



City of Hamilton

GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

Meeting #: 20-002(c)
Date: January 24, 2020
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Stephanie Paparella, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 3993

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**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
(2020 OPERATING BUDGET)
MINUTES 20-002(b)**

9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 23, 2020

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

Absent: Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

3.1 January 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes

(Danko/Eisenberger)

That the agenda for the January 23, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting be approved, as amended.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
NOT PRESENT - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinde Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
NOT PRESENT - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
NOT PRESENT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
 YES - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
 YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
 YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) January 21, 2020 (Item 3.1)

(Nann/Merulla)

That the Minutes of the January 21, 2020 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting be approved, as presented.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
 YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
 YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
 YES - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
 YES - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
 YES - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
 YES - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson

(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Hamilton Farmers' Market Board (Item 6.1)

Eric Miller, Treasurer, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Hamilton Farmers' Market Board's 2020 Operating Budget.

(Partridge/VanderBeek)

That the presentation, respecting the Hamilton Farmers' Market Board's 2020 Operating Budget, 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.

(ii) Hamilton Library Board (Item 6.2)

Nick van Velzen, current Board Chair; Lori-Anne Spence-Smith, previous Board Chair; and, Paul Takala, Chief Librarian & CEO addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Hamilton Library Board's 2020 Operating Budget.

(Pearson/Partridge)

That the presentation, respecting the Hamilton Library Board's 2020 Operating Budget, 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.

(iii) Hamilton Police Services Board (Item 6.3)

Chief Eric Girt addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Hamilton Police Services Board's 2020 Operating Budget.

(Danko/Nann)

That the Hamilton Police Services Boards' global 2020 budget be referred back to the Board to request a further review to determine if any further efficiencies can be found, in recognition of Council's mandate of a target increase of 2%.

This above motion was withdrawn.

(Eisenberger/Collins)

That the presentation, respecting the Hamilton Police Services Board's 2020 Operating Budget, be received.

CARRIED

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

(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)

(Ferguson/Pearson)

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget),
be adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Brad Clark
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk



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January 14, 2020

General Issues Committee Members

71 Main St W,
Hamilton,
ON L8P 4Y5

To Whom It May Concern,

Hamilton Technology Centre (HTC), located in on 7 Innovation Drive in Hamilton, opened its doors in 1993 and is currently striving to foster the development of technology companies by providing a private flexible facility that offers defined office space and community opportunities for businesses to connect with one another to learn new skills and network. To date, Hamilton Technology Centre is at full capacity with 20 tenants (approximately of 80-100 people) such as Clearcable™, Coding Products of Canada Ltd., Steel Image, Genesis Health Light Corporation, Gigit, Synthetic Virus Technologies (SVT), DEI Associates, and the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce.

A bus route on Innovation Drive would benefit the various tenant companies, their employees, and our neighbours on the street which will lead to further economic development in the business park. Currently, there is a lack of pickup/drop off locations which is impeding new employees and students from reaching us, therefore impacting employment and coop opportunities.

Late 2017, Hamilton Technology Centre made a request to the HSR to have the bus route reinstated on Innovation Drive. It was supported by many of the companies on Innovation Drive including Hamilton Technology Centre, Clearcable, TechMark, Niagara Pharmaceuticals Inc., Adventec Manufacturing Inc., SFS intec, Intech, and Mapi Group. The request was denied on November 13th, 2017 stating "Ridership from subject companies would not be sufficient to justify adding another bus to the Route #18 allotment..."

If you require any additional information, please let us know. The direct number is 905-522-6747 and direct email is jlangdon@clearcable.ca.

We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jessica Langdon' in a cursive script.

Jessica Langdon

Communications Coordinator

jlangdon@clearcable.ca

Hamilton Technology Centre



January 15, 2020

Hamilton City Council
Hamilton, ON

Attention: General Issues Committee Members

Re: Improved Transit

We are sending this letter on behalf of Maple Leaf Foods – Heritage, Hamilton, ON to provide an outline of our organization and the reliance on public transit for staff at this location.

The Heritage facility is located at the end of Glover Road just past the intersection of Twenty Road in Hannon. It has been in operation since 2013 and employs approximately 1000 staff, 85% of which are hourly. Our staff rely heavily on public transit and because we are a 24 hour operation and work in some capacity 7 days/week, it is imperative that public transit be available and reliable.

In September 2019 changes were made to available Transit which allowed for the bus to come directly to the plant. This added significant benefit to our day shift riders as it saved them up to 1 hour each way in getting to and from work. The offset to this benefit is the change that was made to the Trans-Cab system rather than the shuttles previously provided. Staff now are required to pay and obtain a bus pass as well as incur additional costs for the Trans-Cab service which has a direct negative financial impact.

Our current struggle with transit is primarily around the afternoon shift for which we have over 140 riders. If production runs late and overtime is required then team members have no way of getting home, even with Trans-cab service. Last week (Jan. 6 – 10, 2020) 25 team members were stranded after their shift, resulting in team leaders and leadhands transporting people back and forth to home using their own vehicles to ensure that staff made it safely home. This is not sustainable and puts significant stress on our organization from a recruitment and retention perspective. In addition to the concern around afternoons, we also experience significant difficulty in filling vacancies, of which we have over 100 that are not Bus Accessible, for early morning shifts and off shifts.

This letter is being sent to formally request that increased funding be diverted to transit to provide additional capacity to better service transit needs to our facility and others in the surrounding business park. We appreciate your consideration and attention to this matter.

If you have any questions or concerns in regards to this letter please contact Michele Defrain at (905) 692-8050 ext. 8907.

Sincerely,

Jim Brown
Site Leader
Heritage Site, Maple Leaf Foods

Michele Defrain
People Leader, Employee Services
Heritage Site, Maple Leaf Foods



General Issues Committee
City of Hamilton
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5
(c/o Ms. Stephanie Paparella, Legislative Coordinator, stephanie.paparella@hamilton.ca)

RE: Committee Meeting – January 24, 2020 – Item 6 (2020 Transit Budget Overview)

January 16, 2019

Dear General Issues Committee Members:

On behalf of Bimbo Canada, I am writing to introduce you to our company which has operations in Hamilton, and to express our support for improved transit funding in the city.

Bimbo Canada is the country's leading manufacturer and distributor of packaged fresh bread, bakery and salty snacks. With a portfolio of brands – including Dempster's, Stonemill, Vachon, Takis and Sanissimo – we are a household staple, nourishing Canadians from coast to coast every day.

We are also very proud of our investments in Hamilton, where we operate two bakeries and a distribution centre that employ over 400 associates and are continuing to grow. In fact, our largest operation in the country – the Trillium Bakery – is located in Ward 11 (Councillor Johnson) of the city.

At Bimbo Canada, we are committed to establishing strong relationships with government and working collaboratively with industry towards building a strong economy that makes the communities in which we operate an attractive place to live, work and build a business.

That is why we are joining the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce and other employers in the city in requesting that the Committee, and ultimately City Council, approve increased transit funding. We estimate that 50% of our associates rely on Hamilton's transit system. In fact, that number could increase with improved service to our bakeries, located in areas with minimal public transit coverage.

Proper transit funding is a truly sustainable practice that helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce barriers to access to job opportunities for citizens and improve the quality of life in our cities. We thank you for considering this matter.

Sincerely,

Phillipe Murphy-Rheaume
Manager, Government Relations and Sustainability

January 20, 2020

General Issues Committee
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Dear General Issues Committee Members:

I am respectfully submitting this letter to the General Issues Committee as the President of Mohawk College and former chair of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Taskforce on Workforce Development. I am asking the city to expand transit services and consider alternatives to the current area rating system.

One of the enablers of economic growth and city-building is efficient and reliable public transit. From Mohawk's perspective, there are two main areas of concern with respect to transit in Hamilton. The first is access to public transit for our students, and the second is the need for a transit system that connects people with employers.

For many Mohawk students, public transit is critical to obtaining a postsecondary education. More than half of Mohawk students rely on the HSR, taking an average of 191,000 trips per month from September to April. Hamilton is a geographically diverse and increasingly expanding area. Many students live in areas of the city where transit options are limited. Getting to and from our campuses and learning hubs can be a significant challenge for our students. Our Stoney Creek students have voiced concerns for many years about the challenges of getting to our Barton Street campus by bus, due to sporadic service. Other locations face similar challenges. This September, Mohawk will open a new aviation training facility at the airport in partnership with KF Aerospace. The new facility will train up to 600 students per year. However, many of these students do not own vehicles and will find it difficult to get to and from this location if there is not adequate bus service available.

For many students, not being able to access transit can be a barrier to obtaining an education. For others, not being able to access transit can be a barrier to a better life. Through my involvement with the Blue Ribbon Taskforce on Workforce Development and more recently through the discussions we've had with business and community leaders as part of our Challenge 2025 initiative, the issue of public transit has been a recurring theme.



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Many Hamilton employers need workers to fill entry-level positions. A key challenge with filling these vacant jobs is getting people to where those jobs are located. Some of these businesses are in areas where transit service is infrequent or even unavailable, like the airport, the Ancaster Business Park, the Stoney Creek Business Centre, and the Red Hill Business Park, amongst others.

There are people in Hamilton who need these jobs. For them, the entry-level job could be an opportunity to move off Ontario Works and a chance at a fresh start. While transit is accessible to many of these people, they cannot access stable employment because transit is not available to where the jobs are located, in growing employment areas. This needs to change. This change can lead to a pathway out of poverty.

Mohawk College urges the City of the Hamilton to work toward a solution that is in the best interest of the entire community. Changes to the transit area rating and expansion of service will help to transform lives and help Hamilton prosper, something that is a shared value for both of us.

Regards,



Ron J. McKerlie
President