSC06023(b)) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

   (Merulla/Duvall)
   (a) That the funding shortfall, in the amount of $271,600, to support the transition of the National Child Benefit Grant Programs to the Community Partnership Program, be absorbed within the Community Services Departmental budget and/or the 2007 Corporate reserves.

   (b) That the General Manager of Community Services be directed to process an enhancement, in the amount of $271,600, for the 2008 National Child Benefit Programs that will be considered through the Community Partnership Program, to the 2008 Budget Deliberations for consideration.

   **AMENDMENT CARRIED**

   **MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED**

2. **Children’s Fitness Tax Credit Receipts (ECS08005) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)**

   (McCarthy/Morelli)
   (a) That costs in the amount of $42,800, associated with issuing receipts to residents of Hamilton whose children participate in eligible programs of physical activity, under the guidelines of the Federal Children’s Fitness Tax Credit program, be approved, as an enhancement.

   (b) That staff be directed to proceed with preparations for the issuance of the 2007 receipts for the Children’s Fitness Tax Credit for participants in eligible registered programs.

   (c) That the Federal government be requested to reimburse the City of Hamilton for the full costs, in the amount of $42,800, associated with the issuance of receipts to residents of Hamilton whose Children participate in eligible programs of physical activity, under the guidelines of the Federal Children’s Fitness Tax Credit Program.

   **AMENDMENT CARRIED**

   **MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED**

3. **2008 Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee Budget Submission (ECS08004) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)**

   (McCarthy/Morelli)
   That the 2008 budget request in the amount of $500.00, from the Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee (attached as Appendix A to Report ECS08004), be approved.

   **CARRIED**
4. **Hamilton Veterans’ Committee 2008 Volunteer Budget Submission (ECS07080) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)**

   **(McCarthy/Morelli)**
   (a) That the Hamilton Veterans’ Volunteer Committee’s 2008 base Budget Submission in the amount of $9,890 be approved.

   (b) That in addition to the base funding request for the Hamilton Veteran’s Committee, that one time-funding from the Volunteer Committee Reserve, in the amount of $110, be approved.

   **AMENDMENT CARRIED**
   **MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED**

5. **Hamilton Historical Board's 2008 Volunteer Budget Submission (ECS07079) (City Wide) (Item 5.5)**

   **(McCarthy/Pasuta)**
   (a) That the Hamilton Historical Board’s 2008 Volunteer Committee Budget Submission in the amount of $14,340 be approved.

   (b) That in addition to the base funding request for the Hamilton Historical Board, that one time-funding from the Volunteer Committee Reserve, in the amount of $4,000, be approved.

   **AMENDMENT CARRIED**
   **MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED**

6. **Arts Advisory Commission 2008 Volunteer Budget Submission (ECS07078) (City Wide) (Item 5.6)**

   **(McCarthy/Pasuta)**
   That the Arts Advisory Commission’s 2008 Volunteer Committee’s Budget Submission, in the amount of $9,000, be approved.

   **AMENDMENT CARRIED**
   **MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED**

7. **2008 Budget Request - Seniors Advisory Committee (FCS08006) (Item 5.7)**

   **(Morelli/Merulla)**
   That the 2008 base budget submission from the Seniors Advisory Committee in the amount of $1,500 be approved.

   **CARRIED**

8. **2008 Tax Supported Operating Budget (FCS08004) (City Wide) (Item 5.9)**

   **(McCarthy/Pasuta)**
   That FCS08004, 2008 Tax Supported Operating Budget, be received for information.

   **CARRIED**
9. 2008 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Community Services Department (FCS08004(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.10)

(McCarthy/Duvall)
(a) That the 2008 Community Services recommended Council referred items and program enhancements per (Appendix Two to Report FCS08004(a)) be approved.

(b) That the 2008 unaffordable Council referred items and other program enhancements (Appendix Three to Report FCS08004(a)) be received and that the following 2008 unaffordable program enhancements be approved:

(i) Benefit Eligibility – Child Minding at $38,000.

(ii) Recreation – Recreation Coordinator at Sackville Hill Seniors’ Centre at $68,000.

(iii) Recreation – Recreation Assistant at Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre at $16,000.

(iv) Culture – Maintenance of Heritage Assets at $50,000.

(v) Culture – Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology Interpreter at $35,000.

(vi) Culture – Administrative Assistant to the Director of Culture at $35,000.

(c) That the 2008 net operating levy for Community Services, inclusive of approved Council referred items and program enhancements, be approved at $158,873,960.

AMENDMENT CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

10. FCS08004(b) 2008 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Hamilton Emergency Services (FCS08004(b)) (City Wide) (Item 5.11)

(McCarthy/Duvall)
That the 2008 net operating levy for Hamilton Emergency Services of $83,190,060 be approved with the following amendments:

(i) Less $322,000 for additional provincial subsidy.

(ii) Less $1.2 million in cost avoidance of in-year implementation of street resources.

CARRIED
FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

There were none.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were none declared.

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

3.1 January 11, 2008

(Duvall/McCarthy)
That the Minutes of the January 11, 2008 Emergency & Community Services Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) Hamilton Emergency Services Departmental Budget Presentation (Item 4.1)

Jim Kay, General Manager, Hamilton Emergency Services/Chief, provided the 2008 Budget presentation for Hamilton Emergency Services.

(Merulla/Duvall)
That the Hamilton Emergency Services 2008 Departmental Budget presentation be received.

CARRIED

(e) Community Services Departmental Budget (Item 4.2)

Joe-Anne Priel, General Manager of Community Services provided the 2008 Budget presentation for the Community Services Department.

(McCarthy/Merulla)
That the Community Services 2008 Departmental Budget presentation be received.

CARRIED

(f) Staff Direction – Hamilton Emergency Services

(i) Councillor Ferguson:

Staff were directed to provide, to the best of their ability, the impact on the levy in 2009 (savings) if recommended number paramedics were not hired, at this time, what implications would this action have, and the current land ambulance response and hospital off-load times.
(ii) Councillor Whitehead:

Staff was directed to confirm timelines, if any, in the recommendations for Report HES06005(a), Item 7 of Committee of the Whole Report 07-023, as approved by Council at its meeting of July 11, 2007.

(g) Staff Direction – Community Services Department

(i) Councillor Whitehead:

Staff was directed to provide the overhead versus revenues for all Hamilton museums.

(h) Hamilton Historical Board’s 2008 Volunteer Budget Submission (ECS07079) (City Wide) (Item 5.5)

Councillor S. Duvall requested to be recorded as OPPOSED to Item 5.5.

(i) Commemorative and Designated Property Plaques (ECS08006) (City Wide) (Item 5.8)

Councillor S. Duvall assumed the Chair in order that Councillor T. Jackson could speak to Item 5.8, and then resumed the Chair.

(Jackson/Merulla)
That staff be directed to bring forward a report, with respect to Commemorative and Designated Property Plaques, to the 2009 budget process for consideration.

AMENDMENT CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

(j) 2008 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Community Services Department (FCS08004(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.10)

Unaffordable Council Referred Items:

(i) Culture – Hamilton War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission

(Duvall/Pasuta)
That the Unaffordable Council Referred item respecting Culture – Hamilton War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, be tabled to the February 6, 2008 budget meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

CARRIED
(ii) Culture – Commemorative and Designated Property Plaques

See Item (j) above.

(iii) Recreation – Sports Hamilton Administrative Support

(McCarthy/Duvall)
That no action be taken at this time. CARRIED

(k) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Pasuta/McCarthy)
There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 4:10 p.m. CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor T. Jackson, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
January 23, 2008