



City of Hamilton
GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
AGENDA

Meeting #: 20-002(h)
Date: February 10, 2020
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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

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5.1

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 - 12:17pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Ryan Tse - AVP Municipal Affairs

Name of Organization: McMaster Students Union (MSU)

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Email Address: avpmunicipal@msu.mcmaster.ca

Mailing Address:

McMaster Students Union

McMaster University

1280 Main St. W., MUSC room #201

Hamilton, ON

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Reason(s) for delegation request: The MSU would like to delegate to GIC on February 10, as part of the public consultation process for the upcoming budget.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes



Municipal Budget Submission Delegation

RYAN TSE

McMaster Students Union Associate Vice President (Municipal Affairs)

Budget Submission Priorities

TRANSIT

EMPLOYMENT

SUSTAINABILITY

ACCESSIBILITY

BYLAWS

Budget Submission Priorities

1. TRANSIT

- Elimination of area rating
- Year-round 51-University service

2. EMPLOYMENT

- Urban Fellows Program

3. SUSTAINABILITY

- Bi-weekly waste collection

4. ACCESSIBILITY

- City-wide sidewalk snow removal

5. BYLAWS

- Elimination of Ward 1 environment by-law enforcer officer program

Employment

Recommendation: invest in

URBAN FELLOWS PROGRAM

Rationale

Creating a smooth succession plan and improve the long-term economic outlook of the city (Report HUR18015(a) from GIC Sept. 19 2018).

Comparable Programs

Ontario Internship Program, Toronto Urban Fellows Program, New York Urban Fellows Program

Transit

Recommendation: allocate funding for

TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS

in Ward 1, including increased 5A/5C/51 service

Rationale

Many students live and go to school in Hamilton over the summer.

- Available transit attracts and integrates students
- Hamilton doesn't shut down in the summer—why does transit?

Accessibility

Recommendation: explore options to ensure more

ACCESSIBLE & SAFE SIDEWALKS

Rationale

Current snow clearance system is inequitable and results in dangerous, inaccessible conditions.

- Pilot project: target heavily-used sidewalks
- What is the cost of not clearing sidewalks?

#SnowandTell Campaign





Example of inaccessible bus stops due to snow



THANK YOU,

for your consideration of investing in transit, talent retention,
and accessibility in Hamilton.

5.2

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 - 12:22pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Gabriella Christopher**Name of Organization:** n/a (just a passionate student)**Contact Number:****Email Address:****Mailing Address:**

Reason(s) for delegation request: Increase funding and support of cycling related initiatives and developments in Hamilton. Making cycling accessible for all ages and abilities must be a bigger priority for the city. Increasing both the number of bike lanes and the level of protection of many existing bike lanes are key components of the city's cyclability.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** Yes



Hamilton's Minimum Grid

Prioritizing cycle safety and accessibility
Gabriella Christopher



Why a Minimum Grid?

INTEREST

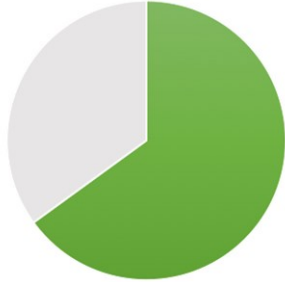
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41%



of Ontarians would like to **cycle more** than they currently do¹

65%



of Ontarians report they would **cycle more** if there was better cycling infrastructure¹

CYCLING BENEFITS

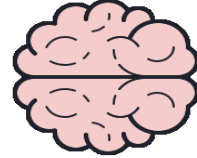


0.25kg of CO₂ emission are avoided per

1km



frequent cycling reduces the risk of **heart disease**³



and is associated with improved **mental health**⁴

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support **local business**



cyclists spend less per trip but make **more trips**⁵

HAMILTON



Hamilton has declared a **Climate Emergency**

> 1/3



<5km **conveniently cyclable**⁶

of trips in the GTHA are



Community Engagement and Participation

Cycling increases interaction with one's surroundings compared to driving



Healthy and Safe Communities

Infrastructure increases perceived and physical safety while contributing to better health outcomes



Our People and Performance

By supporting the city's vision and vision zero cycling investments build citizen trust



Clean and Green

As a form of active transportation cycling reduces emission causing vehicle usage

Economic Prosperity and Growth

Cycling is an affordable form of transportation that can provide opportunities for those facing transportation insecurity. Cycling infrastructure can also supports local businesses



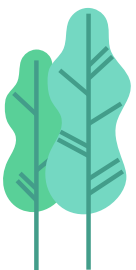
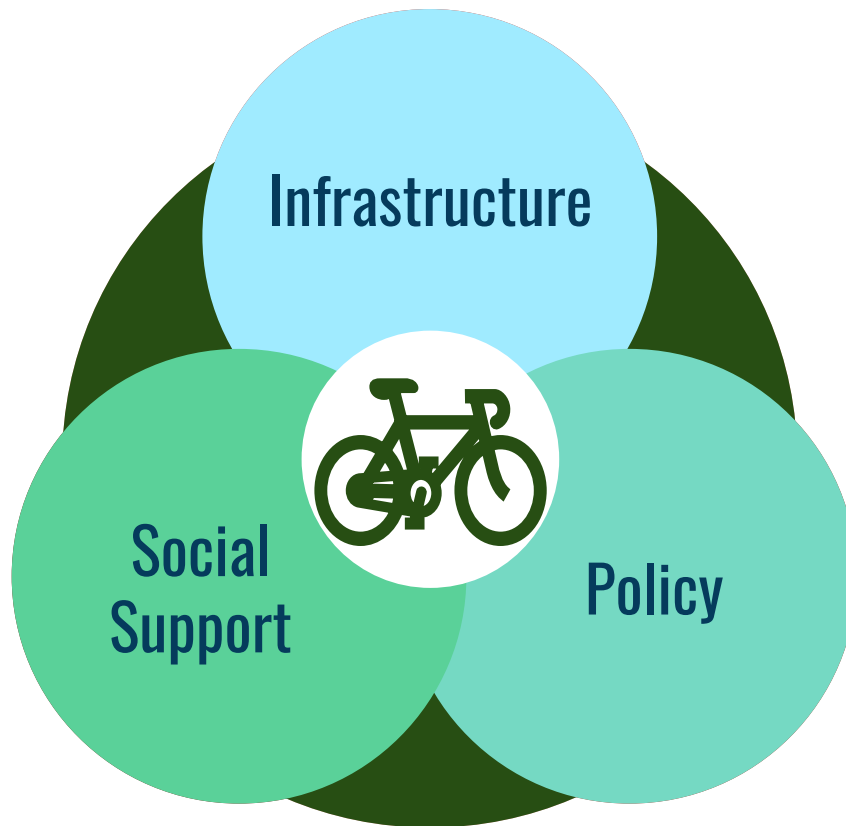
Built Environment and Infrastructure

Cycling investments contribute to environments that support active transportation and outdoor recreation



Cultural Diversity

An all ages and abilities cycling network will help bring different people together



1. Infrastructure



Increase Protection



Sterling St bike lane
(by author 2019)

Bay St Cycle Track
(by author, 2019)



Nacto guidelines in Vancouver Transportation Planning (2019)⁹

2. Policy



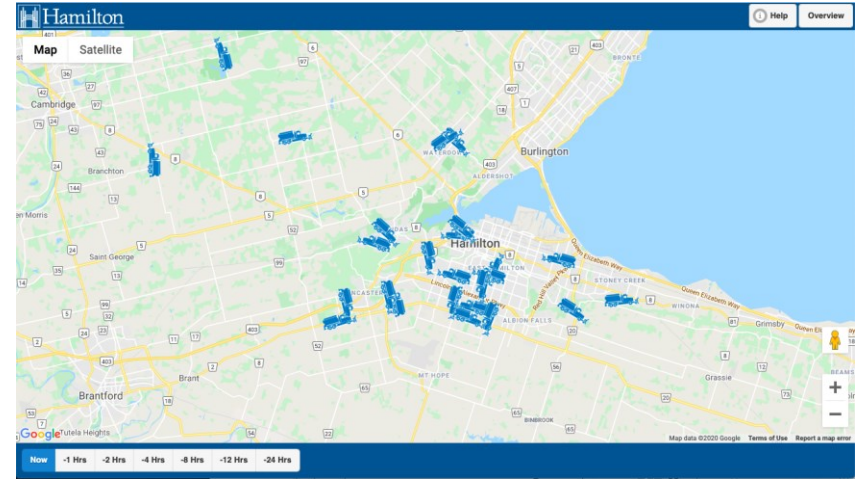
Snow Clearing



Snow on Dundurn St Bike Lane
(Randy Kay, Jan 2020)



Snow on ___ Bike Lane
(Randy Kay, Nov 2019)



Hamilton Plow Tracker (Open Data, Hamilton)

3. Innovative Social Support



Local Partnerships



Thank you



5.3

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 - 3:27pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Emergency and Community Services Committee
(Previously Healthy & Safe Communities)

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Jennifer Vermeer

Name of Organization: S.V.N stop violence now

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Post concerns about the need for more funding to police services board in order to hire more police liaison officers to help assist with rising school violence in Hamilton. I need only 5-10 minutes to speak and address the concerns and stories of school violence from many parents which will demonstrate the need for this additional policing

Will you be requesting funds from the City? Yes

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes

5.4

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Thursday, January 23, 2020 - 11:09 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Nicole Smith

Name of Organization: Kumon Hamilton West End

Contact Number: 9055726284

Email Address: hamiltonwestend_on@ikumon.com

Mailing Address:

318 Dundurn St S.

Unit 6

Reason(s) for delegation request: Speak to the need for all budget items and council decisions to be considered through a Climate Emergency lens. This request is for Public Delegations Day on February 10

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes

5.5

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Monday, January 27, 2020 - 8:40 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Karl Andrus

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: To speak to item - 7.1
Sidewalk Snow Removal (PW19022(a)) (City Wide)

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes



5.6

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Monday, January 27, 2020 - 10:48am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Sarah Jama

Name of Organization: Disability Justice Network of Ontario

Contact Number: 2896800178

Email Address: sarah@djno.ca

Mailing Address:

15 Ray Street North

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Reason(s) for delegation request: Snow Removal

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Monday, January 27, 2020 - 12:08pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Tajseem Hussain

Name of Organization: Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion

Contact Number: 9052974694202

Email Address: thussaain@hcci.ca

Mailing Address: 423 King Street East

Reason(s) for delegation request: Speaking on Snow Removal

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 - 11:08 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Stewart Klazinga

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: To present council with real-life examples of the hardships & negative experiences that inadequately cleared sidewalks present to Hamiltonians.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes



The Bearded 'AGUA' Giant
@StewKlazinga

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Main and Emerald

Chair was stalling with even this little amount of snow.
Vehicles still moving with no issue.

Why should [#HamOnt](#) clear roads before sidewalks?
Why shouldn't they be responsible for clearing *all*
sidewalks in the city?

[#AODAFail](#) [#SnowAndTell](#) [#CarCulture](#)

3:44 PM · Nov 11, 2019 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)



whatkaileysaid
@whatkaileysaid

Replying to [@CharlotteProng](#)

First week of March last year I slipped on an icy sidewalk and knocked myself out. Now I have post-concussion syndrome with possibly lifelong cognitive problems. I am terrified to walk this winter.

7:43 PM · Nov 16, 2019 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

“Snow clearing is an accessibility issue, it can lead to public health problems. I am living with the consequences of pedestrians being second class citizens next to people who drive cars.”

LIVES IN TORONTO – PARENTS LIVE IN DUNDAS



Jessica B-D
@MsMelcochita

The sidewalk was nice and clear but the edges were covered in ice. How do you get onto the sidewalk with a stroller or mobility device? Walking over it was slippery.

[#snowandtell](#) [#hamont](#)

12:36 AM · Jan 21, 2020 · [Twitter Web App](#)


“I use that sidewalk often, taking my child to daycare and going to work. Clearing sidewalks is a necessity and safety issue for all communities.”



**JACKSON STREET SIDEWALK — CITY HALL PARKING LOT
IN FRONT OF WHITEHERN**



Teresa 
@frontline_RN

I am POD14 after TKA. Yesterday was 48h after a snowfall & I had a physio appointment. I was appalled at how poor snow removal was in parking lots & sidewalks. Ambulating with my walker was dangerous, with the  risk of falling. It was impossible if I had needed to take the bus

8:59 AM · Nov 14, 2019 from [Hamilton, Ontario](#) · [Twitter for Android](#)


*POD14 = Post Operative Day 14

*TKA = Total Knee Replacement

“I’m 50 years old, normally my mobility is unrestricted. The experience of seeing this issue from the perspective of a patient with a walker was frustrating. I take for granted climbing over snow mounds along sidewalks and at street corners, or walking over un-cleared sidewalks and parking lots. That day I was fearful of slipping and falling, and I can assure you that maneuvering a walker through the snow isn't easy!”



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“I’m a registered nurse at Hamilton General with 30 years of experience. I specialize in orthopedics and rehabilitation. Working in a hospital, preventing slips and falls is a priority. I ensure my patients can mobilize safely, on a dry floor, free of obstacles. By not clearing sidewalks the city fails to ensure this same safety for pedestrians.”



EJ Pratt
@EJPratt40

Replying to [@StewKlazinga](#)

I, as a homeowner who recently fell on ice on City property, and am on crutches and in a cast for 3 months, would happily pay \$30 a year considering what I've put out, out of pocket in expenses for this injury.

9:53 AM · Jan 24, 2020 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

"So far, after breaking 3 bones in my ankle, I've been in a cast for 2 months. A couple more weeks in an aircast and on crutches. Several months of physio. I'm very lucky that I have very good benefits through work, and thank goodness I live in Canada!"

STRATHCONA NEIGHBOURHOOD



Mel issa.

@emkayontario

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Replying to @StewKlazinga

Tuesday, we were inside, heard a man yelling for help. Our neighbour, who was walking his 3 little dogs, had fallen on the snow & ice that wasn't shoveled. He ended up w/a minor concussion, a sore back, but was ok overall. I took his dogs home. My wife brought him a blanket.

10:33 AM · Jan 23, 2020 · [Twitter Web App](#)

“I live near Juravinski, which is a high traffic area full of people going to the hospital. Our road is always full of parked cars throughout the day. Makes visibility horrible when pulling out of my driveway, even on a good day.”



Sophie Geffros 🍞 📈
@sgeffros

So it BARELY snowed yesterday but the un-shovelled sidewalk in front of my apartment turned to ice, rendering it impassable. I was half an hour late this morning because I literally couldn't get to the bus stop that's a few metres from my front door without assistance.

12:03 PM · Feb 7, 2020 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)



Sophie Geffros 🍞 📈
@sgeffros

Here's the thing — it is objectively my landlords job to clear the sidewalk, and I have messaged him about it! But if you're able bodied and your landlord sucks at snow clearance, you don't miss work or life because of it. I do.

12:05 PM · Feb 7, 2020 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

AINSLIE WOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD



Ashton Forrest
@justmejustash



Stuck at a curb cut with my scooter. Luckily a stranger came by and helped push me out and reorient me.
[@GerryLaHay](#) I hope your presentation opens [#ldnont](#) to the importance of adequate snow removal
[#SnowAndTell](#) [#Accessibility](#) Description: Mobility scooter stuck in snow at curb



12:49 PM · Jan 23, 2020 · [Twitter Web App](#)



Ashton Forrest
@justmejustash



Dear plowing companies, please don't dump snow on sidewalks when clearing a parking lot. Not everyone drives and some of us need a barrier free path. [#ldnont](#) [#SnowAndTell](#) [#AODAFail](#) [#Accessibility](#) Description: a mound of snow from an adjacent parking lot covering public sidewalk

3:06 PM · Jan 23, 2020 · [Twitter Web App](#)





JDavey
@jdavey_2



Nearly a week after the snowfall there are sidewalks surrounding Bayfront Park still inaccessible. But the half dozen motorists that use the park's parking lot, this time of year, has any one of the 200+ spaces to choose from.

Priorities, [@cityofhamilton](#).

9:23 AM · Jan 24, 2020 · [Twitter for Android](#)





The Bearded 'AGUA' Giant
@StewKlazinga

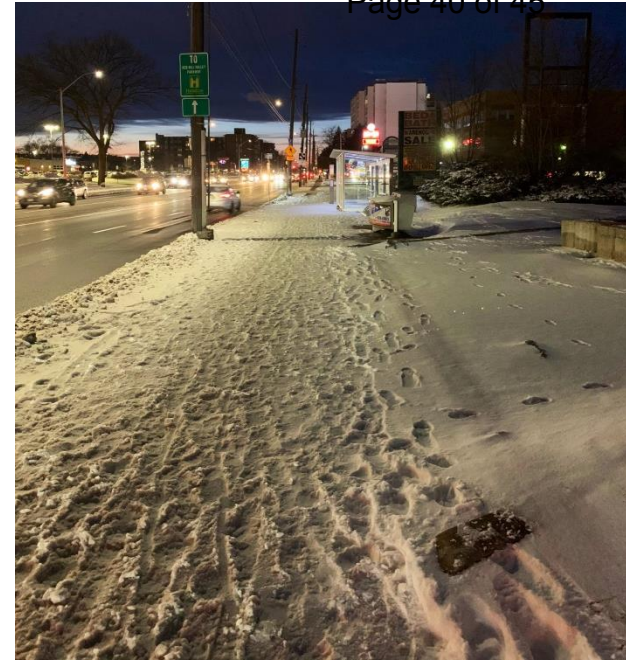


The very busy corner at Queenston & Nash in Ward 5. Because it's a proud & honoured [#HamOntDirtFarms](#) no one clears it & no one enforces the bylaw, not even at the very busy bus stops.

This is why we need city wide snow removal.

[#SnowAndTell](#) [#HamOnt](#) cc [@Chad_Collins5](#)
[@djnontario](#)

6:23 PM · Feb 7, 2020 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)





Chris Ritsma
@ritsman95



Fines are well and good (though [#hamont](#) doesn't seem to find), except they mean vacant properties don't shovelled. I'd rather pay like \$0.70/year for no snow and ice on the sidewalks. I slip, trip and have fallen, and I'm able-bodied.



8:16 PM · Jan 19, 2020 · [Twitter for Android](#)

BEASLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD — JOHN & ROBERT



The Bearded 'AGUA' Giant
@StewKlazinga



.@cityofhamilton you & the developer along Quigley are severely derelict in your duty.

The developers have not cleared their sidewalk & they are obstructing large parts of it.

This is impassable for many. Please remedy this.

#SnowAndTell #AODAFail cc @djnontario
@Chad_Collins5

12:06 PM · Jan 22, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone



5.10

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 - 10:19 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Thomas Manzuk

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request:

Regarding Snow removal and it's impact on the elderly and those with disabilities

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes

5.12

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 - 2:12 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: James Kemp**Name of Organization:****Contact Number:****Email Address:****Mailing Address:**

Reason(s) for delegation request: I wish to speak to the GIC regarding the February 10th meeting discussing the snow removal report PW19022. As a person with a disability, this discussion affects me and many others like me. I simply wish to assist the General Issues Committee by giving them a perspective of what people like me go through with our current snow removal policy. I would thank the committee for any time they could spare

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No

5.13

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, January 31, 2020 - 9:38 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Anthony Marco

Name of Organization: Hamilton & District Labour Council

Contact Number: 9055156486

Email Address: amarco@rogers.com

Mailing Address:

1130 Barton Street East, Suite 210

Hamilton, Ontario

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Reason(s) for delegation request: To speak to the Living Wage Report for City Employees.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No