



Hamilton

**MAYOR'S BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE ON WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT  
REPORT 19-001**

**Tuesday, March 26, 2019**

**2:30 p.m.**

**Room i131, Mohawk College**

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**Present:** Ron McKerlie, President, Mohawk College, Chair  
Mayor F. Eisenberger  
Monique Biancucci, ArcelorMittal  
Cesare DiDonato, Industry Education Council Hamilton  
Terry Kotwa, Tiercon  
Keanin Loomis, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce  
Judy Travis, Workforce Planning Hamilton

**Absent  
with Regrets:** Councillor T. Whitehead – City Business  
Maria Clark, Maple Leaf Foods  
David Farrar, Provost, McMaster University  
Darren Green, USWA 5328, Hamilton Area Steelworkers Council  
Zoltan Tanacs, National Steel Car  
Richard Sexton, Copley Ltd. (Retired)

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**THE MAYOR'S BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
PRESENTS REPORT 19-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

- 1. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair (Item 1)**
  - (a) That Ron McKerlie be appointed as Chair of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Workforce Development for this last meeting; and,
  - (b) That Keanin Loomis be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Workforce Development for this last meeting.
  
- 2. Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force Next Steps (Item 7.1)**
  - (a) That the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Workforce Development be disbanded; and,

- (b) That annual reports on workforce development be included within the Business Development Annual Report.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**(a) WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Item 2)**

**(i) Opening remarks from Ron McKerlie, President of Mohawk College**

Ron McKerlie welcomed the Committee.

**(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 3)**

The Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

The agenda for the March 26, 2019 meeting of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Workforce Development, was approved as presented.

**(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 4)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**(d) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 5)**

**(i) April 19, 2018 (Item 3.1)**

Monica Biancucci advised that her name was missing from the list of attendees in the Minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2018.

The Minutes of the April 19, 2018 Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Workforce Development meeting were approved, as amended.

**(e) PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)**

**(i) Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Workforce Development Progress Report (Item 6.1)**

Norman Schleeahn, Manager, Business Development, City of Hamilton, addressed the Committee respecting the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Workforce Development Progress Report, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

The Presentation from Norman Schleeahn, Manager, Business Development, City of Hamilton, respecting the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Workforce Development Progress Report, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City of Hamilton Website at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca), or through the Office of the City Clerk.

**(ii) Update on MAGNET Initiative**

Keanin Loomis and Cassandra D'Ambrosio, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Committee respecting an update on the MAGNET initiative.

The Presentation from Keanin Loomis and Cassandra D'Ambrosio, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce respecting an update on the MAGNET initiative, was received.

**(f) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 10)**

**(i) New Career Resources for Youth Initiative (Item 10.1)**

Cesare DiDonato, Industry Education Council Hamilton, addressed the Committee respecting a new initiative in partnership with Edge Factor on developing career resources for youth.

**(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)**

There being no further business, the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Workforce Development, was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron McKerlie, Chair  
Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on  
Workforce Development

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Legislative Coordinator  
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