Present: Councillors R. Pasuta (Chair), B. McHattie (1st Vice Chair), S. Merulla (2nd Vice Chair), S. Duvall, M. McCarthy, B. Morelli

Absent with Regrets: Councillor T. Jackson, Personal Commitment

Also Present: Councillor B. Bratina

J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
B. Browett, Acting General Manager, Hamilton Emergency Services
S. Dewar, Manager of Operations, Quality Improvement & Regulatory Compliance
L. James, Emergency Medical Services Supervisor
G. Hendry, Director, Social Housing & Homelessness
B. Kreps, Manager, Homelessness
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Code Zero Report from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 (HES10007) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

   (Merulla/Morelli)

   AMENDMENT CARRIED
   MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED
2. Implementation Strategy for the Blueprint for Emergency Shelter Services (CS09015(b)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

(McHattie/McCarthy)

(a) That the Emergency Hostel Purchase of Service Agreement, with Wesley Urban Ministries for 55 beds, be terminated effective July 31, 2010.

(b) That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Community and Social Services to request:

(i) That the City of Hamilton be authorized to continue to reinvest Provincial savings from the Emergency Hostels Program into supports for individuals exiting emergency shelters; and,

(ii) That the City of Hamilton be given greater flexibility to redirect funds within the Homelessness contract in 2010 and on an ongoing basis to support implementation of the Blueprint for Emergency Shelter Services.

CARRIED

3. Cross Border Billing for Land Ambulance Fees (HES10002) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(McCarthy/McHattie)

(a) That the Regional and Single Tier Treasurers’ recommended table for generic ambulance service fees – Emergency Medical Services Cross Boarder Billing Calculated Fixed Costs per Call (attached as Appendix “A” to Report HES10002), be endorsed;

(b) That staff be directed to utilize the Regional and Single Tier Treasurers’ recommended table for generic ambulance fees – Emergency Medical Services Cross Boarder Billing Calculated Fixed Costs per Call (attached as Appendix “A” to Report HES10002), as the reference source when calculating costs to resolve the land ambulance cross border billing files for the period of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009;

(c) That, in future years, staff be directed to utilize the most current Regional and Single Tier Treasurers’ recommended table for generic ambulance service fees when calculating costs to resolve the land ambulance cross border billing files;

(d) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute all Mutual Release Agreements for Payment of Funds, respecting Cross Border Billing for Land Ambulance Fees (attached as Appendix “B” to Report HES10002), as required from year-to-year, subject to any amendments negotiated by the Director of Hamilton Emergency Services to be in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
(e) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Mutual Release Agreements for Receipt of Funds, respecting Cross Border Billing for Land Ambulance Fees (attached as Appendix “C” to Report HES10002), as required from year-to-year, subject to any amendments negotiated by the Director of Hamilton Emergency Services to be in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

4. Dedicated Nurses to Receive Ambulance Patients in Hospital Emergency Departments (HES10009) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(McCarthy/Duvall)
(a) That the General Manager of Hamilton Emergency Services or his designate be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, to receive a grant which will fund the staffing of nurses that will be dedicated to receiving and managing the care of ambulance patients in the local hospital emergency departments to reduce the ambulance wait times, for the period of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011 or such longer or shorter period agreed to by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

(b) That the General Manager of Hamilton Emergency Services or his designate be authorized and directed to negotiate the necessary agreements between the City of Hamilton and Hamilton Health Sciences and St. Joseph’s Hospital, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to reimburse those organizations for the payment of staffing the nursing hours dedicated to receiving and managing the care of ambulance patients in the emergency departments.

(c) That the Emergency Medical Services Division be directed to utilize the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care grant to pay for all direct and supporting costs for staffing of nurses that will be dedicated to receiving and managing the care of ambulance patients in the local hospital emergency departments to reduce the ambulance wait times, for the period of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011 or such longer or shorter period agreed to by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in accordance with the terms set out in the agreement with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

CARRIED

5. Implications Associated with Name Changes to the August Civic Holiday (CS10024) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(McCarthy/McHattie)
(a) That naming the 2010 August Civic Holiday (August 2, 2010) “George Hamilton Day” be approved;
(b) That the $2,500 cost, associated with naming the 2010 August Civic Holiday (August 2, 2010) “George Hamilton Day”, to be funded from the Hamilton Historical Board’s 2010 annual budget, be approved.

(c) That staff, in consultation with the Hamilton Historical Board, prepare criteria associated with nomination process and naming of future August Civic Holidays after notable Hamiltonians, and report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

CARRIED

6. Renewal of Funding from Citizenship and Immigration Canada to Develop and Implement an Immigration Strategy (CS10043) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

(Duvall/McHattie)

(a) That the City of Hamilton accept $393,145 in renewed funding (for the period of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011) from Citizenship and Immigration Canada for the purpose of supporting the Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council and the development and implementation of an immigration strategy.

(b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the renewed Contribution Agreement (attached as Appendix A to Report CS10043), between the City of Hamilton and Citizenship and Immigration Canada, with respect to the Hamilton Immigration Partnership funding, in a form satisfactory to the General Manager, Community Services and the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

(i) Added as Item 8.4: Report CS10043 - Renewal of Funding from Citizenship and Immigration Canada to Develop and Implement an Immigration Strategy (City Wide)

(McCarthy/Merulla)

That the agenda for the March 24, 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 March 3, 2010

(Merulla/Duvall)
That the Minutes of the March 3, 2010 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) Delegation Request submitted by Maggie Hughes, respecting Emergency Prevention through the use of Green Roofs and Walls (Item 4.1)

(Merulla/Morelli)
That the delegation request submitted by Maggie Hughes, respecting Emergency Prevention through the use of Green Roofs and Walls, be approved.

CARRIED

(e) Advisory Committee Minutes (Items 5.4)

(Merulla/Morelli)
That the following Advisory Committee Minutes be received:

(i) Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Minutes, dated January 19, 2010 (Item 5.1)
(ii) Arts Advisory Commission Minutes, dated January 26, 2010 (Item 5.2)
(iii) Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes, dated January 8, 2010 (Item 5.3)
(iv) Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes, dated February 5, 2010 (Item 5.4)

CARRIED

(f) Code Zero Report from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 (HES10007) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Brent Browett, Director, Emergency Medical Services/Deputy Chief, provide a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Code Zero Report from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 (HES10007). S. Dewar, Manager of Operations, Quality Improvement & Regulatory Compliance L. James, Emergency Medical Services Supervisor, were also in attendance and circulated among Committee members various EMS equipment for their information.

A copy of the presentation is on file in the Office of the City Clerk or on line at www.hamilton.ca.

(Merulla/Morelli)
That staff be directed to investigate whether or not the gap between the $7 million dollar download to Hamilton Emergency Medical Services for patient off loading at hospitals, and the $462,000 provided by the Province to the municipality to fund one Registered Nurse to assist with patient off loading at hospitals, has been incorporated into the $147 million dollar budget shortfall for the City of Hamilton, due
to provincial downloading, and report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee.

**CARRIED**

**g) Implementation Strategy for the Blueprint for Emergency Shelter Services (CS09015(b)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**


A copy of the presentation is on file in the Office of the City Clerk or on line at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca).

*(Duvall/McHattie)*

That Item “AA” – Blueprint for Emergency Shelter Services, be considered completed and removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List.

**CARRIED**

**h) Implications Associated with Name Changes to the August Civic Holiday (CS10024) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

*(McHattie/McCarthy)*

That Item “W” – Costs and Feasibility Associated with the Hamilton Historical Board’s Proposed Changes to the August Civic Holiday, be considered complete and removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List.

**CARRIED**

**i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 11):**

*(McHattie/Duvall)*

(a) That the proposed new due dates for the following Emergency & Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List Items be approved:

(i) Item “E” - Adequacy of Ontario Works Social Assistance Rates and the Economic Impact of Ontario Child Benefit Monies
Current Due Date: March 24, 2010
Proposed New Due Date: April 21, 2010

(ii) Item “J” – Investigation of Lands Suitable for the Development of Recreation Facilities and Seniors Centres
Current Due Date: March 24, 2010
Proposed New Due Date: May 19, 2010
(iii) Item “T” - Accessibility & Funding for Social Affordable Housing
Current Due Date: March 24, 2010
Proposed New Due Date: April 7, 2010

(iv) Item “U” – Ensuring Safe, Healthy and Adequate Food for Those in Need
Current Due Date: March 24, 2010
Proposed New Due Date: April 21, 2010

(v) Item “U” – Players Paradise Sports Complex – New Hockey Facility in Stoney Creek
Current Due Date: March 24, 2010
Proposed New Due Date: April 21, 2010

(vi) Item “V” – Players Paradise Sports Complex – New Hockey Facility in Stoney Creek
Current Due Date: March 24, 2010
Proposed New Due Date: April 21, 2010

(Duvall/Morelli)
(b) That Item “G” – Gore Park Master Plan – Memorials Honouring Hamilton Military personnel be considered complete and removed from the Emergency & Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List.
CARRIED

(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Morelli/Merulla)
There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.
CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor R. Pasuta, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
March 24, 2010