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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor R. Pasuta – Other City Business
Councillor T. Jackson – Illness

Also Present: J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services
B. Browett, Acting General Manager, Hamilton Emergency Services
A. Bradford, Director, Culture
K. Extance, Director, Housing
P. Tombs, Manager, Cultural Initiatives
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, City Clerk’s Office

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Status of Gore Park Fountain and Birk’s Clock Restoration Projects (CS09018) (Ward 2) (Item 5.1)

(McCarthy/McHattie)
That Report CS09018 - Gore Park Fountain and Birk’s Clock Restoration Projects, be received.

CARRIED
2. Katimavik Program Update – First Trimester (CS09019) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

(McCarthy/McHattie)
That Report CS09019 - Katimavik Program Update – First Trimester, be received.

CARRIED

3. Public Art Master Plan (CS09020) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(McCarthy/McHattie)
(a) That the City of Hamilton Public Art Master Plan, attached as Appendix A to Report CS09020, be received.

(b) That staff be directed to implement the overall direction of the Public Art Master Plan as a guiding framework for the implementation of the City’s public art projects.

(c) That staff be directed to implement the Public Art Master Plan recommendations, as shown on Appendix B to Report CS09020, as they do not have any policy or budget implications.

(d) That staff be directed to bring forward report(s), for any Public Art Master Plan recommendations that will have policy and/or financial implications, to the Emergency & Community Services Committee for consideration, prior to implementation.

(e) That staff be directed to report to the Emergency & Community Services Committee respecting the status of the Public Art Master Plan implementation process and recommendations on an annual basis.

(f) That staff be directed to review the purchasing policies and funding distribution respecting the City’s Public Art process and report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee, prior to the 2010 Budget process.

AMENDMENT CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

4. Standardization of Adult Incontinent Products (CS09017) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

(Merulla/McHattie)
That TENA® adult incontinent products be specified as standard products, and be added to the City of Hamilton’s Approved Products Listing, for the Incontinence Management Program within Macassa Lodge and Wentworth Lodge for a period of five years.

CARRIED
5. **Citizen Appointees to the Committee Against Racism (Item 9.1)**

*(McHattie/Merulla)*

(a) That the following applicants be appointed to the Committee Against Racism for the balance of the 2006-2010 term of Council or until such time as successors are appointed by Council:

1. Gurcharan Mander
2. Fatima Ahmad Minas
3. Essam Bayoumy
4. Edgar Saenz
5. Jude Emeka Okpala
6. Sophie R. L. Adair
7. Cherian Thomas
8. Winston Morrison
9. Aimee Nezavdal
10. Nasir Sarwar
11. Tamir Qasim
12. Andre Nkundimfura

(b) That the membership for the Committee Against Racism be increased from 15 to 20 members.

CARRIED

6. **Tenant Advisory Committee – Member Resignation (Item 9.2)**

*(McHattie/Merulla)*

That the resignation, submitted by Madhavi Reddy, from the Tenant Advisory Committee be accepted.

CARRIED

7. **Amendments to the Emergency & Community Services Committee Outstanding Business List (Item 11.2)**

*(McCarthy/McHattie)*

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

(i) **Item “C” – City’s Strategy to Manage Greenspace and Open Space Deficiencies**
   (This item is being addressed through the Economic Development & Planning Committee.)

(ii) **Item “T” – Open (Public) Skate Sessions on P.A. Days**
    (This item is being addressed through the 2009 Operating Budget deliberations.)

(iii) **Item “X” – Investigation of Costs Associated with the Extended Dates of Operation for City Owned Outdoor Pools**
    (This item is being addressed through the 2009 Operating Budget deliberations.)
(iv) Item “AA “– Funding for Option 4 – Strategic Renewal and New Construction Strategy
(This item was addressed through the 2009 Capital Budget deliberations.)

CARRIED

8. Somerville House (CS09022) (City Wide) (Item 12.1)

(McHattie/Merulla)
(a) That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to request that funding be made available for mental health personal support services to ensure our most vulnerable citizens have the access to these required services.

(b) That the Provincial Government through the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Ministry of Community and Social Services be requested to provide an enhanced level of funding support for individuals experiencing mental health and addiction issues and that per diem rate for Domiciliary Hostels and Emergency Shelters be increased to a level that is consistent with the actual costs to provide these important housing opportunities in Hamilton and other communities across Ontario.

(c) That the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all local area MPPs be provided a copy of the approved resolution.

(d) That Report CS09022 – Somerville House, remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure, at this time, pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (b) of the City’s Procedural By-law 03-301, and Section 239, Sub-section (b) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

(i) Item 9.1 – Citizen Appointments to the Committee Against Racism has been replaced with a revised version, which has been distributed to Committee.

(ii) Added as Item 9.2 – A Motion respecting a Member Resignation from the Tenant Advisory Committee
(McCarthy/Morelli)
That the February 18, 2009 Agenda, for the Emergency & Community Services Committee be approved, as amended.  

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were none declared.

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

3.1 January 21, 2009

(Morelli/McCarthy)
That the Minutes of the January 21, 2009 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee be approved, as presented.  

CARRIED

3.2 February 4, 2009 (Budget)

(Merulla/Morelli)
That recommendation (b) of Item 2 of the February 4, 2009 Emergency & Community Services Committee Minutes be amended by deleting the dollar amount of $166,650 and replacing it with $116,650, to correct the typographical error, to read as follows:

2. 2009 Program Change Options – Community Services (FCS09011(d)) (City Wide) (Item 4.2)

(b) That staff be directed to bring forward, to the 2010 Budget process, a recommendation that reinstates the $116,650, which was removed from the Housing - Capital Reserve Allocation for 2009, into that Capital Reserve Fund for 2010.

(McCarthy/Morelli)
That the Minutes of the February 4, 2009 budget meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee be approved, as amended.  

AMENDMENT CARRIED

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

(d) Volunteer/Sub-Committee Minutes (Item 5.3)

(McCarthy/McHattie)
That the following Volunteer/Sub-committee meeting Minutes be received:

(a) Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, dated November 7, 2008
(b) Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, dated December 5, 2009
(c) Arts Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes, dated October 28, 2009
(d) Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, dated November 25, 2009
(e) Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, dated December 16, 2009
(f) Emergency Medical Services Resource and Deployment Advisory Task Force Meeting Minutes, dated November 28, 2009
(g) Hamilton Historical Board Meeting Minutes, dated December 9, 2008
(h) Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, dated October 9, 2009
(i) Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, dated November 13, 2009

CARRIED

(e) Public Art Master Plan (CS09020) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Patti Tombs, Manager of Cultural Initiatives, provided a PowerPoint presentation and an overview of the Public Art Master Plan.

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

(McCarthy/McHattie)

That the proposed new due dates for the following Outstanding Business List items be approved:

(i) Item “E” – Campaign for Adequate Welfare
   Current Due Date: February 18, 2009
   Proposed New Due Date: June 17, 2009

(ii) Item “H” – Adequacy of Ontario Works Social Assistance Rates and the Economic Impact of Ontario Child Benefit Monies
    Current Due Date: February 18, 2009
    Proposed New Due Date: May 20, 2009
(iii)  Item “K” – Plan on How to Redevelop the Oriole Crescent Housing Complex

Current Due Date:  February 18, 2009
Proposed New Due Date: March 25, 2009

CARRIED

(g) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)

12.1 Somerville House (CS09022) (City Wide)

(McCarthy/Merulla)

That Committee move into Closed Session, at 2:10 p.m., to receive information respecting Somerville House, pursuant to Section 8.1, Subsection (b) of the City’s Procedural By-law 03-301, and Section 239, Subsection (b) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED

As shown in the Closed Session Minutes of the February 18, 2009 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting, the Committee reconvened in Open Session, at 2:18 p.m., and provided their recommendations as shown in Item 8 above. The full motion, including the information portion, is shown below:

(a) That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to request that funding be made available for mental health personal support services to ensure our most vulnerable citizens have the access to these required services.

(b) WHEREAS there is complexity with the client base for those seeking mental health personal support services;

AND WHEREAS the per diem funding formula for domiciliary hostels is inadequate to meet the real costs experienced by providers;

AND WHEREAS that adequate funding for mental health personal support services is not in place;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government through the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Ministry of Community and Social Services be requested to provide an enhanced level of funding support for individuals experiencing mental health and addiction issues and that per diem rate for Domiciliary Hostels and Emergency Shelters be increased to a level that is consistent with the actual costs to provide these
important housing opportunities in Hamilton and other communities across Ontario.

(c) That the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all local area MPPs be provided a copy of the approved resolution.

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(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

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

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Duvall, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
February 18, 2009