



**City of Hamilton**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ADDENDUM**

**Meeting #:** 19-014  
**Date:** September 30, 2019  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Council Chambers, Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West

Alicia Davenport, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 2729

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Community Builders...Building Communities

September 27, 2019

City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5

Attn: Hamilton Public Works Committee

Re: Implementation of Proposed New Hamilton Fire Flow Policy

We are writing to you to express our concerns with the significant delays in timing of the implementation of Hamilton's new Fire Flow Policy. We appreciate staff's continued consultation with us on this matter, however the original due date for this item was March 18th, 2019.

Since that time, the due date has been postponed as follows:

- Postponed the due date of March 18, 2019 to May 13, 2019;
The matter was not included on the Committee's agenda on May 13, 2019;
At the June 3rd Committee meeting, the Committee postponed the due date to July 10, 2019;
At the July 10th Committee meeting, the Committee postponed the due date from July 10, 2019 to August 14, 2019;
At the August 14th Committee meeting, the Committee postponed the due date from August 14, 2019 to September 6, 2019;
At the September 6th Committee meeting, the Committee postponed the due date from September 6, 2019 to October 18, 2019;
The October 18th Committee meeting has been cancelled;
The September 30th Committee meeting agenda postpones the due date from October 18, 2019 to November 18, 2019.

The message that these delays and postponements sends to our members is that this is not a high priority item in the eyes of the Committee.

In consultation with our members, information was provided which demonstrated the considerable financial burden associated with being forced to follow the Fire Underwriter's Survey (FUS) standard. Evidence indicates that it can cost several million dollars on a single project. Ultimately, this financial loss is carried over to the consumer and contributes to the ever-rising cost of housing prices.



As demonstrated by your staff's willingness to change this standard, the current FUS standard is excessive. A change is long overdue. We understand that there are still specifics that need to be worked through, specifically regarding the application of the new standard to mid and high-rise buildings - we brought these concerns forward in February and as of our last DILG meeting, we were advised that these have not been reviewed. However, both staff and the industry have come to a consensus on the low-rise standards, which we do not believe should be held up while the details are addressed for mid-high rise and/or ICI developments.

As previously requested in our February 22, 2019 letter to the City's Senior Director of Growth Management, we are again requesting a motion from the Committee to immediately bring forward, for approval, the fire flow policies for low-rise communities at the November 18, 2019 Public Works Committee meeting, and to hold this date firm.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request. We look forward to receiving further updates on this matter as more information becomes available.

Sincerely,



Suzanne Mammel, MBA CET  
CEO, Hamilton-Halton Home Builders' Association

Copy - Robert Lalli, Open for Business Manager

# Added Item 6.1

## Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Monday, September 23, 2019 - 3:53 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** Public Works

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Larry Di Ianni

**Name of Organization:** Monument Builders of Hamilton

**Contact Number:** [REDACTED]

**Email Address:** [REDACTED]

**Mailing Address:**

[REDACTED]

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** To speak about City of Hamilton's Cemeteries Business plan which openly competes with historic private businesses offering the same services in the city.

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** Yes

## Added Item 6.2

### Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Monday, September 23, 2019 - 4:00 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** Public Works

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Doug King

**Name of Organization:** Ontario Monument Builders' Association

**Contact Number:** 905-262-1359

**Email Address:** [REDACTED]

**Mailing Address:**

[REDACTED]

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Wish to discuss the Monument Industry's perspective on Municipalities competing directly with private businesses for services to bereaved families as per your Strategic Cemeteries Plan.

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No

## Added Item 6.3

### Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Monday, September 23, 2019 - 4:06 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** Public Works

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Warren Haley

**Name of Organization:** Sharp Monuments

**Contact Number:** 9055449798

**Email Address:** [warren@sharpmonuments.ca](mailto:warren@sharpmonuments.ca)

**Mailing Address:** 1543 Main St. E. Hamilton L8K 1E5

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Wish to present on the Cemeteries' competition with my family business for work which we have historically done for grieving families in our city.

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No

## Added Item 6.4

### Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Monday, September 23, 2019 - 4:10 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** Public Works

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Marty Langlois

**Name of Organization:** Woodland Memorials

**Contact Number:** 9055224119

**Email Address:** [woodlandmemorials@bellnet.ca](mailto:woodlandmemorials@bellnet.ca)

**Mailing Address:**

885 Spring Gardens Road

Hamilton On L7T 1J6

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Wish to speak to committee about the impact of the Cemeteries Strategic plan to compete directly for our memorial services and its impact on my historic business.

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No

# Added Item 12.1

## CITY OF HAMILTON

### NOTICE OF MOTION

Public Works Committee: September 30, 2019

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN.....**

**Gage Park Accessible Swing Addition (Ward 3)**

WHEREAS, Gage Park is an active City Wide park in Ward 3, with recreational amenities supporting the community;

WHEREAS, a community minded and engaged resident initiated a fundraising program to support the addition of an independent swing for children and adults in wheelchairs at the westerly play area of Gage Park; and,

WHEREAS, the addition of this new amenity would also require site preparation and rubber surfacing;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Environmental Services Division staff be directed to initiate the implementation of a new wheelchair swing at the Gage Park westerly play area, including site preparation, rubber surfacing and swing, with an upset limit of \$50,000.00, to be funded from the Ward 3 Area Rating Reserve Account 108053;
- (b) That money received by the City from the citizen-led fundraising program for the implementation of a new wheelchair swing at the Gage Park westerly play area, be placed in the Ward 3 Area Rating Reserve Account 108053 to offset the costs of the project; and,
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents for the implementation of a new wheelchair swing at the Gage Park westerly play area, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.



# Added Item 12.2

## CITY OF HAMILTON

### NOTICE OF MOTION

Public Works Committee: September 30, 2019

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. WHITEHEAD.....**

**RA Riddell School and Gilkson Park Improvements (Ward 14)**

WHEREAS, an existing basketball court located on Hamilton Wentworth School Board (HWDSB) lands at 200 Cranbrook Drive (RA Riddell School), adjacent to Gilkson Park, provides active use for the Gilkson community residents;

WHEREAS, the basketball court was constructed and maintained by the City of Hamilton on HWDSB lands in 1994;

WHEREAS, the basketball court is beyond its lifecycle and the community and park users would benefit from the replacement of this amenity; and,

WHEREAS, the community and park users would also benefit from a pathway connection from the play structure to the basketball court;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the existing basketball court located at 200 Cranbrook Drive, adjacent to Gilkson Park, be replaced with a new standard multi-use court and new park pathway, at a cost of \$120,000, to be funded from the Ward 14 Area Rating Account #108064; and,
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents for the replacement of the existing basketball court located at 200 Cranbrook Drive with a new standard multi-use court and new park pathway, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.