



City of Hamilton
GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
AGENDA

Meeting #: 20-015
Date: October 7, 2020
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall

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1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Added Items, if applicable, will be noted with *)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1. September 23, 2020

4. COMMUNICATIONS

4.1. Hamilton Olympic Club and 91st Highlanders Athletic Association, respecting the Commonwealth Games 2026

Recommendation: Be received.

4.2. Kevin Gonci, respecting the 2026 Commonwealth Games Proposal

Recommendation: Be received.

5. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 5.1. WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA - Hamilton2026 Commonwealth Games Bid Corporation, respecting the Commonwealth Games 2026 Hosting Opportunity

6. CONSENT ITEMS

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS

- 7.1. Danny Cerino respecting COVID-19 Measures (no copy)

8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- 8.1. COVID-19 Verbal Update

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 9.1. Investigating the Feasibility of a City of Hamilton Museum (PED20172) (City Wide)

10. MOTIONS

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

12. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

- 12.1. Amendments to the Outstanding Business List

- 12.1.a. Proposed New Due Dates:

- 12.1.a.a. Pier 8 Development Opportunity RFP - Summary of the 4 Proposals

- Current Due Date: August 10, 2020

- Proposed New Due Date: November 18, 2020

- 12.1.a.b. Revenue Enhancement Opportunities at the John C. Munro International Airport

- Current Due Date: August 10, 2020

- Proposed New Due Date: June 16, 2021

12.1.a.c. Code of Conduct for Council-Approved Citizen Members of External Boards and Agencies

Current Due Date: September 23, 2020

Proposed New Due Date: February 17, 2021

12.1.a.d. Innovation Factory Request for Funding Renewal Option

Current Due Date: July 6, 2020

Proposed New Due Date: November 4, 2020

12.1.a.e. Sidewalk Snow Removal

Current Due Date: August 10, 2020

Proposed New Due Date: October 21, 2020

12.1.a.f. Municipal Accommodation Tax - Structure and Implementation Plan

Current Due Date: September 23, 2020

Proposed New Due Date: November 18, 2020

12.1.b. Items to be Removed:

12.1.b.a. Annual Review of the Municipal Funding Program - Synapse Life Sciences Consortium

(Addressed at the September 23, 2020 GIC as Item 6.3 - Report PED19057(a))

12.1.b.b. Review of the Value and Implications of Alternative Disposition Options for LaSalle Park

(Addressed at the September 23, 2020 GIC as Item 13.4 - Report PED20150)

12.1.b.c. Request for Relief for the Hamilton Farmers' Market with an Equivalence of the Canadian Commercial Rent Assistance Program (CECRA)

(This matter is being addressed through the Hamilton Farmers' Market Shareholder.)

12.1.b.d. Divesting and Defunding of the Hamilton Police Service

(Addressed at the September 23, 2020 GIC as Item 8.3 by the Hamilton Police Service.)

13. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

13.1. Closed Session Minutes - September 9, 2020

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, as amended; and, Section 239(2), Sub-sections (e) and (f) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; and, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose

13.2. Closed Session Minutes - September 14, 2020

Pursuant to Section 8.3, Sub-sections (a) and (b) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, as amended, and Section 239(3.1) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, as amended, as a meeting of Council or a Committee may be closed to the public if it is held for the purposes of educating or training members; and, at the meeting, no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of Council or the Committee.

13.3. Closed Session Minutes - September 23, 2020

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (c) (e), (f) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, as amended; and, Section 239(2), Sub-sections (c), (e), (f) and (k) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and, a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

14. ADJOURNMENT



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 20-014

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. 2022 Municipal Election Voters' List (FCS20080) (City Wide) (Item 6.1)

(Wilson/Clark)

That Report FCS20080, respecting the 2022 Municipal Election Voters' List, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Absent	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

2. 2022 Municipal Election Voters' List (FCS20080(a)) (City Wide) (Item 6.1(a))

(Wilson/Clark)

That Report FCS20080(a), respecting the 2022 Municipal Election Voters' List, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Absent	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

3. Gordon Dean Avenue Phases 3 & 4 Draft Environmental Study Report (Ward 10) (PED20149) (Item 6.2)

(Pearson/Ferguson)

- (a) That the Gordon Dean Avenue Phases 3 and 4 Municipal Class Environmental Assessment's Draft Environmental Study Report be endorsed; and,
- (b) That the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to advise the project proponent (Fruitland-Winona Development Group) to file the Environmental Study Report on the public record for a minimum thirty-day public review, subject to satisfactorily addressing staff comments.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

Yes	-	Ward 4	Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

4. Synapse Life Sciences Consortium Funding Update (PED19057(a)) (City Wide) (Item 6.3)

(Pauls/Merulla)

- (a) That the renewal option of a \$10 K funding request by the Synapse Life Sciences Consortium of the City of Hamilton's 2020 community partnership contribution be approved;
- (b) That this \$10 K contribution for the Synapse Life Sciences Consortium be conditional on the Council established KPIs (Key Performance Indicators);
- (c) That this \$10 K contribution for the Synapse Life Sciences Consortium be funded from the Economic Development Initiatives/Investment Reserve Account No. 112221; and,
- (d) That City staff, together with the Synapse Life Sciences Consortium report back to the General Issues Committee with a review of the Municipal Funding Program prior to the approval of a renewal option for 2021 and satisfactory Key Performance Indicator results of previous year.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

Yes - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
 Yes - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
 Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
 Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
 Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
 Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

5. King West Business Improvement Area (BIA) Revised Board of Management (PED20152) (Ward 2) (Item 6.4)

(Farr/Partridge)

That the following individuals be appointed to the King West Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Management:

- (i) Michal Cybin; and,
- (ii) Mike Balog-Sipos.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
 Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
 Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
 Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
 Yes - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 Yes - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 Yes - Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
 Yes - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 Yes - Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
 Yes - Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
 Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
 Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
 Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
 Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

6. Business Improvement Area (BIA) Contribution to Operating Budget Grant Program Update (PED20161) (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 12, 13 and 15) (Item 6.5)

(Pauls/Whitehead)

- (a) That the funds allocated to the Business Improvement Areas for the 2020 Contribution to Operating Budget Grant Program that are unused, a maximum of \$89,100 within Account No. 56905-815010, be permitted to

be carried over and used in accordance with the Contribution to Operating Budget Grant Program terms prior to December 31, 2021;

- (b) That the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services be authorized to direct staff to establish an appropriate reserve for the unused Contribution to Operating Budget Grant Program funds that were allocated to the BIAs for 2020; and,
- (c) That staff be directed to close the reserve at the end of 2021 and report back to the General Issues Committee advising where any remaining balance in the reserve should be allocated.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

7. Development Applications in the Pleasant View Neighbourhood (PED20154) (Ward 13) (Item 6.6)

(VanderBeek/Wilson)

That Report PED20154, respecting the Development Applications in the Pleasant View Neighbourhood, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Chad Collins
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Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
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Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

8. Dan Carter, Canadian Hemp Farmers Alliance, respecting Adopting Hemp into the Canadian SDGs (Item 7.1)

(Pearson/Wilson)

That the presentation, provided by Dan Carter, Canadian Hemp Farmers Alliance, respecting Adopting Hemp into the Canadian SDGs, be referred to the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee for review and a report back to the Planning Committee.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
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Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

9. Hamilton Police Service Budget Process PSB 20-061 (Item 8.4)

(Eisenberger/Jackson)

That the Hamilton Police Services Board Report PSB 20-061, respecting the Hamilton Police Service Budget Process, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

10. Hamilton Police Service Response regarding the Use of Force Inquiries (“8 Can’t Wait”) PSB 20-062 (Item 8.5)

(Eisenberger/Jackson)

That the Hamilton Police Services Board Report PSB 20-062, respecting the Hamilton Police Service Response regarding the Use of Force Inquiries (“8 Can’t Wait”), be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Conflict	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

**11. Hamilton Police Service Year End Report – Use of Force 2019 PSB 20-043
(Item 8.6)**

(Eisenberger/Jackson)

That the Hamilton Police Services Board Report PSB 20-043, respecting the Hamilton Police Service Year End Report – Use of Force 2019, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Conflict	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**12. Hamilton Police Services Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Plan PSB 20-060
(Item 8.7)**

(Eisenberger/Jackson)

That the Hamilton Police Services Board Report PSB 20-060, respecting the Hamilton Police Service Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Plan, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Yes	-	Ward 2	Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3	Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4	Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Chad Collins
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Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
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Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

13. Hate Prevention and Mitigation Initiative Update (LS19031 / PW19068(c) / CM19006(c)) (Item 8.8)

(Nann/Eisenberger)

- (a) That City Council write a letter to the federal Minister of Justice, requesting that the threshold of “hate crime” as defined in the Criminal Code be consistently applied across law enforcement agencies in Canada;
- (b) ***That Community Initiatives staff be directed to prepare a report on hate-related flags and symbols, which would enable Council to consider options and actions that could be taken to address public displays of any racist, hateful, offensive and insensitive emblems in Hamilton, in consultation with Legal Services staff with respect to Section (2), Fundamental Freedoms, Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and report back to the General Issues Committee;***
- (c) That City Council request the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) to play a key role in engaging and addressing community equity issues that are increasingly common across many municipalities, such as racism, hate and discrimination;
- (d) That City staff be directed to conduct further engagement with key stakeholders and equity-seeking groups, and develop specific recommendations, actions and resource requirements to advance the findings submitted by the project consultant and attached as Appendices A and B to Report LS19031/PW19068(c)/CM19006(c); and,
- (e) ***That staff be directed to review options as to how to obtain feedback from a larger sample of the broader community, with focus given to those with lived experiences, if possible, as it relates to the Hate***

Prevention and Mitigation Initiative, and report back to the General Issues Committee.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Conflict	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

14. Tax and Rate Operating Budgets Variance Report as at June 30, 2020 – Budget Control Policy Transfers (FCS20069) (City Wide) (Item 8.9)

(Pearson/Jackson)

- (a) That the Tax and Rate Operating Budgets Variance Report as at June 30, 2020 attached as Appendices “A” and “B”, respectively, to Report FCS20069, be received;
- (b) That, in accordance with the “Budgeted Complement Control Policy”, the 2020 complement transfer transferring complement from one department / division to another with no impact on the levy, as outlined in Appendix “C” to Report FCS20069, be approved;
- (c) That, in accordance with the “Budget Complement Control Policy”, the 2020 extensions of temporary positions with 24-month terms or greater, with no impact on the levy, as outlined in Appendix “D” to Report FCS20069, be approved; and,
- (d) That the financing strategy outlined in Appendix “E” to Report FCS20069, which utilizes \$11.2 M of Federal Gas Tax Reserve funding in the place of previously approved Capital Levy funds with the intent to offset COVID-19 financial pressures, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

15. Tim Hortons Field – End Guard Anchor Repair/Replacement (PW20039(a)) (City Wide) (Item 9.1)**(Whitehead/Eisenberger)**

- (a) That staff be directed to repair and/or replace the perimeter end guards that surround the upper bowl of the east and west stands, along with the north and south upper-lower end guards of Tim Hortons Field at an upset limit of \$1.1 million; and,
- (b) That Facilities Management staff be directed to use existing Capital Budget WIPs through appropriation to fund this work by reprioritizing existing projects for the current year, itemized in Appendix “A” to Report PW20039(a).

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
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Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

16. Financial Impact of Declining Transit Revenues (PW20061) (City Wide) (Item 9.2)

(Eisenberger/Ferguson)

That Report PW20061, respecting the Financial Impact of Declining Transit Revenues, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
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Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

17. Land Exchange – A. DeSantis Developments Ltd. – 1456 and 1460 Upper James Street, Hamilton (PED20117) (Ward 8) (Item 13.2)

(Jackson/Pauls)

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting Report PED20117 - Land Exchange – A. DeSantis Developments Ltd. – 1456 and 1460 Upper James Street, Hamilton, be approved; and,
- (b) That Report PED20117, respecting Land Exchange – A. DeSantis Developments Ltd. – 1456 and 1460 Upper James Street, Hamilton, remain confidential until completion of the real estate transactions.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

18. Lease Renewal and Amending Agreement – Suite 220, 100 Main Street East, Hamilton (PED20150) (Ward 2) (Item 13.3)

(Clark/Farr)

- (a) That a Lease Renewal and Amending Agreement between the City of Hamilton (Tenant) and Homestead Land Holdings Limited (Landlord) for the continued occupancy and possible future expansion of leased premises located in the building municipally located at 100 Main Street East, Hamilton, as depicted in Appendix “A” attached to Report PED20150, based substantially on the terms and conditions outlined in Appendix “B” attached to Report PED20150, and on such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development Department or designate, be approved;
- (b) That the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development Department or designate, acting on behalf of the City as Tenant, be authorized to provide any consents, approvals, and renewal notices related to the Lease Renewal and Amending Agreement at 100 Main Street East, Hamilton;
- (c) That the City Solicitor be authorized to amend and waive such terms and conditions to the Lease Renewal and Amending Agreement as she considers reasonable;

- (d) That the Gross Rent outlined in Appendix “B” attached to Report PED20150, continue to be funded from Account Number 55358-674021 (RMRCH);
- (e) That the Real Estate and Legal fees of \$36,676 be funded from Account No. 55778-674021 (RMRCH) and credited to Account No. 45408-812036 (Real Estate – Admin Recovery);
- (f) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Lease Renewal and Amending Agreement at 100 Main Street East, Hamilton, or such other form and all other necessary associated documents, and all such documents to be in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (g) That Report PED20150, respecting Lease Renewal and Amending Agreement – Suite 220, 100 Main Street East, Hamilton, and its appendix, remain confidential and not be released as a public document.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

19. Options for Support for Commercial Tenants and Licensees Within City-Owned Properties Due to COVID-19 (PED20162) (City Wide) (Item 13.5)

(Clark/Wilson)

- (a) That the COVID-19 Occupant Support Framework, attached as confidential Appendix “A” to Report PED20162, be approved;
- (b) That Corporate Real Estate staff, in consultation with staff in Finance and Corporate Services, and other departments responsible for administering

agreements, be authorized and directed to provide support to occupants in City-owned properties in accordance with the COVID-19 Occupant Support Framework, and on such terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department;

- (c) That the City Solicitor, or designate, be authorized and directed to complete any agreements on behalf of the City, including paying any necessary expenses, amending the closing, due diligence and other dates, and amending and waiving terms and conditions on such terms as she considers reasonable, as it relates to options for support for commercial tenants and licensees within city-owned properties due to COVID-19;
- (d) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to execute any necessary documents, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, or designate, as it relates to options for support for commercial tenants and licensees within city-owned properties due to COVID-19; and,
- (e) That Report PED20162, respecting Options for Support for Commercial Tenants and Licensees Within City-Owned Properties Due to COVID-19, and its appendix remain confidential.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

20. Stadium Update – Legal Issues (LS20015(a)) (City Wide) (Item 13.6)

(Nann/Farr)

That Report LS20015, respecting the Stadium Update – Legal Issues, remain confidential.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

21. Encampment Litigation Update (Item 13.7)

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting the Encampment Litigation, be approved; and,
- (b) That the presentation provided in Closed Session, respecting the Encampment Litigation, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 1, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
No	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Absent	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.2 September 14, 2022 - Special GIC

4. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

4.1 Correspondence respecting COVID-19 Related Matters

- 4.1(a) Tobi Bos
- 4.1(b) David
- 4.1(c) Todd Ouellette

Recommendation: Be received.

4.2 Correspondence from Kojo Dampety, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, respecting Systemic Racism in Policing

Recommendation: Be received.

5. DELEGATION REQUESTS

5.1 Danny Cerino respecting COVID-19 Measures (for a future GIC)

6. CONSENT ITEMS

6.1(a) 2022 Municipal Election Voters' List (FCS20080(a)) (City Wide)

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 9.3 Tax and Rate Operating Budgets Variance Report as at June 30, 2020 – Budget Control Policy Transfers (FCS20069) now has a presentation to accompany the report; therefore, has been moved to Item 8.9.

10. MOTIONS

- 10.1 City of Hamilton's Contribution Towards Business Improvement Area (BIA) Operating Budgets via the Commercial Districts and Small Business Section Operating Budget

As this item is now being addressed through a staff report, which is listed as Item 6.5 on today's agenda, this Motion is being withdrawn from the agenda.

13. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

- 13.1 Disposition Strategy - Wentworth Lodge Lands (PED19138) - This item will remain DEFERRED at this time.
- 13.6 Report LS20015(a) respecting the Stadium Litigation Update
- 13.7 A verbal update respecting the Encampment Litigation Matter

(VanderBeek/Clark)

That the agenda for the September 23, 2020 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as amended.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson

Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

- (i) Councillor Pauls declared an interest to Item 4.2, respecting correspondence from Kojo Damptey, Centre for Civic Inclusion, respecting Systemic Racism in Policing, as her son is employed with the Hamilton Police Service.
- (ii) Councillor Pauls declared an interest to Item 8.2, respecting the Hamilton Police Service Crisis Unit Response, as her son is employed with the Hamilton Police Service.
- (iii) Councillor Pauls declared an interest to Item 8.3, respecting Hamilton Police Service Defund Report, as her son is employed with the Hamilton Police Service.
- (iv) Councillor Pauls declared an interest to Item 8.4, respecting Hamilton Police Service Budget Process Report PSB 20-061, as her son is employed with the Hamilton Police Service.
- (v) Councillor Pauls declared an interest to Item 8.5, respecting Hamilton Police Service Response regarding the Use of Force Inquiries (“8 Can’t Wait”) Report PSB 20-062, as her son is employed with the Hamilton Police Service.
- (vi) Councillor Pauls declared an interest to Item 8.6, respecting Hamilton Police Service Year End Report – Use of Force 2019 Report PSB 20-043, as her son is employed with the Hamilton Police Service.
- (vii) Councillor Pauls declared an interest to Item 8.7, respecting Hamilton Police Service Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Plan Report PSB 20-060, as her son is employed with the Hamilton Police Service.
- (viii) Councillor Pauls declared an interest to Item 8.8, respecting Report LS19031/PW19068(c)/CM19006(c), regarding the Hate Prevention and Mitigation Initiative Update, as her son is employed with the Hamilton Police Service.

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

(Pauls/Eisenberger)

That the Minutes of the September 9, 2020 and September 14, 2020 General Issues Committee meetings be approved, as presented.

- (i) September 9, 2020 (Item 3.1)
- (ii) September 14, 2020 (Special GIC) (Item 3.2)

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 4)

(i) Correspondence respecting COVID-19 Related Matters (Item 4.1)

(Eisenberger/Partridge)

That Communication Items 4.1(a) to 4.1(c), respecting COVID-19 Related Matters, be received:

- (1) Tobi Bos (Item 4.1(a))
- (2) David (Item 4.1(b))
- (3) Tom Ouellette (Item 4.1(c))

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Conflict	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(ii) Correspondence from Kojo Damphey, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, respecting Systemic Racism in Policing (Item 4.2)

(Eisenberger/Ferguson)

That the correspondence from Kojo Damphey, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, respecting Systemic Racism in Policing, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 1, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Conflict	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
No	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 5)**(i) Danny Cerino, respecting COVID-19 related Matters (Item 5.1)****(Pearson/Wilson)**

That the delegation request, submitted by Danny Cerino, respecting COVID-19 related matters, be approved for a future General Issues Committee meeting.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 7)**(i) Dan Carter, Canadian Hemp Farmers Alliance, respecting Adopting Hemp into the Canadian SDGs (Item 7.1)**

Dan Carter, Canadian Hemp Farmers Alliance, addressed Committee and provided a presentation respecting Adopting Hemp into the Canadian SDGs.

(Pearson/Wilson)

That the presentation, provided by Dan Carter, Canadian Hemp Farmers Alliance, respecting Adopting Hemp into the Canadian SDGs, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Yes	-	Ward 2	Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3	Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4	Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

(Eisenberger/Whitehead)

That Items 8.2 to 8.7 be moved up on the agenda to be heard before Item 8.1.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Conflict	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(g) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) COVID-19 Verbal Update (Item 8.1)

Paul Johnson, General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities; Dr. Ninh Tran, Associate Medical Officer of Health; and, Richard

MacDonald, Manager of Food and Water Safety, addressed Committee and provided a verbal update respecting COVID-19.

(Ferguson/Wilson)

That the verbal update, respecting COVID-19, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Absent	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(ii) Hamilton Police Service Crisis Unit Response (Item 8.2)

Chief Eric Girt, along with other Members of the Hamilton Police Service and a Mental Health Worker from St. Joseph's Hospital, addressed Committee and provided a presentation respecting the Hamilton Police Service Crisis Unit Response.

(Eisenberger/Jackson)

That the presentation, respecting the Hamilton Police Service Crisis Unit Response, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

Conflict	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

(iii) Hamilton Police Service Defund Report (Item 8.3)

Chief Eric Girt, along with other Members of the Hamilton Police Service, addressed Committee and provided a presentation respecting the Hamilton Police Service Defund Report.

(Eisenberger/Jackson)

That the presentation, respecting the Hamilton Police Service Defund Report, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
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Conflict	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(iv) Hate Prevention and Mitigation Initiative Update (LS19031 / PW19068(c) / CM19006(c)) (City Wide) (Item 8.8)

John Ariyo, Manager of Community Initiatives, introduced the presentation and Dr. Rebecca Sutherns, CEO of Sage Solutions; and,

Sonia Preisler, Assistant Facilitator, with Sage Solutions, continued with the presentation respecting Report LS19031 /PW19068(c) / CM19006(c), regarding the Hate Prevention and Mitigation Initiative Update.

(Jackson/Merulla)

That the presentation, respecting Report LS19031 /PW19068(c) / CM19006(c), regarding the Hate Prevention and Mitigation Initiative Update, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Conflict	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

The following friendly amendment was made:

That sub-section (b) to Report LS19031 /PW19068(c) / CM19006(c), regarding the Hate Prevention and Mitigation Initiative Update, be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following in lieu thereof, to read as follows:

~~(b) That City staff prepare a report on hate-related flags and symbols, which would enable City Council to consider options and actions that could be taken to address public display of any racist, hateful, offensive and insensitive emblems in Hamilton.~~

(b) That Community Initiatives staff be directed to prepare a report on hate-related flags and symbols, which would enable Council to consider options and actions that could be taken to address public displays of any racist, hateful, offensive and

insensitive emblems in Hamilton, in consultation with Legal Services staff with respect to Section (2), Fundamental Freedoms, Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and report back to the General Issues Committee.

(Eisenberger/Clark)

That a new sub-section (e) be added to Report LS19031 /PW19068(c) / CM19006(c), regarding the Hate Prevention and Mitigation Initiative Update, to read as follows:

- (e) *That staff be directed to review options as to how to obtain feedback from a larger sample of the broader community, with focus given to those with lived experiences, if possible, as it relates to the Hate Prevention and Mitigation Initiative, and report back to the General Issues Committee.***

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Conflict	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

- (v) Tax and Rate Operating Budgets Variance Report as at June 30, 2020 – Budget Control Policy Transfers (FCS20069) (City Wide) (Item 8.9)**

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee and provided the presentation respecting Report FCS20069, regarding the Tax and Rate Operating Budgets Variance Report as at June 30, 2020 – Budget Control Policy Transfers.

(VanderBeek/Danko)

That the presentation, respecting Report FCS20069, regarding the Tax and Rate Operating Budgets Variance Report as at June 30, 2020 – Budget Control Policy Transfers, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(h) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 6)**(i) Synapse Life Sciences Consortium Funding Update (PED19057(a)) (City Wide) (Item 6.3)****(Pauls/Merulla)**

That sub-section (a) to Report PED19057(a), respecting the Synapse Life Sciences Consortium Funding Update, be deleted in its entirety, and the balance re-lettered accordingly:

~~(a) Per Report PED19057, that City staff, together with the Synapse Life Sciences Consortium report back to General Issues Committee with a review of the Municipal Funding Program prior to the approval of a renewal option for 2020 and satisfactory Key Performance Indicator results of previous year;~~

(a) That the renewal option of a \$10 K funding request by the Synapse Life Sciences Consortium of the City of Hamilton's 2020 community partnership contribution be approved;

- (b) That this \$10 K contribution for the Synapse Life Sciences Consortium be conditional on the Council established KPIs (Key Performance Indicators);
- (c) That this \$10 K contribution for the Synapse Life Sciences Consortium be funded from the Economic Development Initiatives/Investment Reserve Account No. 112221; and,
- (d) That City staff, together with the Synapse Life Sciences Consortium report back to the General Issues Committee with a review of the Municipal Funding Program prior to the approval of a renewal option for 2021 and satisfactory Key Performance Indicator results of previous year.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
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Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(i) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 13)

(Pearson/VanderBeek)

That Committee move into Closed Session respecting Items 13.2 to 13.7, pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (c) (e), (f) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, as amended; and, Section 239(2), Sub-sections (c), (e), (f) and (k) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and, a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied

to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
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Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(i) LaSalle Park Disposition Review (PED20156) (City Wide) (Item 13.4)

(Ferguson/Jackson)

That Report PED20156, respecting the LaSalle Park Disposition Review, be DEFERRED to the October 7, 2020 General Issues Committee.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Absent	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Absent	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

.1 (j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Pearson/Clark)

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
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Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Brenda Johnson
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator,
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September 28th, 2020

Hamilton City Council
City Hall
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

RE: Commonwealth Games 2026

Our two organizations represent over 200 aggregate years of volunteer service to the athletic community of Hamilton, specifically in the area of track and field. Countless athletes have competed at the annual Indoor Games and thousands have, at one time, called themselves members of the Hamilton Olympic Club.

Track and field involves a commitment of volunteers - sometimes a lifetime of commitment - as well as facilities and infrastructure, as it does with other sports. Amateur sport, you will agree, is critical in ensuring the mission to make Hamilton the best place to raise a child.

Right now, the critical facility need for the track and field community is a competition ready banked indoor track and field facility. It is, indeed, essential for the survival of the century old 91st Highlanders Athletic Association indoor games, the "Indoor Games". It is also critical for the amateur athletes of today and the elite ones of tomorrow to have access to year-round training and competition facilities locally.

We believe strongly that a successful staging of the 2026 Commonwealth Games presents the community with the best opportunity to make the dream of such a facility a reality, in that it would allow the community to leverage funding from different levels of government, avenues which to this point have not been successful.

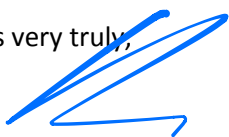
The Hamilton Olympic Club indeed had a role in the first British Empire Games in 1930 in that our founder and first president, M.M. Robinson, was their founder. It would behoove the memory of Mr. Robinson to have the Games come home not just for the two week celebration of sport, but for the

lasting facility legacy it will bring for future generations of athletes.

It should be recognized that two of the lasting legacies of the 2026 Hamilton Commonwealth Games are connected and will provide benefits to our citizens for many years, just as Jimmy Thompson Pool and Civic/Ivor Wynne Stadium did following the 1930 Games. The proposed affordable housing and the indoor track and field facility connection may not be immediately apparent. Many who use affordable housing do so because of limited financial means and the children have limited sporting opportunities because of the costs of equipment and user fees. The costs to be involved in track and field are minimal and most track organizations make considerations for those who require them.

We hope, Mayor and esteemed Councillors, that you will come together and support the community in bringing the 2026 Commonwealth Games home to Hamilton.

Yours very truly,



Richard Gelder
President, Hamilton Olympic Club



Dan Clark
President, 91st Highlanders Athletic Association

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario.
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(via email)

September 27, 2020

PLEBISCITE REQUEST - 2026 COMMONWEALTH GAMES PROPOSAL

Premier Ford:

As an Ontario taxpayer and resident of Hamilton I am concerned with the lack of effort being put forward by our local municipal government officials who have made no effort to engage or otherwise solicit feedback from the residents of our community with regards to their support of a 2026 Commonwealth Games hosting proposal. With confidence, I am a firm believer that making an informed decision should include some form of community engagement and consultation when deciding on such an important issue.

Recently, two informal online polls seemed to indicate that Hamilton residents significantly oppose hosting the 2026 Commonwealth Games with 82.9% and 77.2% being in opposition. To date, there has been no formal verification of the alleged benefits of hosting the Games other than Hamilton City Staff declining to endorse hosting the initial 2030 proposal (due to a lack of verifiable information) suggesting that the actual cost of hosting the 2030 version was perhaps as much as \$200 million more than was being presented.

A previous Hamilton Spectator article stated that Bruce Kidd (a professor of sport and public policy at the University of Toronto, winner of the Lou Marsh Trophy in 1961, Gold medalist at the 1962 British Empire and Commonwealth Games, Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame inductee in 1966, Canadian Sports Hall of Fame inductee in 1968 and in 2004 awarded the Order of Canada) hit the nail on the head with his comments that ***“no games should go ahead without broad public support”*** and ***“in fact, a plebiscite should be held to decide the matter”***. His opinion is echoed by Jules Boykoff, Pacific University and an expert in economics who states that ***“any proposal to host international sporting events should be put to a community vote”***.

In November 2018 the Province of Alberta initiated a plebiscite through Elections Calgary which resulted in a 56.4% “NO” vote by Calgary residents towards hosting the 2026 Winter Olympic Games. The majority of Calgaryians had spoken and made it abundantly clear that there was no appetite for hosting another Winter Olympic Games that were largely being supported by taxpayer dollars. Perhaps the Province of Ontario should consider the same stipulation as a condition of provincial funding support which will be a critical element of the 2026 hosting plan.

I'm writing to request your support of ensuring the proper management of provincial taxpayer dollars by requesting that you consider a similar stipulation (as seen in the Calgary Plebiscite) as a condition of any provincial funding commitment to the 2026 Commonwealth Games which is estimated to be as much as \$40 million provincial dollars in addition to being responsible for the projected cost overruns which could total millions of dollars. I would further propose that any costs associated with hosting a plebiscite should be the responsibility of the 2026 Hamilton Hosting Group prior to moving forward with any further discussions.

Now is not the time to gamble on the economic recovery strategy which is already being effectively delivered by both our provincial and federal governments, these funds could be better spent elsewhere for the greater good of every resident in the Province of Ontario.

Sincerely,

Kevin Gonci, CD
Hamilton, Ontario

Distribution

Member of Provincial Parliament Donna Skelly
Hamilton City Council

COMMONWEALTH GAMES



FACTS



No one else wants to host the Commonwealth Games Why?

2014 Commonwealth Games

NO - City of Halifax

Halifax was selected as Canada's bid for the 2014 Commonwealth Games and was led by a local business consortium who estimated the cost to host the Games was \$785 million dollars. Two independent reports from both the Provincial and Municipal governments indicated that the actual cost of hosting the 2014 Games was closer to \$1.7 billion dollars and eventually funding from all three levels of government were withdrawn ending the Halifax bid.

2022 Commonwealth Games

NO - City of Victoria, British Columbia

On 24 August 2017 B.C. Finance Minister Carole James announced in a statement that the province won't contribute funding to a 2022 Commonwealth Games bid because there were too many uncertainties. She cited question marks surrounding the bid, including revenue commitments, venue locations, costs for security, additional costs for transit, infrastructure and health services for athletes all of which weren't included in the bid committee's cost estimate in addition to citing other priorities such as dealing with one of B.C.'s worst wildfire seasons in history.

NO - City of Toronto

On 23 March 2017, Toronto City Council announced they were exploring plans to bid for the 2022 Commonwealth Games. Toronto hosted the 2015 Pan American Games and Parapan American Games and they would use the infrastructure and facilities which were built for those games however, the proposal was dead after city staffs recommendation that Toronto not go ahead with the bid because of the risks and potential high costs.

NO - City of Edmonton, Alberta

On March 31, 2014, The City of Edmonton announced its intent to bid for the 2022 Commonwealth Games and on February 11, 2015, they announced that they were withdrawing their bid, citing financial reasons and a global fall in oil prices.

NO - Durban, South Africa

On 2 September 2015, the city of Durban, South Africa was elected as the host for the 2022 Commonwealth Games on 2 September 2015 and in February 2017, the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) stripped Durban of their hosting rights due to fiscal restraints and the Games were eventually awarded to Birmingham, England.

NO - London, England

On 15 March 2017, London expressed an interest in co-hosting the 2022 Commonwealth Games and in May 2017 the Mayor of London announced that London would not be hosting the Games as they were focusing on the 2017 World Athletics Championships and World Para Athletics Championships.

2026 Commonwealth Games**NO - India**

In 2018, India expresses interest in submitting bids for the 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games, the 2030 Asian Games and the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

In 2019, the Indian Olympic Association confirmed that they will be bidding for the 2026 or 2030 Commonwealth Games. This decision was made despite earlier comments made by Indian Olympic Association President, Narinder Batra – *“the level of competition isn’t high at the Commonwealth Games”* – *“for me, these are a waste of time and money”* – *“we should rather go to better competitions and prepare for the Olympics”*.

India is yet to officially begin its process to submit a bid for the event, there have been no further expressions of interest made publicly by India and the application deadline established by the Commonwealth Games Federation has now passed.

NO - City of Calgary, Alberta.

Mayor of Calgary Naheed Nenshi announced on 14 January 2020 that a group of private citizens was preparing a serious bid to host the 2026 Commonwealth Games and shortly afterwards announced that the bid group is not bidding for the Games due to their inability to secure sufficient funding from the Alberta and Municipal Governments.

NO - City of Edmonton, Alberta.

Edmonton initially planned to bid for the 2022 Games but on 11 February 2015, Edmonton announced it was withdrawing its bid citing financial reasons and a global fall in oil prices. The bid team said they would instead focus on the 2026 games however confirmed in 2019 it would not pursue its 2026 Commonwealth Games bid due to, among other concerns, prior commitments to the 2026 FIFA World Cup. In addition, Canada would likely prefer to bid for the 2030 games as it would coincide with the 100th anniversary of the first Commonwealth Games held in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

NO - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

On 22 April 2018, Olympic Council of Malaysia, President Tunku Imran Tuanku Jaafar, stated that Malaysia was capable of hosting the 2026 Commonwealth Games – on 2 July 2018, he reports that Malaysia is not ready to host the 2026 Commonwealth Games, stating that hosting the quadrennial games has become relatively too expensive for many countries.

NO - Liverpool, England.

Liverpool city council decided against submitting a bid to host the 2026 Commonwealth Games citing that it would be “too costly” in the current financial climate to bid for the event.

NO - Cardiff, Wales.

On 26 July 2016 it was announced that Cardiff would not look to host the Commonwealth Games in 2026. Media reports stated this was due to the uncertain situation regarding Brexit and funding concerns.

NO - Sydney, Australia.

In May 2018, Chief Executive of Commonwealth Games Australia Craig Philips wrote to the states seeking expressions of interest to host the 2026 or 2030 Games. New South Wales Opposition Leader Luke Foley said that Sydney should make a bid to host the 2026 Commonwealth Games because it would fast-track the construction of transportation system and affordable housing in the region and also the city already has the sporting facilities as it hosted the 2000 Summer Olympics, Paralympics and also the Gay Games two years later. The New South Wales Minister for Sport Stuart Ayres informed that they aren't interested to host the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Sydney because the Government of New South Wales wants to focus on world cups.

NO - Perth, Australia.

The city of Perth, which hosted the 1962 Commonwealth Games, had a review into infrastructure needed. After building Perth Stadium, a 60,000 seat stadium, the West Australian capital had been urged to bid. An audit of the city's sporting facilities was commissioned to determine what infrastructure upgrades would be needed to host the event however, on 30 December 2018, it was announced that the 2026 Commonwealth Games bid was to be abandoned as too costly and the city would instead bid for the 2029 IAAF World Championships in Athletics.

NO - Adelaide, Australia.

It was reported on 12 September 2018 that representatives of CGF visited Adelaide and toured potential venues as the city is considering a bid for the 2026 Games. The Adelaide Oval could be the venue for athletics and the opening and closing ceremonies. The Adelaide Convention Centre would be used for table tennis, weightlifting, volleyball, gymnastics, boxing and wrestling events, while the Coopers Stadium and Adelaide Entertainment Centre in Hindmarsh would host the rugby sevens and swimming events respectively. Netball would be held at the Priceline Stadium in Mile End, while the Super Drome in Gepps Cross would be utilised for track cycling. In Marion, the South Australia Aquatic and Leisure Centre could stage the diving events. The Athletes' Village can be built within the Adelaide CBD. However, on 18 September 2019 Adelaide withdrew its Commonwealth Games bid due to lack of sporting keys.

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Summary of Costs and Opportunities

	Potential for Community Stories	Complexity of Developing Programs and Exhibits	Potential for Engagement and Collaboration	Accessibility	Project Complexity	Project Cost	Exhibit Development Cost	Capital Cost	Operating Cost
Standalone Museum	High	High	High	Medium	High	High	High	High	High
Storefront Museum	High	Medium	High	Medium	Medium	Medium	High	Medium	Medium
Virtual Museum	High	Low	High	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	October 7, 2020
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Investigating the Feasibility of a City of Hamilton Museum (PED20172) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	John Summers (905) 546-2424 Ext. 1747
SUBMITTED BY:	Carrie Brooks-Joiner Director, Tourism and Culture Planning and Economic Development Department
SIGNATURE:	<i>Carrie Brooks-Joiner</i>

COUNCIL DIRECTION

At the March 21, 2018 General Issues Committee meeting, staff was directed to “include the investigation of the feasibility of a City of Hamilton Museum as part of the work of the Hamilton Civic Museum Strategy and report to the General Issues Committee when the strategy is complete.”

This report provides an overview of the public consultation results regarding a proposed City of Hamilton Museum and options to move forward. Owing to public interest in the idea, this information is being provided to Council prior to the completion of the Civic Museum Strategy.

INFORMATION

Dundurn Castle served as Hamilton’s Civic Museum from 1900 to 1967 before opening as a restored historic house museum in 1968. Since that time, there has been public interest in the idea of a museum which would once again engage with the history of the whole city. Other Canadian examples of civic museums include The Guelph Civic Museum, The Civic Museum of Regina and The Museum of Vancouver.

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OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

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Though the City of Hamilton owns and operates eight civic museums, each has a specific site-based interpretive mandate and offers related programming. There is at present no dedicated space for city-wide exhibits or programs that are not part of an existing historic site.

The Museum of Hamilton concept envisions a broader and deeper approach to the City's history which would complement these existing civic museums and historic sites. Such a space would offer opportunities to address broader historical themes, engage with wider and more diverse audiences and facilitate collaboration on programs and exhibits with residents and other organizations.

In 2019, the Tourism and Culture Division retained consultants to conduct an external engagement for the new Hamilton Civic Museum Strategy and a City of Hamilton Museum. Stakeholders and members of the public expressed support for the idea of a Museum of Hamilton. The report will be presented to Council together with a Civic Museum Strategy in the second quarter of 2021.

The Art Gallery of Hamilton (AGH) has also expressed interest in a Museum of Hamilton. On February 11, 2020, the Government of Canada announced funding from the Canada Cultural Spaces fund to support a feasibility study for a significant renovation of the Art Gallery of Hamilton and an expansion of the AGH's mandate to further educate visitors about the community's history. As noted by AGH President and CEO Shelly Falconer in the media release, "this grant will also pave the way for a civic museum that will facilitate the celebration of Hamilton's history by our citizens and visitors alike."

In 2019, an ad hoc community group called the Hamilton Museum Citizen's Committee formed to support the creation of a permanent Hamilton Museum to present and preserve local history. City staff met with the group several times during the year. Its members participated in stakeholder sessions and focus groups during the Hamilton Civic Museum Strategy citizen engagement.

The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated what was already a growing trend towards museums doing more online engagement, which has proven to be a cost-effective means of reaching new and wider audiences. Even before the pandemic necessitated rethinking current audience engagement practices, the museum community was exploring ways to be more community-focused and involved beyond the walls of its institutions. Today, museums are seeking to offer spaces for interaction and engagement with their collections and to support communities in telling their own stories. This requires a different space than the traditional model of an institution focused on building artefact collections and creating its own exhibits.

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A Museum of Hamilton on these lines could be realized in several ways. At one end of the spectrum is a standalone brick and mortar museum which offers programs and exhibits within its walls. In the middle is the “storefront” model, which offers flexible programming and exhibit space within a larger brick and mortar building but does not have its own artefact storage, staff offices, parking or visitor services. At the other end of the spectrum is an entirely virtual museum with all content and experiences provided online.

The costs and opportunities associated with each model are summarized in Appendix “A” to Report PED20172.

In keeping with this international museum trend, in 2019 the Tourism and Culture Division initiated a strategic shift to focus on broader and online engagement. In response to restrictions on in-person visitation and programming imposed by COVID-19, staff has fast-tracked the expansion of its online heritage offerings. At the present time, this work is focused on promoting visitation to the re-opened civic museums and providing information about those that are not currently open.

Based on the models noted in Appendix “A” to Report PED20172, a virtual museum approach offers significant and cost-effective potential for not just responding to COVID-19, but also for offering content and experiences that will complement and expand in-person offerings at the existing civic museums. With additional resources dedicated to the development, facilitation and sharing of broad Hamilton stories, this online engagement approach could be expanded into a virtual Museum of Hamilton.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix “A” - Summary of Costs and Opportunities

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