



**City of Hamilton**  
**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE**  
**ADDENDUM**

**Meeting #:** 20-016  
**Date:** October 21, 2020  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall

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**4. COMMUNICATIONS**

- \*4.1. Correspondence from Michael Corsini, respecting Mental Health as it relates to COVID-19

Recommendation: Be received.

**5. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

- \*5.1. David Carter, of the Innovation Factory, respecting the Innovation Factory's Funding Request

(For the November 18, 2020 GIC)

- \*5.2. Bryan Crawford, Tournament Director and Garrett Ball, Chief Financial Officer, RBC Canadian Open, Golf Canada, respecting the 2019 RBC Canadian Open

(For the November 18, 2020 GIC)

- \*5.3. Cullen McDonald respecting the Benefits and Risks of Face Masks and the Mandatory Face Mask By-law

(For the November 4, 2020 GIC)

## 9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- \*9.4. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 20-004, September 8, 2020

## 13. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

- \*13.3. Background Information for Item 9.1 - Airport Sub-Committee Report 20-002

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (a), (c), and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (a), (c) and (k) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to the security of the property of the municipality or local board; a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; 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.

- \*13.4. Amending Agreement - 75 Catharine Street South, Hamilton (PED20177) (Ward 2)

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (c) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (c) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

- \*13.5. Notice of Motion - Potential Opportunity for Economic and Community Development of Waterdown Lands

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (c) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (c) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Corsini <

Sent: September 19, 2020 3:42 PM

To: [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)

Subject: Mental Health

To whom it may concern,

We have reached a crisis in depression during this so called pandemic. We all have family and friends who have reached a peak in anxiety. The more you impose restrictions on civil liberties and discussing this pandemic, the more depression your imposing on the citizens of this city and frankly your own family and friends. We have to move forward. There is two sides to this debate, one is 'numbers', 'cases' of Covid 19 and the other is actual death rates, with the primary reason for death. The death rate is minuscule. Why are you blindly following recommendations from the WHO organization? Did they get voted in? Why are we listening to these people? I'm just hoping this makes you, at the very least, to use some critical thinking. Do your own independent research. I know, I'm depressed and tired and so are my kids and family and friends. We eventually have to decide, are we going to live in fear or are we going to go on with this life and live it free and to the fullest. Your future decisions, I believe will affect us all in this city. A city where citizens will not live in fear, or one that puts us on a dangerous path where fear will ruin society, neighbour will be against neighbour. I see people walking around like zombies, kids can't socialize and the young ones will grow up with no social skills and be living in fear of germs for the rest of their lives. Please stop this madness. I've read many books on communism, fascism, marxism, nazism and it all starts on restrictions of civil liberties and fear, and it only grows until something horrible happens. Please stop this train before it derails.

Sincerely hoping for true leadership,

Michael

## Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on on Friday, October 9, 2020 - 3:46 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** David Carter

**Name of Organization:** Innovation Factory

**Contact Number:** 9056302564

**Email Address:** [david.cartert@innovationfactory.ca](mailto:david.cartert@innovationfactory.ca)

**Mailing Address:**

B21 - 175 Longwood Rd. South  
Hamilton, ON  
L8P 0A1

**Reason(s) for delegation request:**

Speak to/Present Innovation Factory funding request at Nov 18th GIC

**Will you be requesting funds from the City? Yes**

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

## Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Thursday, October 8, 2020 - 3:00pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Bryan Crawford, Tournament Director & Garrett Ball, Chief Financial Officer

**Name of Organization:** RBC Canadian Open, Golf Canada

**Contact Number:** Bryan Crawford Work Cell: (905) 921-3535

**Office:** (905) 849-9700 ext. 212

**Email Address:** [bcrawford@golfcanada.ca](mailto:bcrawford@golfcanada.ca)

**Mailing Address:**

RBC Canadian Open, Golf Canada  
Suite 1 – 1333 Dorval Drive  
Oakville, ON L6M 4X7

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Golf Canada to share information about the economic impact, community benefits, and enhanced destination profile for Hamilton that resulted from hosting the 2019 RBC Canadian Open. The delegation requests to present at GIC on November 18, 2020 as our presentation is related to the content of a confidential staff report requesting funding for the 2023 RBC Canadian Open, a major tourism event partnership between Golf Canada and the City of Hamilton.

**Will you be requesting funds from the City? Yes**

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

## Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Monday, September 28, 2020 - 2:40 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Cullen McDonald

**Name of Organization:**

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: I would like to be given the opportunity to briefly outline some of the existing scientific literature regarding the benefits and risks of face masks and also highlight some less visible and very serious implications of the Mandatory Mask Bylaw that are negatively affecting the people and business owners of Hamilton. I would also like to leave the council with a few simple questions to consider before making their decision. Thank you for your time and consideration,

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Cullen McDonald

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

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



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**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITIES  
REPORT 20-004**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, September 8, 2020  
Rooms 192 and 193, City Hall  
71 Main Street West**

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**Present:** A. Mallet (Chair), P. Kilburn (Vice-Chair), S. Aaron, P. Cameron, J. Cardno, M. Dent, L. Dingman, A. Frisina, S. Geffros, J. Kemp, T. Manzuk, C. McBride, M. McNeil, K. Nolan, T. Nolan and M. Sinclair

**Absent**

**with regrets:** T. Murphy and A. Wilson

**Also Present:** J. Bowen, Supervisor, Diversity and Inclusion

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**THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITIES PRESENTS REPORT 20-004 AND  
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

**1. DARTS Eligibility Audit (Item 8.4)**

WHEREAS, the City Auditor General was directed to complete an eligibility audit of clients registered for the

Disabled and Aged Regional Transportation Service (DARTS) and report back to the Public Works Committee (Item (i)(iii) of Public Works Committee Report 19-016);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Public Works Committee be requested to forward the City Auditor General's report respecting an eligibility audit of clients registered for the Disabled and Aged Regional Transportation Service (DARTS) to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for review and comment.

**2. Gage Park Wheelchair Swing Ribbon Cutting Event (Added Item 11.5)**

That Aznive Mallett, Chair of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, be approved to represent and speak on behalf of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities at the Gage Park Wheelchair Swing Ribbon Cutting Event on September 19, 2020.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)**

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

**11. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS**

- 11.5 Gage Park Wheelchair Swing Ribbon Cutting Event



## **CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF ITEMS:**

The following items were moved up on the agenda to be considered immediately following the Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

- 7.1 Parking Master Plan
- 7.2 Regulation of E-scooters in Hamilton
- 8.1 Sidewalk Snow Clearing Survey

The agenda for the September 8, 2020 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was approved, as amended.

### **(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 4)**

#### **(i) March 10, 2020 (Item 4.1)**

The minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, were approved, as presented.

### **(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 6)**

#### **(i) Built Environment Working Group Update (Item 6.1)**

No update.

#### **(ii) Housing Issues Working Group Update (Item 6.2)**

No update.

**(iii) Outreach Working Group Update (Item 6.3)**

No update.

**(iv) Transportation Working Group Update (Item 6.4)**

No update.

**(a) Ban of Electric Scooters from Public Property (Item 6.4(a))**

The following motion respecting the Ban of Electric Scooters from Public Property, was referred back to the Transportation Working Group for further discussion:

WHEREAS, other Canadian cities such as Montreal and Toronto have implemented a ban on the use of electric scooters in their communities;

WHEREAS, the province of Ontario has permitted Ontario cities to self-determine whether to permit electric scooters on its roads and sidewalks;

WHEREAS, there are no regulations in place regarding the use of electric scooters on roads and sidewalks apart from an age limit of 16 years to operate;

WHEREAS, electric scooters can run at a speed of close to, or in excess of, 30km / hour posing a significant safety risk to

persons with disabilities particularly those with mobility or sensory disabilities;

WHEREAS, operators of electric scooters are not required to possess either a license or insurance to operate;

WHEREAS, operators of electric scooters are not required to undertake any specific or regulated training in order to own or operate an electric scooter; and,

WHEREAS, other disability advisory committees in the province of Ontario have recommended a ban on the use of electric scooters on municipal sidewalks and roadways because of their risk to safety of others;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for the City of Hamilton respectfully recommends that City Council ban the use of electric scooters on all City roads, sidewalks, pathways and in all other areas of the City until such time that electric scooters are fully and completely regulated and their operators properly trained, licensed and insured in the same manner as any other motor vehicle in the province of Ontario.

**(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) Parking Master Plan (Item 7.1)**

Brian Hollingworth, Director, Transportation Planning and Parking, and Amanda McIlveen, Manager, Parking Operations and Initiatives, addressed Committee respecting the Parking Master Plan, with the aid of a presentation.

The presentation, respecting the Parking Master Plan, was received.

**(ii) Regulation of E-scooters in Hamilton (Item 7.2)**

Brian Hollingworth, Director, Transportation Planning and Parking, addressed Committee respecting the Regulation of E-scooters in Hamilton, with the aid of a presentation.

The presentation, respecting the Regulation of E-scooters in Hamilton, was received.

**(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)**

**(i) Sidewalk Snow Clearing Survey (Item 8.1)**

Bob Paul, Manager, Roadway Maintenance, and Stephen Gagne, Senior Project Manager, Continuous Improvement, provided an overview of the City of Hamilton's online Sidewalk Snow Clearing Survey and answered questions of Committee.

The discussion respecting the Sidewalk Snow Clearing Survey, was received.

**(ii) Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (Item 8.2)**

Jessica Bowen, Supervisor, Diversity and Inclusion, addressed the Committee respecting the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

Jessica noted that this is an update on the previous version of the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, with the primary difference being that this update includes the Design of Public Spaces Standard of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*.

Item 8.2, respecting the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, was deferred to the October 13, 2020 Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities meeting due to time constraints.

**(iii) COVID-19 and Persons with Disabilities (Item 8.3)**

Committee members discussed the challenges and barriers faced by persons with disabilities in the City of Hamilton during the pandemic, including, but not limited to the following:

- lack of communication and unsatisfactory service adjustments related to accessible transit
- floor decals and signage related to physical distancing requirements are not user-friendly for persons with disabilities, in that they are not uniform in design and do not contain any tactile walking surface indicators
- no information or regulations were put forth to recommend physical distancing measures for persons with various assistive devices
- some temporary outdoor patio set-ups blocked accessible parking spots and curb ramps

- residential care facility evictions
- lack of open, accessible restrooms in public spaces
- the digital divide, being the gap that exists between individuals who have access to modern information and communication technology and those who do not, disproportionately hits the disabled population and is compounded by employment programs and libraries, often used for public internet access, being closed by emergency orders
- increased social isolation, loss of personal support workers, disruption of vital health services and difficulties accessing basic necessities and information
- accessible pedestrian signals were disabled, but notification of this change was not provided in an accessible format
- lack of representation by or consultation with persons with disabilities on the Emergency Operations Centre Team

Tim Nolan and Tom Manzuk were authorized to delegate at the General Issues Committee on behalf of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respecting all matters related to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on persons with disabilities, including recommendations for improved policies and procedures.

**(g) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)**

**(i) Accessibility Complaints to the City of Hamilton (Item 11.1)**

No update.

**(ii) *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) Update (Item 11.2)***

No update.

**(iii) *Presenters List for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 11.3)***

No changes to the presenters list for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities were required.

**(iv) *Review of Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Outstanding Business List (Item 11.4)***

Item 11.4, respecting a Review of Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Outstanding Business List, was deferred to the October 13, 2020 Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities meeting due to time constraints.

**(v) *Gage Park Wheelchair Swing Ribbon Cutting Event (Added Item 11.5)***

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the City of Hamilton's first wheelchair swing in Gage Park will be performed on Saturday September 19, 2020 at 10a.m. The ceremony will be performed virtually via livestream on Councillor Nrinder Nann's Facebook and Instagram pages.

For further disposition of this matter, see Item 2.

**(h) *ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)***

There being no further business, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Mallet, Chair  
Advisory Committee for  
Persons with Disabilities

Alicia Davenport  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk