GREATER BAY AREA SUB-COMMITTEE
REPORT 19-001
Friday May 10, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, ON
Council Chambers

Present: Councillor L. Ferguson, City of Hamilton (Co-Chair)
Councillor K. Galbraith, City of Burlington (Co-Chair)
Mayor F. Eisenberger, City of Hamilton
Mayor M. Meed Ward, City of Burlington
Councillor R. Nisan, City of Burlington

THE GREATER BAY AREA SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 19-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. ELECTION OF CO-CHAIRS (Item 1)

(a) That Councillor L. Ferguson be appointed as the City of Hamilton Co-Chair to the Greater Bay Area Sub-Committee for the 2018-2022 term; and,

(b) That Councillor K. Galbraith be appointed as the City of Burlington Co-Chair to the Greater Bay Area Sub-Committee for the 2018-2022 term.

2. GREATER BAY AREA TERMS OF REFERENCE REVIEW (Item 10.1)

That the Composition of the Greater Bay Area Sub-Committee as set out in the Greater Bay Area Sub-Committee Terms of Reference be amended as follows:

Both Mayor's from the City of Hamilton and City of Burlington
Two members of Burlington City Council~~, representing Wards bordering on Hamilton Harbour/Lake Ontario~~
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FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

Mayor Meed Ward requested Item 13.3, Municipal Natural Asset Initiative, be added to the agenda.

The agenda for the May 10, 2017 Greater Bay Area Sub-Committee, was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

(i) May 10, 2017 (Item 4.1)

The minutes of the May 10, 2017 Greater Bay Area Sub-Committee meeting were approved as presented.

(ii) Clerk's Report – November 21, 2017 (Item 4.2)

The Clerk's Report – November 21, 2017 was received, as presented.

(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Greater Bay Area Sub-Committee Terms of Reference Review (Item 10.1)

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The vote on Item 10.1 to amend the Composition of the Greater Bay Area Sub-Committee as set out in the Greater Bay Area Terms of Reference, was reconsidered.

Refer to Item 2 for further disposition of this item.

(ii) Climate Emergency (Item 10.2)

The Committee discussed the recent Climate Change Emergency declarations by both the City of Hamilton and City of Burlington, noting that the two Municipalities had already begun working together on climate change initiatives through the Bay Area Climate Change Office at Mohawk College.

(e) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

(i) Update on Matters of Mutual Interest (as per the Committee's request) (Item 13.1)

(a) Hamilton Harbour

No update was provided.

(b) Port Authority

The Committee heard that the Hamilton Port Authority will soon be merged, administratively, with the Oshawa Port Authority.

(c) Royal Botanical Gardens

Work between both Municipalities and the Royal Botanical Gardens is ongoing.

(d) Cootes to Escarpment

Members heard that updates on the ongoing work on the Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System will be brought forward to both Councils in the coming months.

(e) Randal Reef

The Committee heard that the past budget challenges have been sorted out and the project is continuing at a good pace.

(ii) Additional Updates on Matters of Mutual Interest

(a) Outcomes and Actions of the Greater Bay Area Sub-Committee

No information was provided.

(b) Greater Bay Area Sub-Committee Advocacy with other Levels of Government

Mayor Meed Ward highlighted the benefits of the Greater Bay Area Sub-Committee as a way for both Cities to prepare joint advocacy strategies to various organizations and councils of other levels of government.

(c) LaSalle Park

Mayor Eisenberger and Mayor Meed Ward agreed to discuss with their relative Councils the possibility of revisiting plans for LaSalle Park.

(d) Canada's Innovation Corridor Summit/Other Forums

No information was provided.

(e) Waterdown Road Construction

No information was provided.

(f) Burlington Canal Lift Bridge

No information was provided.

(g) Burlington Beach Regional Waterfront Park

No information was provided.

(h) Impacts of the Legalization of Cannabis

The Committee agreed that the Municipalities' positions on the impacts of the legalization of Cannabis are similar and Hamilton will share communication sent to the Large Urban Mayor's Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO) regarding the regulations on the location of cannabis retail outlets.

(i) Transportation

(a) Emergency Division

No information was provided.

(b) Highway 6

No information was provided.

(c) York Road

No information was provided.

(d) King Road

No information was provided.

(e) Grindstone Creek Bridge

No information was provided.

(f) Bike Share Program

Hamilton staff will provide Burlington staff with contact information for the new company the City has contracted to operate Hamilton's bike share program as a first step in determining whether a joint bike share program would be desirable.

(g) Transit Opportunities

Members heard that the City of Hamilton has been working on the (Re)envisioning the HSR project, which is currently in the stages of conducting outreach activities with stakeholders. Among the initiatives under consideration are the possibility of increased connectivity. There is a lot of work that can be done to improve transit between Hamilton and Burlington. It was suggested that improved transit between Waterdown and the Aldershot and Burlington GO Stations should be considered a priority. An update on transit opportunities will be brought forward at the next meeting.

(h) Brant Street

No information was provided.

Members discussed the possibility of combining forces on transportation issues, including transit and procurement of vehicles, as well as on any number of large municipal purchases. A discussion about procurement of fleet vehicles will be brought forward to the next meeting.

(a) Items 13.1-13.2 were consolidated on a Matters of Mutual Interest List to be brought forward at future meetings as updates are available or as requested by the Greater Bay Area Sub-Committee; and,

(b) The Agenda for the next meeting will include updates on Transit, Fleet Procurement, the Bike Share Program, and the Impact of Cannabis Legalization, as well as any other items determined by the City Managers and staff of both Municipalities, or the Co-Chairs of the Greater Bay Area Sub-Committee.

(iii) Municipal Natural Assets Initiative (Added Item 13.3)

Members heard that the City of Burlington would like to partner with Hamilton and others on a submission to the Municipal Natural Assets Initiative, which will provide funding for municipalities to map their natural assets, especially in greenbelt areas. Burlington staff will reach out to Hamilton staff with more information.

(f) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)

The Greater Bay Area Sub-Committee moved into Closed Session for Item 14.1, pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (b) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (b) of the *Ontario Municipal Act,* 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City employees.

(i) Inter-City Opportunities (Added Item 14.1)

Mayor Eisenberger provided the Committee with information on potential Inter-City collaborations.

(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the Greater Bay Area Sub-Committee was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor L.Ferguson, Co-Chair
Greater Bay Area Sub-committee

Councillor K. Galbraith, Co-Chair
Greater Bay Area Sub-committee

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