Thursday, January 15, 2009:

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

Also Present: J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services Department
J. Kay, General Manager/Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services
A. Bradford, Director, Culture
J. Brown, Director, Benefit Eligibility
D. LaPointe-Kay, Director, Culture
G. Hendry, Director, Employment & Income Support Branch
T. Quinn, Acting Director, Strategic Services
J. Soldera, Director, Social Development & Early Childhood Services
V. Woodcox, Senior Administrator, Homes for the Aged/Macassa Lodge
L. Secord, Administrator, Wentworth Lodge
K. Extance, Acting Director, Housing
B. Browett, Director, Emergency Medical Services/Deputy
H. Klumpp, Manager, Finance & Administration (Community Services)
S. O'Dwyer, Manager, Finance & Administration (HES)
L. Padden, Business Administrator (HES)
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s Office

Tuesday, January 27, 2009:

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillors S. Duvall, R. Pasuta – Personal Business

Also Present: J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services Department
J. Kay, General Manager/Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services
C. Mercanti, Acting Manager, Strategic Planning & Continuous Improvement
S. Yung, Manager, Environmental Health
Wednesday, February 4 2009:

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

Also Present: J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services Department
T. Tollis, Acting General Manager, Finance & Corporate Services
A. Bradford, Director, Culture
D. LaPointe-Kay, Director, Culture
G. Hendry, Director, Employment & Income Support Branch
T. Quinn, Acting Director, Strategic Services
J. Soldera, Director, Social Development & Early Childhood Services
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S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s Office

THE EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 09-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. 2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Budget Summary Report (FCS09007) (City Wide) (Item 4.1)

That Report FCS09007 - 2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Budget Summary Report, be received.

2. Contingency Plan to Offset Potential Increase in Demand for Subsidized Housing (Added Motion)

That Council lobby the Province of Ontario to request the establishment of a Provincial contingency plan to support the potential, extreme increase in the demand for subsidized housing created by the recent economic downturn.

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3. **Strategy to Reduce the Ontario Works Case Worker to Client Ratio (Added Motion)**

That, notwithstanding that staff have found over $800,000 in savings to the benefit of the 2009 budget, staff be directed to consider a strategy to reinvest those funds in employment related programs, given the current economic decline, in order to maintain an appropriate case worker to client ratio for Ontario Works.

4. **Community Heat Response Plan Improvements (CS09001) (City Wide) (Item 4.1)**

That the improvements to the City of Hamilton’s Community Heat Response Plan, attached as Appendix A to Report 09-001, at a cost of $14,330, be approved.

5. **Open Skate Sessions on Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board Professional Activity Days and Family Day, February 16, 2009 (CS09002) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

(a) That a program service level change to provide for 46 recreational public skates, at various City-operated arenas on local School Board Professional Activity days, in the amount of $3,970, be approved.

(b) That a program service level change to provide recreational public (family) skates at Parkdale Arena, Valley Park Arena, Mountain Arena, Chedoke Arena, Carlisle Arena, Scott Park Arena, Coronation Arena and Eastwood Arena on annual Family Day (statutory holiday) with a net budget requirement of $2,760, be approved.

(c) That item “V” Open Skate Sessions on P.A. Days at one or more City arenas on scheduled School Board Professional Activity days”, be considered complete and removed from the Emergency and Community Services Committee’s Outstanding Business List.

6. **Investigation of Costs Associated with the Proposed Revised dates of Operation for City Owned, Outdoor Pools (CS09003) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)**

That a one week extension to the dates of operation for the ten (10) City owned outdoor pools, at a net cost of $36,000, be approved.
7. **Hamilton Historical Board’s 2009 Volunteer Budget Submission (CS09005) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)**
   
   (a) That the Hamilton Historical Board’s 2009 Volunteer Committee Budget Submission in the amount of $16,840, attached as Appendix A to Report CS09005, be approved.

   (b) That the use of $2,500, from the Hamilton Historical Board’s Volunteer Committee Reserve to offset the Hamilton Historical Board’s 2009 budget request, be approved.

8. **Hamilton Veterans’ Committee’s 2009 Volunteer Budget Submission (CS09006) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)**

   (a) That the Hamilton Veterans Committee’s 2009 Volunteer Committee Budget Submission in the amount of $10,000, attached as Appendix A to Report CS09006, be approved.

   (b) That the use of $110, from the Hamilton Veterans’ Committee Volunteer Committee Reserve, be used to offset the Hamilton Veterans Committees 2009 budget request, be approved.

9. **Arts Advisory Commission 2009 Volunteer Budget Submission (CS09007) (City Wide) (Item 5.5)**

   (a) That the Arts Advisory Commission’s 2009 Volunteer Committee’s Budget Submission in the amount of $39,000, attached as Appendix A to Report CS09007, be approved.

   (b) That one-time funding from corporate contingency of $30,000, for the development and manufacture of the new Hamilton Arts Awards medallions, be approved.

10. **Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee’s 2009 Budget Submission (CS09008) (City Wide) (Item 5.6)**

    (a) That the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee 2009 Budget Submission in the amount of $3,890, attached as Appendix A to Report CS09008, be approved.

    (b) That one-time funding from the Volunteer Committee Reserve to be utilized the Youth Leadership Conference/Event, in the amount of $5,000, be approved.
11. **2009 Tenant Advisory Committee Budget Submission (CS09009) (City Wide) (Item 5.7)**

That the Tenant Advisory Committee’s 2009 Volunteer Committee Budget submission in the amount of $500, attached as Appendix A to Report CS09009, be approved.

12. **2009 Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee Budget Submission (CS09010) (City Wide) (Item 5.8)**

That the Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee’s 2009 Volunteer Committee Budget Submission in the amount of $500, attached as Appendix A to Report CS09010, be approved.

13. **2009 Budget Request - Seniors Advisory Committee (FCS09005) (City Wide) (Item 5.9)**

That the 2009 base budget submission from the Seniors Advisory Committee in the amount of $1,500 be approved.

14. **Hamilton Emergency Services Departmental Budget Overview (FCS09007(g)) (City Wide) (Item 5.12)**

That the 2009 net operating levy for Hamilton Emergency Services be approved at $83,891,738.

15. **Ontario Works Caseload Contingency Plan (CS09021) (City Wide) (Item 4.1)**

(a) That recommendation (a) of Report CS09021 – Ontario Works Caseload Contingency Plan, as shown below, be referred to the Budget Steering Committee for discussion at the end of the budget process, pending additional information from staff respecting the potential additional Ontario Works caseload:

(i) That funds in the amount of $1,128,000 be transferred to the Ontario Works Stabilization Reserve Fund #110044 to cover additional costs incurred in 2009 resulting from an increase to the Ontario Works caseload.

(b) That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Community and Social Services to request that the gross approved amount for Ontario Works Cost of Administration, in the 2009 Ontario Works Service Contract, be equal to the City of Hamilton’s budget for the same costs.
(c) That copies of the letter be forwarded to all local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association.

16. **2009 Program Change Options – Community Services (FCS09011(d)) (City Wide) (Item 4.2)**

   (a) That the 2009 Program Change Options for Community Services, attached as Appendix “A” to Report FCS09011(d), be approved.

   (b) That staff be directed to bring forward, to the 2010 Budget process, a recommendation that reinstates the $166,650, which was removed from the Housing - Capital Reserve Allocation for 2009, into that Capital Reserve Fund for 2010.

17. **Community Services Departmental Budget Overview (FCS09007(f)) (City Wide) (Item 4.3)**

   (a) That the 2009 net operating levy for Community Services, exclusive of Council referred items, be approved at $160,977,228.

   (b) That the 2009 Community Services Council referred items, attached as Appendix “A” to Report FCS09007(f), be approved.

   (c) That the General Manager of Community Services be authorized and directed to execute all statutory 2009 Federal and Provincial Program Service Level Funding Agreements and Contracts for Community Services. This also includes the authority to authorize the submission of budgets and quarterly/year end reporting.

18. **Affordable Housing Threshold (Added Motion)**

    That staff be directed to provide various scenarios in terms of demand for affordable housing, what impacts this will place on other City services, and what kinds of funding may be required from other levels of government in order to address the shortfalls, and report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.
FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

Thursday, January 15, 2009:

(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) **2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Budget Summary Report (FCS09007) (City Wide) (Item 4.1)**

The staff presentation respecting Report FCS09007 - 2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Budget Summary Report was waived, as the presentation was previously provided at other Standing Committee meetings.

(d) **Community Services Departmental Budget Overview (FCS09007(f)) (City Wide) (Item 4.2)**

Joe-Anne Priel, General Manager, Community Services Department, provided Committee with a Powerpoint presentation and overview of the 2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget for the Community Services Department.

(e) **Hamilton Emergency Services Departmental Budget Overview (FCS09007(g)) (City Wide) (Item 4.3)**

Jim Kay, General Manager/Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services, provided Committee with a Powerpoint presentation and overview of the 2009 Tax Supported Operating Budget for Hamilton Emergency Services.

(f) **Staff Direction/Additional Information Requested:**

(i) Councillor McCarthy directed staff (Recreation Division) to prepare a marketing plan, targeted to local adults (i.e. seniors, stay-at-home parents, etc.) to generate increased daytime use of the City's arenas for public skates.

(ii) Staff (Housing Division) was directed to e-mail Committee with respect to utility cost savings for City housing over the last year.
(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 5)

There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Tuesday, January 27, 2009:

(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 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

3.1 January 15, 2009

The Minutes of the January 15, 2009 budget meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee were approved, as presented.

(d) Community Heat Response Plan Improvements (CS09001) (City Wide) (Item 4.1)

Cindy Mercanti, Acting Manager, Strategic Planning & Continuous Improvement and Stan Yung, Manager, Environmental Health, provided a PowerPoint presentation and overview of Report CS09001.

(e) 2009 Program Change Options – Community Services (FCS09011(d)) (City Wide) (Item 5.10)

The following motion was withdrawn (McHattie/Morelli):

That the Benefit Eligibility – Ontario Works Trainer Reduction, and the Housing – Capital Reserve Allocation, categories be removed from the Program Change Options shown in Report FCS09011(d).

Report FCS09011(d) – 2009 Program Change Options – Community Services, was tabled to the next Emergency & Community Services Committee Budget meeting, pending receipt of an additional staff report.
(f) Community Services Departmental Budget Overview (FCS09007(f)) (City Wide) (Item 5.11)

Report FCS09007(f) – Community Services Departmental Budget Overview, remained tabled to the next Emergency & Community Services Committee Budget meeting.

(g) Hamilton Emergency Services Departmental Budget Overview (FCS08009(g)) (City Wide) (Item 5.12)

Report FCS08009(g) – Hamilton Emergency Services Departmental Budget Overview, which was tabled at the January 15, 2009 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee, was lifted from table for consideration.

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Wednesday, February 4, 2009:

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 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

3.1 January 27, 2009

The Minutes of the January 27, 2009 budget meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee were approved, as presented.
(d) ADJOURNMENT (Item 5)

There being no further business, the Emergency & Community Services Committee adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillors S. Duvall, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
February 4, 2009
COMMUNITY HEAT RESPONSE PLAN IMPROVEMENTS

The key strategies that comprise the City’s Community Heat Response Plan are as follows:

- **Public Education:** Education and awareness are our citizens’ best defence against heat-related illness. Public Health Services will continue to take the lead with advisory notices during heat events, precautionary information and information on coping strategies. Staff recommends that during the 2009 pre-heat season, the Community Services Department, in partnership with Public Health Services, enhance its heat awareness program by launching a series of heat awareness sessions for our community partners (train-the-trainer), local community groups and private landlords. The goal of these sessions is to provide our community partners, citizens and private landlords with important information on heat-related illness and coping strategies.

- **Cool Places:** In 2009, the City will formalize the concept of cool places across the City by enhancing communications with regards to City-operated cool places as well as assist our community partners to identify and promote their facilities as a cool place during heat events. Over 70 cool places have been formally identified throughout the city for the 2009 heat season; this is an increase from the 24 cool places identified in 2008.

  **Please note:** A cool place is defined differently than a cooling centre. A cool place is defined as a public facility that is familiar to the citizen and provides short-term daytime relief from intense and prolonged heat events. A cooling centre is an air conditioned facility that, during a Heat Alert, suspends a portion of its regular programming in order to provide the public with daytime heat relief. Cooling centres are activated by the City’s Emergency Control Group and City staff are actively engaged in the operation of a cooling centre. The hours of operation and number of cooling centres opened is dependent on the intensity and duration of the event.

- **Extended Pool Hours:** Beginning in 2009, the Community Heat Response Plan will formalize extending operating hours for 10 City outdoor pools beginning at the Heat Warning Stage (two or more days with a humidex expected to be 40 or greater).

- **Mobile Water Distribution:** Beginning in 2009, the Salvation Army will introduce a mobile water distribution program that targets our homeless population. The program will provide water distribution at two mobile locations in Hamilton beginning at the Heat Warning Stage (two or more days with a humidex expected to be 40 or greater). The water will be supplied by the Community Services Department and distributed by the Salvation Army.