The Emergency & Community Services Committee presents Report 11-003 and respectfully recommends:

1. EMS Impact of Hamilton Health Sciences Access to Best Care Plan MUMC Pediatric Conversions and West End Urgent Care Centre (HES11002) (City Wide) (Added Item 5.3)

Whereas the third party consultant’s report has predicted a 2011 $1.1 million budget pressure to meet the response times and demand that will occur for Emergency Medical Services directly as a result of the Hamilton Health Sciences ABC Plan to close the E.R. for adults at McMaster Medical Centre;

Therefore be it resolved:

Council – February 23, 2011
(a) That the Mayor, the City Manager, the Chair of the Emergency and Community Services Committee and Councillor McHattie be directed to meet with representatives of Hamilton Health Sciences and the LHINS and the City’s Provincial Government representatives (the Honourable Sophia Aggelonitis and Ted McMeekin, MPP) to address the 2011 $1.1 million budget pressure, with the intent of offsetting this impact on the City of Hamilton’s municipal tax levy.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) STAFF PRESENTATIONS

(i) EMS Impact of Hamilton Health Sciences Access to Best Care Plan MUMC Paediatric Conversions and West End Urgent Care Centre (HES11002) (City Wide) (Added Item 5.3)

Brent Browett made a PowerPoint presentation regarding the EMS 2011 tax operating budget which included the impact of the Hamilton Health Sciences Access to Best Care Plan MUMC Paediatric Conversions and West End Urgent Care Centre on the budget.

On a motion (Jackson/Farr) Committee approved the following motion and subsection (b) is outlined in Item 1 of this report:

Whereas the third party consultant’s report has predicted a 2011 $1.1 million budget pressure to meet the response times and demand that will occur for Emergency Medical Services directly as a result of the Hamilton Health Sciences ABC Plan to close the E.R. for adults at McMaster Medical Centre;

Therefore be it resolved:

(a) That this 2011 $1.1 Million budget pressure from Emergency Medical Services be TABLED until after the Hamilton Health Sciences ABC plan takes effect on April 4, 2011,

(b) That in the interim, the Mayor, the City Manager, the Chair of the Emergency and Community Services Committee and Councillor McHattie be directed to meet with representatives of Hamilton Health Sciences and the LHINS and the City’s Provincial Government representatives (the Honourable Sophia Aggelonitis and Ted McMeekin, MPP) to address the 2011 $1.1 million budget pressure, with the intent of offsetting this impact on the City of Hamilton’s municipal tax levy.
(b) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor T. Whitehead, Acting Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

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February 17, 2011