



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT 08-004

1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19, 2008
Hamilton Convention Centre
1 Summers Lane
Room 207, 2nd Floor
Hamilton, Ontario

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

Also Present: Councillors B. Bratina and C. Collins
J. Priel, General Manager, Community Services Department
J. Kay, General Manager/Chief, Hamilton Emergency Services
C. Murray, Director, Housing
T. Quinn, Manager, Strategic Planning
D. Brodati, Manager, Policy & Program Development
C. Secore, Manager, Recreation
V. Woodcox, Administrator, Macassa Lodge
D. Turner, Supervisor, Hamilton Farmers' Market
S. Paparella, Legislative Assistant, Clerk's Office

THE EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 08-004 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes, dated November 2, 2007 (Item 5.2)

That the Minutes of the November 2, 2007 meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee be received.

2. Seniors Advisory Committee Minutes, dated December 7, 2007 (Item 5.3)

That the Minutes of the December 7, 2007 meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee be received.

3. Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee Minutes, dated June 21, 2007 (Item 5.4)

That the Minutes of the June 21, 2007 meeting of the Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee be received.

4. Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee Minutes, dated October 18, 2007 (Item 5.5)

That the Minutes of the October 18, 2007 meeting of the Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee be received.

5. Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee Minutes, dated November 15, 2007 (Item 5.6)

That the Minutes of the November 15, 2007 meeting of the Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee be received.

6. Tenant Advisory Committee Minutes, dated January 11, 2008 (Item 5.7)

That the Minutes of the Tenant Advisory Committee meeting, dated January 11, 2008 be received.

7. Hamilton Historical Board Minutes, dated December 11, 2007 (Item 5.8)

That the Minutes of the Hamilton Historical Board meeting, dated December 11, 2007 be received.

8. Hamilton Historical Board Minutes, dated January 15, 2008 (Item 5.9)

That the Minutes of the Hamilton Historical Board meeting, dated January 15, 2008 be received.

9. Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Minutes, dated February 19, 2008 (Item 5.10)

That the Minutes of the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee meeting, dated February 19, 2007 be received.

10. Electronic Resident Records Project – Macassa and Wentworth Lodges (ECS08003) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

That the Electronic Resident Records project be implemented in Macassa and Wentworth Lodges and be funded from the Hamilton Enterprise Fund in the amount of \$550,000, to be repaid over the next four to five years.

11. Developing Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOOR) Funding (ECS08007) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

- (a) That \$2 million of the \$6.58 million of the federal funding for the Developing Opportunities for Ontario Renters program be placed in the existing Social Housing Capital Reserve – Account 112248;
- (b) That \$3.29 million (one-half) of the \$6.58 million federal funding for the Developing Opportunities for Ontario Renters program be made available for housing and homelessness-related programs, using the existing process established under the federal Homelessness Partnership Initiative;
- (c) That the General Manager of the Community Services Department, be authorized and directed to approve funding allocations, utilizing the \$3.29 million of the Developing Opportunities for Ontario Renters program funding, for housing and homelessness related initiatives;
- (d) That \$1.29 million dollars of the \$6.58 million of the federal funding for the Developing Opportunities for Ontario Renters program be utilized for rent supplement/housing allowance.

12. Amendment to Hamilton Farmers' Market By-law No. 92-310 (Zero Tolerance) (ECS08013) (Ward 2) (Item 8.3)

That the Amending By-law to the Hamilton Farmers' Market By-law No. 92-310 (attached hereto as Appendix A to Report 08-004) be approved and enacted.

13. Lease Agreement with Club Car Inc. for the Supply of Golf Cars for the Hamilton Civic Golf Courses (ECS08014) (Ward 1 & 5) (Item 8.4)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton enter into a Lease Agreement with Club Car Inc., 1741 Bishop Street, Cambridge, Ontario for the supply of 122 golf cars, at a cost of \$259,616 (exclusive of applicable taxes), for the Hamilton Civic Golf Courses (King's Forest and Chedoke);

- (b) That the terms of the Lease Agreement between the City of Hamilton and Club Car Inc., 1741 Bishop Street, Cambridge, Ontario, for the supply of 122 golf cars, for the Hamilton Civic Golf Courses (King's Forest and Chedoke), begin on April 1, 2008, and terminate on November 15, 2011, or at the end of the 2011 golf season;
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Lease Agreement, between the City of Hamilton and Club Car Inc., 1741 Bishop Street, Cambridge, Ontario for the supply of 122 golf cars for the Hamilton Civic Golf Courses (King's Forest and Chedoke), in a form satisfactory to the General Manager of Community Services and the City Solicitor.

14. Referral from Council respecting Sub-section (a) of Item 10 of the Emergency & Community Services Committee Report 08-003 – 2008 Transition of National Child Benefit (NCB) Programs (ECS08011) (City Wide) (Item 8.5)

That the City of Hamilton continue to fund the YWCA Employment Resource Centre Program in the amount of \$34,133, and that funding be discontinued as of December 31, 2008.

15. Glendale Secondary School Field Improvements and Upgrades (Item 9.2)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton provide funding, in the amount of \$15,000 to Glendale Secondary School to assist with the necessary field improvements and upgrades, *conditional upon funding from the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board.*
- (b) That the funding source for the necessary field improvements and upgrades at Glendale Secondary School, in the amount of \$15,000, be allocated from the Red Hill Creek Valley Redevelopment Reserve, Account Number 102030.
- (c) That the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board be invited to participate in the City of Hamilton Outdoor Sports Field Strategy "Public Consultation" and in any subsequent action planning initiatives respecting field use and locations.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk noted the following changes to the agenda:

- (i) Item 4.1 – The delegation request made by Mairghread Knought, on behalf of Solutions for Housing Action Committee and the Hamilton Community Legal Clinics, respecting Item 8.2 – Developing Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOOR) Funding (ECS08007) has been withdrawn.
- (ii) Added as Item 4.3 – Jeff Wingard, on behalf of the Affordable Housing Flagship, respecting Item 8.2 – Developing Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOOR) Funding (ECS08007).
- (iii) Added as Item 4.4 – A delegation request made by Nicole Whitmore respecting the Chedoke Winter Sports Park
- (iv) Item 6.1 – the Delegation of Francesca Simone and Bill Armstrong, on behalf of Macassa and Wentworth Lodges respecting Family Councils for Long-term Care Facilities and other matters pertaining to Long-term Care, has been postponed to the May 7, 2008 meeting, at the request of the delegates.

The March 19, 2008, Agenda of the Emergency & Community Services Committee was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were none declared.

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

3.1 February 20, 2008

The Minutes of the February 20, 2008 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee were approved, as presented.

- (d) **Mairghread Knought, on behalf of Solutions for Housing Action Committee and the Hamilton Community Legal Clinics, respecting Item 8.2 – Developing Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOOR) Funding (ECS08007) (City Wide) (Item 4.1)**

This delegation request was withdrawn by Ms. Mairghread Knought.

- (e) **Larry Huibers, Hamilton Housing Help Centre, respecting Item 8.2 – Developing Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOOR) Funding (ECS08007) (City Wide) (Item 4.2)**

The delegation request made by Larry Huibers, Hamilton Housing Help Centre, respecting Item 8.2 – Developing Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOOR) Funding (ECS08007), was approved.

The Rules of Order were waived in order to permit Larry Huibers, Hamilton Housing Help Centre, to appear at the March 19, 2008 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting, respecting Item 8.2 – Developing Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOOR) Funding (ECS08007) (City Wide).

Larry Huibers, Executive Director of Hamilton Housing Help Centre, spoke in support of Report ECS08007 - Developing Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOOR) Funding.

The presentation made by Larry Huibers, Hamilton Housing Help Centre, respecting Item 8.2 – Developing Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOOR) Funding (ECS08007), was received.

- (f) **Jeff Wingard on behalf of the Affordable Housing Flagship, respecting Item 8.2 – Developing Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOOR) Funding (ECS08007) (Item 4.3)**

The delegation request made by Jeff Wingard on behalf of the Affordable Housing Flagship, respecting Item 8.2 – Developing Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOOR) Funding (ECS08007), was approved.

The Rules of Order were waived in order to permit Jeff Wingard, on behalf of the Affordable Housing Flagship, to appear at the March 19, 2008 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting, respecting Item 8.2 – Developing Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOOR) Funding (ECS08007) (City Wide).

Jeff Wingard, Vice Chair of the Affordable Housing Flagship, spoke in support of Report ECS08007 - Developing Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOOR) Funding.

The presentation made by Jeff Wingard on behalf of the Affordable Housing Flagship, respecting Item 8.2 – Developing Opportunities for Ontario Renters (DOOR) Funding (ECS08007), was received.

(g) Nicole Whitmore respecting the Chedoke Winter Sports Park (Item 4.4)

The delegation request made by Nicole Whitmore respecting the Chedoke Winter Sports Park was approved.

The Rules of Order were waived in order to permit Nicole Whitmore to appear at the March 19, 2008 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting respecting Chedoke Winter Sports Park.

Nicole read a copy of her letter, respecting her request to reopen the Chedoke Winter Sports Park, which outlined the following reasons and suggestions:

- There are a lot of people in Hamilton who have been asking to reopen Chedoke Ski Hill.
- The Chedoke hill could be used as a winter sports park allowing people to ski, tube, snowboard as well as cross country ski.
- Local residents would not have to drive so far to go skiing.

The presentation made by Nicole Whitmore respecting the Chedoke Winter Sports Park was received and referred to appropriate staff for a report back to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

(h) Gore Park Master Plan - Memorial Honouring Hamilton Military Personnel (ECS08012) (Ward 2) (Item 5.1)

Item 5.1 - Report ECS08012 – Gore Park Master Plan - Memorial Honouring Hamilton Military Personnel was tabled.

(i) Correspondence from the Canadian Federation of Podiatric Medicine respecting “The Best Walking City in Canada” (Item 5.11)

That the Correspondence from the Canadian Federation of Podiatric Medicine respecting “The Best Walking City in Canada”, dated March 4, 2008, be received and referred to the Recreation and the Public Health Divisions for a response to the “The Best Walking City in Canada” questionnaire.

- (j) **Francesca Simone and Bill Armstrong, on behalf of Macassa and Wentworth Lodges respecting Family Councils for Long-term Care Facilities and other matters pertaining to Long-term Care (Item 6.1)**

Item 6.1 was postponed to the May 7, 2008 meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee, at the request of the delegates.

- (k) **Feasibility of Providing Open Skate Sessions (Item 9.1)**

Staff was directed to investigate the feasibility of providing open skate sessions at one or more City arenas, on scheduled School Board P.A. days and on Family Day, and report to the Emergency & Community Services Committee.

- (l) **Outstanding Business List Items Requiring Approval for Proposed New Due Dates (Item 11.1)**

The proposed new due dates for Items "G", "H", "N", "T" and "GG" of the Emergency & Community Services Committee Outstanding Business List, were approved as follows:

- (i) **Item "G" – Roomers and Boarders Update**
Due Date: April 16, 2008
Proposed New Due Date: May 21, 2008
- (ii) **Item "H" – City's Strategy to Manage Greenspace and Open Space Deficiencies**
Due Date: March 19, 2008
Proposed New Due Date: May 21, 2008
- (iii) **Item "N" – Item Farmers' Market – Implications of Operating the Market by an Independent Operator**
Due Date: March 19, 2008
Proposed New Due Date: April 2, 2008
- (iv) **Item "T" – Alternatives to Collaborate on the Improvement of Hamilton Ambulance Dispatch Services**
Due Date: March 19, 2008
Proposed New Due Date: April 16, 2008
- (v) **Item "GG" – Hamilton East Kiwanis Non-Profit Homes - Termination of Section 95 Operating Agreement**
Due Date: March 19, 2008
Proposed New Due Date: April 2, 2007

(m) Closed Session Minutes of the February 20, 2008, Emergency & Community Services Committee Meeting (Item 12.1)

As the Committee determined that no discussion or amendments, respecting the Closed Session Minutes of the February 20, 2008, meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee were required, the Minutes were approved in Open Session, as shown below:

The Closed Session Minutes of the February 20, 2008, meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee were approved, as presented.

That the Closed Session Minutes of the February 20, 2008, meeting of the Emergency & Community Services Committee will remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure, in accordance with exemptions provided in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act."

(n) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor T. Jackson, Chair
Emergency & Community Services Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Assistant
March 19, 2008