



SPECIAL GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 19-006

9:30 a.m.

Friday, March 22, 2019

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger, Deputy Mayor T. Jackson (Chair)
Councillors M. Wilson, J. Farr, N. Nann, S. Merulla, C. Collins,
E. Pauls, J. P. Danko, B. Clark, M. Pearson, B. Johnson,
L. Ferguson, A. VanderBeek, T. Whitehead, J. Partridge

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. 2019 Proposed Tariff of Fees for Planning and Engineering Development Applications (City Wide) (PED19015(a)) (Item 10.1)

(Eisenberger/Merulla)

- (a) That the 2019 Tariff of Fees for Planning and Engineering Development Applications, attached as Appendix "B" to Report PED19015(a) be approved and incorporated into the User Fees and Charges By-law, effective May 1, 2019 and January 1, 2020 respectively; and,
- (b) That the matter respecting 2019 Proposed Tariff of Fees for Planning and Engineering Development Applications be identified as complete and removed from the Planning Committee Outstanding Business List.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Councillor Chad Collins
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Tom Jackson
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Councillor Judi Partridge
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson

YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

2. 2019 Proposed Tariff of Fees for Planning and Engineering Development Applications (City Wide) (PED19015) (Item 10.2)

(Whitehead/Pearson)

That Report PED19015, respecting the 2019 Proposed Tariff of Fees for Planning and Engineering Development Applications, be received.

CARRIED

3. 2019 Operating Budget Offsets from Planning and Development Fees (PED19066) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)

(Eisenberger/Pauls)

- (a) That the levy contribution to the 2019 Operating Budget for the Planning and Economic Development Department, that is directly related to the processing of development applications, be reduced by \$500K (\$750K annualized), with these levy funds to be offset by any additional revenues resulting from the General Issues Committee's consideration of potential planning and development fee increases at its March 22, 2019 meeting;
- (b) That if planning and development fees in 2019 are not increased at an amount sufficient to cover the \$500K (\$750K annualized) levy reduction in (a), that the difference be offset by a contribution from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (Reserve No. 110046);
- (c) That if planning and development fees in 2019 are increased at an amount that generates revenues that are greater than the \$500K (\$750K annualized) levy reduction in (a), that the difference be contributed to the Development Fee Stabilization Reserve (Reserve No. 110086);
- (d) That the Planning and Economic Development Department report back to the Planning Committee at the beginning of Q3 2019 with recommendations for the utilization of any revenues contributed to the Development Fee Stabilization Reserve from (c) above; and,
- (e) That the Planning and Economic Development Department undertake a workforce attraction and retention strategy focussed on the Department's development approvals function, that includes a salary competitiveness survey, a review of staff workloads, and a review of the applicability of the Building Enterprise model to the Department's development approvals

function, and that the results and any recommendations be incorporated into the report back in (d) above.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Councillor Chad Collins
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Tom Jackson
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Councillor Judi Partridge
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

1. COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

5.1 Correspondence from Lachlan Holmes, Founder of HamiltonForward, respecting Item 10.1 – Report PED19015(a) - 2019 Proposed Tariff of Fees for Planning and Engineering Development Applications

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 10.1

5.2 Correspondence from the Hamilton Burlington Society of Architects, respecting Item 10.1 – Report PED19015(a) - 2019 Proposed Tariff of Fees for Planning and Engineering Development Applications

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 10.1

2. DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

- 6.1 Viv Saunders, Lakefront Beach Community Council, respecting Development User Fees – **WITHDRAWN FROM AGENDA**
- 6.3 Suzanne Mammel, CEO, Hamilton-Halton Homebuilders' Association respecting the 2019 Proposed Tariff of Fees for Planning and Engineering Development Applications

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

- 10.1 2019 Proposed Tariff of Fees for Planning and Engineering Development Applications (City Wide) (PED19015(a))

There is now as presentation to accompany Report PED19015(a).

- 10.2 2019 Proposed Tariff of Fees for Planning and Engineering Development Applications (City Wide) (PED19015(a))

The report number should read **PED19015**.

(Pearson/Pauls)

That the agenda for the March 22, 2019 Special General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as amended.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Chad Collins
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Tom Jackson
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Councillor Judi Partridge
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(Danko/Pearson)

That Communication Items 5.1 and 5.2, as shown below, be approved, as follows:

- 5.1 Correspondence from Lachlan Holmes, Founder of HamiltonForward, respecting Item 10.1 – Report PED19015(a) - 2019 Proposed Tariff of Fees for Planning and Engineering Development Applications

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 10.1

- 5.2 Correspondence from the Hamilton Burlington Society of Architects, respecting Item 10.1 – Report PED19015(a) - 2019 Proposed Tariff of Fees for Planning and Engineering Development Applications

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 10.1

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

- (i) Ed Fothergill, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting the Proposed Increases to User Fees (Item 6.2)**

(Partridge/VanderBeek)

That the delegation request submitted by Ed Fothergill, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting the Proposed Increases to User Fees, be approved.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Chad Collins
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Tom Jackson

YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Councillor Judi Partridge
YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(ii) Suzanne Mammel, CEO, Hamilton-Halton Homebuilders' Association respecting the 2019 Proposed Tariff of Fees for Planning and Engineering Development Applications (Item 5.1)

(Partridge/VanderBeek)

That the delegation request submitted by Suzanne Mammel, CEO, Hamilton-Halton Homebuilders' Association, respecting the 2019 Proposed Tariff of Fees for Planning and Engineering Development Applications, be approved.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Chad Collins
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
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YES - Councillor Terry Whitehead
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Ed Fothergill, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting the Proposed Increases to User Fees (Item 8.2)

Ed Fothergill, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, addressed Committee respecting the Proposed Increases to User Fees.

(Ferguson/Partridge)

That Ed Fothergill, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, be provided additional time, beyond the permitted 5 minutes, to continue with his presentation.

CARRIED

(Ferguson/VanderBeek)

That the presentation provided by Ed Fothergill, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting the Proposed Increases to User Fees, be received.

CARRIED

A copy of the written submission is available on the City's website at www.Hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(ii) Suzanne Mammel, CEO, Hamilton-Halton Homebuilders' Association respecting the 2019 Proposed Tariff of Fees for Planning and Engineering Development Applications (Item 5.1)

Suzanne Mammel, CEO, Hamilton-Halton Homebuilders' Association, addressed Committee respecting the 2019 Proposed Tariff of Fees for Planning and Engineering Development Applications.

(Collins/Pearson)

That the presentation by Suzanne Mammel, CEO, Hamilton-Halton Homebuilders' Association respecting the 2019 Proposed Tariff of Fees for Planning and Engineering Development Applications, be received.

CARRIED

A copy of the written submission is available on the City's website at www.Hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)

(i) 2019 Proposed Tariff of Fees for Planning and Engineering Development Applications (City Wide) (PED19015(a)) (Item 9.1)

Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation overview respecting Report PED19015(a), the 2019 Proposed Tariff of Fees for Planning and Engineering Development Applications.

(Whitehead/Pearson)

That the presentation, respecting Report PED19015(a), the 2019 Proposed Tariff of Fees for Planning and Engineering Development Applications, be received.

CARRIED

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 1.

(g) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) 2019 Proposed Tariff of Fees for Planning and Engineering Development Applications (City Wide) (PED19015(a)) (Item 10.1)

Councillor Danko wished to be recorded as OPPOSED to the 50% reduction for agricultural fees.

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Nann/Farr)

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Jackson, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk