



**City of Hamilton**  
**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE**  
**REVISED**

**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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**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. October 7, 2020

**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)

**6. CONSENT ITEMS**

- 6.1. Capital Projects Work-in-Progress Review Sub-Committee Clerk's Report 20-002

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS**

**8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

- 8.1. COVID-19 Verbal Update

**9. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 9.1. Airport Sub-Committee Report 20-002, September 15, 2020
  
- 9.2. Safe Restart Provincial Funding Agreement, Phase 2 (FCS20088) (City Wide)
  
- 9.3. Waiver of Park Rental Permit Fees for Winterfest Events on City Owned Property (PED20178) (City Wide)
  
- \*9.4. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 20-004, September 8, 2020

**10. MOTIONS**

**11. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**12. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS**

**13. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

- 13.1. LaSalle Park Disposition Review (PED20156) (City Wide) (Deferred from the October 7, 2020 GIC)

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (k) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to 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.

- 13.2. Strategic Property Acquisitions for Public Works Operations (PW20065) (Ward 3)

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (c) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (c) and (k) 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; 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.

- \*13.3. 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.

## 14. ADJOURNMENT



## GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 20-015

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 7, 2020  
Council Chambers  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West

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

**Absent:** Councillors J. Partridge - Personal

### THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

**1. Investigating the Feasibility of a City of Hamilton Museum (PED20172) (City Wide) (Item 9.1)**

**(Clark/Collins)**

That Report PED20172, respecting Investigating the Feasibility of a City of Hamilton Museum, 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
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

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Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

**2. Virtual Commemoration of 175 Years of Hamilton's History (Item 10.1)**

**(Eisenberger/Collins)**

WHEREAS, 2021 will mark 175 years since the City of Hamilton was founded in 1846;

WHEREAS, the citizens of Hamilton have expressed support for the idea of a Museum of Hamilton; and,

WHEREAS, a virtual museum approach offers significant and cost-effective potential for offering public content and experiences within COVID-19 restrictions and will complement and expand in-person programs at the existing civic museums;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Tourism and Culture Division staff be directed to develop a proposal to create and deliver an online commemoration of the 175 years of Hamilton's history in 2021, as a first phase of a virtual Museum of Hamilton, and report back to General Issues Committee.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
No	-	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

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)**

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

**5. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

- 5.1 Hamilton2026 Commonwealth Games Bid Corporation, respecting the Commonwealth Games 2026 Hosting Opportunity – This item has been withdrawn from the agenda.

**11. NOTICES OF MOTION**

- 11.1 Virtual Commemoration of 175 Years of Hamilton's History

**12. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS**

- 12.1.b.b. Review of the Value and Implications of Alternative Disposition Options for LaSalle Park – This matter was DEFERRED to the October 21, 2020 meeting of GIC; and, therefore, will remain on the outstanding business list.

**(Johnson/Pauls)**

That the agenda for the October 7, 2020 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as amended.

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

Absent	-	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
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

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

**(i) September 23, 2020 (Item 3.1)**

**(Pearson/Nann)**

That the Minutes of the September 23, 2020 General Issues Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

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

Absent	-	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
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

**(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 4)**

**(VanderBeek/Collins)**

That Communication Items 4.1 and 4.2 respecting the 2026 Commonwealth Games, be received:

- (i) Hamilton Olympic Club and 91st Highlanders Athletic Association, respecting the Commonwealth Games 2026 (Item 4.1)

- (ii) Kevin Gonci, respecting the 2026 Commonwealth Games Proposal (Item 4.2)

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

Absent	-	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
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

**(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 7)**

- (i) Danny Cerino, respecting COVID-19 related Matters (Item 7.1)**

Danny Cerino addressed Committee respecting COVID-19 related matters.

**(Pearson/Clark)**

That the presentation provided by Danny Cerino, respecting COVID-19 related matters, be received.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 1, as follows:**

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
No	-	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
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

**(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)**

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

Paul Johnson, General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities; and, Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, addressed Committee and provided a verbal update respecting COVID-19.

**(Pearson/Ferguson)**

That the verbal update, respecting COVID-19, 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
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

**(i) Encampment Matter Verbal Update (Item 8.2 - Added)**

At the request of Committee, Paul Johnson, General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities; and, Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, provided a verbal update respecting the encampment matter.

**(Pearson/Ferguson)**

That the verbal update, respecting the encampment matter, 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
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

**(g) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 11)**

**(i) Virtual Commemoration of 175 Years of Hamilton's History**

Mayor F. Eisenberger introduced a Notice of Motion respecting the Virtual Commemoration of 175 Years of Hamilton's History.

**(Eisenberger/Collins)**

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting the Virtual Commemoration of 175 Years of Hamilton's History.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a 2/3rds 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

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2..

**(ii) Release of Appendices related to the Encampment Update Matter (Item 8.2)**

Councillor Farr introduced a Notice of Motion respecting the Release of Appendices related to the Encampment Update Matter.

The Motion respecting this matter will be placed on the October 14, 2020 Council agenda for consideration.

**(h) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 12)**

**(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 12.1)**

**(Pearson/Ferguson)**

That the amendments to the General Issues Committee's Outstanding Business list be approved, as follows:

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. 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.c. Divesting and Defunding of the Hamilton Police Service

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

**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

**(i) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 13)**

**(i) Closed Session Minutes – September 9, 2020; September 14, 2020; and September 23, 2020 (Items 13.1 to 13.3))**

**(Whitehead/Johnson)**

(a) That the Closed Session Minutes of the September 9, 2020; September 14, 2020; and, September 23, 2020 General Issues Committee meetings, be approved; and,

(b) That the Closed Session Minutes of the of the September 9, 2020; September 14, 2020; and, September 23, 2020 General Issues Committee meetings remain confidential.

**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 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

**(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

**(Pearson/Pauls)**

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy Mayor Lloyd Ferguson  
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

-----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**



**City of Hamilton**  
**CAPITAL PROJECTS WORK-IN-PROGRESS**  
**REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE**

**Clerk's Report 20-002**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, September 29, 2020**

**Council Chambers**

**Hamilton City Hall**

**71 Main Street West**

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Pursuant to Section 3.6(4) of the City of Hamilton's Procedural By-law 18-270, as amended, at 1:30 p.m. the Committee Clerk advised those in attendance that quorum had not been achieved within 30 minutes after the time set for the Capital Projects Work-In-Progress Review Sub-Committee, therefore, the Clerk noted the names of those in attendance and the meeting stood adjourned.

Present:

Councillor M. Pearson

Councillor M. Wilson

Respectfully submitted,

Angela McRae

Legislative Coordinator

Office of the City Clerk



## **AIRPORT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT 20-002**

**9:30 a.m.  
September 15, 2020  
Council Chambers  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West**

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**Present:** Councillor L. Ferguson (Co-Chair)  
Mayor F. Eisenberger  
Councillors B. Johnson (Co-Chair), C. Collins, J.P. Danko, J. Partridge, E. Pauls, and M. Pearson

**Regrets:** Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

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### **THE AIRPORT SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 20-002 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

- 1. Tradeport / City Lease Negotiation Status Update (PED19084(c)) (City Wide) (Item 12.2)**
  - (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, be approved; and,
  - (b) That all recommendations, appendices and contents of Report PED19084(c), respecting TradePort / City Lease Negotiation Status Update, remain confidential.

### **FOR INFORMATION:**

**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

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

The agenda for the September 15, 2020 Airport Sub-Committee meeting was approved, as presented.

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

**(i) February 11, 2020 Minutes (Item 3.1)**

The Minutes of the February 11, 2020 meeting of the Airport Sub-Committee were approved, as presented.

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**(d) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)**

**(i) February 11, 2020 Closed Minutes (Item 12.1)**

- (a) The Closed Session Minutes of the February 11, 2020 Airport Sub-Committee meeting, were approved as presented; and,
- (b) The Closed Session Minutes of the February 11, 2020 Airport Sub-Committee meeting remain confidential.

**(ii) TradePort / City Lease Negotiation Status Update (PED19084(c)) (City Wide)**

The City's Consultants were permitted to attend the Closed Session portion of the meeting with respect to Report PED19084(c), Tradeport / City Lease Negotiation Status Update.

Committee moved into Closed Session respecting Item 12.2 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.

The Confidential Presentation by the City's Consultants and Staff, respecting Report PED19084(c), TradePort / City Lease Negotiation Status Update, was received.

Staff were provided direction in Closed Session.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

**(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

There being no further business, the Airport Sub-Committee, adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor L. Ferguson, Co-Chair  
Airport Sub-Committee

Angela McRae  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk



**CITY OF HAMILTON**  
**CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**  
**Financial Planning, Administration and Policy Division**

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members General Issues Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	October 21, 2020
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Safe Restart Provincial Funding Agreement, Phase 2 (FCS20088) (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Cyrus Patel (905) 546-2424 Ext. 7698 Duncan Robertson (905) 546-2424 Ext. 4744
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Brian McMullen Director, Financial Planning, Administration and Policy Corporate Services Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- (a) That staff be authorized and directed to prepare, execute and submit any required documentation to support the City's application for Phase 2 funding under the Safe Restart Agreement;
- (b) That the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, be authorized and directed to execute and submit any required documentation to support the City of Hamilton's application for funding under the Safe Restart Agreement;
- (c) That staff report back to the General Issues Committee with details of the City of Hamilton's application for funding under the Safe Restart Agreement, Phase 2 for municipal operating pressures related to COVID-19.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In a letter dated August 12, 2020 (attached as Appendix "A" to Report FCS20088), the Province advised the City of Hamilton of its Phase 1 funding allocation of \$27,614,200 under the Safe Restart Agreement to support the operating costs and pressures related to COVID-19.

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In the same letter, the Province has further indicated that if the Phase 1 funding provided is insufficient, then the Province may further provide additional Phase 2 funding if the City can demonstrate that 2020 COVID-19 operating costs and pressures exceed their Phase 1 per household allocation.

In a letter dated October 1, 2020 (attached as Appendix “B” to Report FCS20088), the Province provided information on applying for Phase 2 funding.

To be considered for this Phase 2 funding, the City is required to submit reports outlining the COVID-19 operating costs and pressures in a template to be provided by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (the “Ministry”). These reports are due by October 30, 2020 or November 6, 2020, if an extension is requested. The City is eligible to submit a claim for Phase 2 funding support.

Report FCS20088 seeks Council approval to authorize City staff to submit the Phase 2 funding application to the Province in an expedient manner.

**Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable**

**FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial:** The City’s share of Phase 1 funding under the Safe Restart Agreement is \$27,614,200. The City is eligible for potential Provincial funding for under the Safe Restart Agreement, Phase 2 subject to the City submitting a report outlining its COVID-19 operating costs and pressures in the prescribed manner with the Province by October 30, 2020 or November 6, 2020, if an extension is requested.

**Staffing:** N/A

**Legal:** N/A

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

At its meeting on September 9, 2020, the General Issues Committee approved Report FCS20071, “Federal and Provincial Government Municipal Funding Announcements Update”, which outlined the potential funding support for the City of Hamilton in relation to the pandemic response from the Provincial and Federal governments.

In a letter dated August 12, 2020 (attached as Appendix “A” to Report FCS20088), the Province advised the City of Hamilton of its Phase 1 funding allocation of \$27,614,200 under the Safe Restart Agreement to support the operating costs and pressures related to COVID-19.

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In a letter dated October 1, 2020 (attached as Appendix “B” to Report FCS20088), the Province provided information on applying for Phase 2 funding.

As a condition for receiving the financial support, the City is accountable for using this funding for the purpose of addressing the COVID-19 related operating costs and pressures. If the amount of the funding allocated exceeds the City’s 2020 COVID-19 operating costs and pressures, the Province’s expectation is that the City will place the excess funding into reserves to be accessed to support COVID-19 operating costs and pressures that it may continue to incur in 2021. Further, the City is expected to report back to the Province in March 2021 with details of the 2020 COVID-19 operating costs and pressures, overall 2020 financial position and details how the provincial funds were utilized in a template to be provided by the Ministry.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS**

Not Applicable

**RELEVANT CONSULTATION**

Staff in all City of Hamilton departments will be participating in ensuring the timely submission of the Safe Restart Funding report due to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on October 30, 2020 or November 6, 2020, if requested.

**ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)**

The City of Hamilton has suffered a serious adverse financial impact as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Province has developed plans and strategies to help municipalities deal with the resulting issues through substantial funding support, subject to the municipalities complying with the Province’s rules and regulations. The City is eligible to seek additional Phase 2 funding support under the Safe Restart Agreement to help mitigate the COVID-19 financial impact and it is in the City’s interest to comply with those regulations and obtain the maximum funding support that it may be eligible for.

In the letters from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Appendix “A” and Appendix “B” to Report FCS20088), the Province has further indicated that if the Phase 1 funding provided is insufficient, then the Province may further provide Phase 2 funding if the City can demonstrate that 2020 COVID-19 operating costs and pressures exceed their Phase 1 per household allocation.

To be considered for this Phase 2 funding, the City is required to submit reports outlining the COVID-19 operating costs and pressures in a template to be provided by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. These reports are due by October 30, 2020 or November 6, 2020, if an extension is requested.



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Report FCS20088 seeks Council approval to authorize City staff to submit the Phase 2 funding application to the Province in an expedient manner as soon as the template is released by the Province.

Once the City has submitted the request to the Province for Phase 2 funding support related to COVID-19, staff will report back to Council with full updated details including:

- Information about measures the City has undertaken to reduce financial pressures (e.g. use of reserves, cost saving measures);
- Explanation of how the City has applied or plans to spend Phase 1 funding towards COVID-19 operating costs and pressures;
- A year-end forecast of COVID-19 operating costs and pressures; and
- Actual COVID-related impacts as of the end of Q3 of the municipal fiscal year (September 30, 2020).

**ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

Not Applicable

**ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN**

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**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

Appendix “A” to Report FCS20088 – Letter from Province dated August 12, 2020 confirming Phase 1 funding allocation and framework for applying for Phase 2 funding

Appendix “B” to Report FCS20088 – Letter from Province dated October 1, 2020 providing information on applying for Phase 2 funding

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234-2020-3359

August 12, 2020

Mayor Fred Eisenberger  
City of Hamilton  
71 Main Street West, City Hall  
Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

On July 27, 2020, as part of the federal-provincial Safe Restart Agreement, the Ontario government announced that it had secured up to \$4 billion in emergency assistance to provide Ontario's 444 municipalities with the support they need to respond to COVID-19. I am writing to you today to provide further details on this funding investment.

Municipalities play a key role in delivering critical services that Ontarians rely on and are at the frontlines of a safe reopening of the economy. This investment will provide support to municipalities and public transit operators to help them address financial pressures related to COVID-19, maintain critical services and protect vulnerable people as the province safely and gradually opens. It includes:

- Up to \$2 billion to support municipal operating pressures, and
- Up to \$2 billion to support municipal transit systems.

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation, will provide more information on the transit stream of this funding.

I would also like to acknowledge the Federal government in their role in this historic agreement. As Premier Ford has indicated, "by working together, we have united the country in the face of the immense challenges brought on by COVID-19 and secured a historic deal with the federal government to ensure a strong recovery for Ontario and for Canada".

Under the municipal operating stream, \$1.39 billion will be available to Ontario's municipalities to address operating pressures and local needs. This funding will be allocated in two phases: 50% allocated in Phase 1 for all municipalities, and 50% allocated in Phase 2 for municipalities that require additional funding.

The Safe Restart Agreement also includes a second phase of Social Services Relief Funding (SSRF) totalling \$362 million. This is in addition to significant investments made earlier to the SSRF and in support of public health. Details will be outlined in a letter to Service Managers in the coming days.

#### Municipal Operating Funding Phase 1: Immediate Funding for Municipal Pressures

Phase 1 of this funding will be allocated on a per household basis and I am pleased to share that the **City of Hamilton will receive a payment of \$27,614,200** to support your COVID-19 operating costs and pressures.

Please note that your municipality is accountable for using this funding for the purpose of addressing your priority COVID-19 operating costs and pressures. If the amount of the funding exceeds your municipality's 2020 COVID-19 operating costs and pressures, the province's expectation is that your municipality will place the excess funding into reserves to be accessed to support COVID-19 operating costs and pressures that you may continue to incur in 2021. Your municipality will be expected to report back to the province in March 2021 with details on your 2020 COVID-19 operating costs and pressures, your overall 2020 financial position, and the use of the provincial funds in a template to be provided by the ministry. More details on this reporting will be shared in the coming weeks.

**In the meantime, I am requesting that your municipal treasurer sign the acknowledgement below and return the signed copy to the ministry by email by September 11, 2020 to [Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca](mailto:Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca).** Please note that we must receive this acknowledgement before making a payment to your municipality. We intend to make payments to municipalities in September, subject to finalizing details.

#### Phase 2: Funding for Additional Municipal Pressures

I anticipate that the funding our government is providing through Phase 1 of the municipal operating stream will be sufficient to address COVID-19 costs and pressures for most municipalities. However, we recognize that some municipalities have experienced greater financial impacts arising from COVID-19 than others. As a result,

we are offering a second phase of funding to those municipalities that can demonstrate that 2020 COVID-19 operating costs and pressures exceed their Phase 1 per household allocation.

To be considered for this Phase 2 funding, municipalities will be required to submit reports outlining their COVID-19 operating costs and pressures in a template to be provided by the ministry. **These reports will be due by October 30, 2020.**

Municipalities that require additional time to submit their report are asked to reach out to their Municipal Services Office contact by October 30, 2020 to request an extension to November 6, 2020. **Please note that the ministry is unable to consider municipal requests for Phase 2 funding if the municipality has not submitted its report by November 6, 2020.**

A template for this municipal report and request for consideration for Phase 2 funding will be provided shortly and will require:

1. Information about measures the municipality has undertaken to reduce financial pressures (e.g. use of reserves, cost saving measures);
2. Explanation of how the municipality applied or plans to spend Phase 1 funding towards COVID-19 operating costs and pressures;
3. A year-end forecast of COVID-19 operating costs and pressures;
4. Actual COVID-related impacts as of the end of Q3 of the municipal fiscal year (September 30, 2020);
5. Treasurer's statement as to accuracy of reporting;
6. Resolution of Council seeking additional funding.

Municipalities who are eligible and approved to receive funding under Phase 2 will be informed before the end of the calendar year and can expect to receive a payment in early 2021.

Our government will continue to be a champion for communities as we chart a path to a strong economic recovery. As part of the larger mandate to modernize Long Term Care facilities to address issues of quality and sustainability, we are pursuing a multi-faceted strategy, including leveraging surplus Government properties with potential to be repurposed for the Province's Long Term Care objectives.

This includes the former Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital in the City of Hamilton where the primary objective of Government is to achieve added Long Term Care capacity on the site. We have also considered opportunities to enable housing on the site. We look forward to working with the municipality to achieve this shared goal.

We thank all 444 Ontario municipal heads of council for their support through our negotiations with the federal government. Working together, we will ensure Ontario gets back on track.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c. Municipal Treasurer and Municipal CAO

By signing below, I acknowledge that the per household allocation of \$27,614,200 is provided to the City of Hamilton for the purpose of assisting with COVID-19 costs and pressures and that the province expects any funds not required for this purpose in 2020 will be put into reserves to support potential COVID-19 costs and pressures in 2021. I further acknowledge that the City of Hamilton is expected to report back to the province on 2020 COVID-19 costs and pressures and the use of this funding.

Name:

Title:

Signature:

Date:

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234-2020-4339

October 1, 2020

Dear Head of Council:

Under the federal-provincial Safe Restart Agreement, the Ontario government is providing up to \$4 billion in emergency assistance so that municipalities are supported as they respond to COVID-19. Funding for municipalities under the Safe Restart Agreement is being provided through four streams: the Social Services Relief Fund and Municipal Operating Funding that are being implemented by my ministry, as well as funding streams for public health and transit being administered by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Transportation respectively. On August 12, 2020, I wrote to advise of your municipality's allocation under Phase 1 of the Municipal Operating Funding stream. The ministry is currently in the process of making those payments. Today, I am writing to provide information on applying for additional funding under Phase 2 of the Municipal Operating Funding stream.

Our government recognizes that municipalities play a key role in delivering the services that Ontarians rely on and are at the frontlines of safely reopening our economy. Through Phase 2, we are committed to providing further financial support to those municipalities that require additional funds to address extraordinary operating expenditures and revenue losses arising from COVID-19 in 2020, over and above the allocation provided under Phase 1.

Our government chose to distribute a very significant level of funding to municipalities under Phase 1 – \$695 million in total – because we wanted to ensure all municipalities across our province could continue to deliver the important services their residents and businesses rely on while supporting the safe reopening of our economy. For a majority of municipalities, I anticipate this Phase 1 funding, together with the actions you have taken to find efficiencies and address shortfalls, will be sufficient to manage 2020 financial pressures arising from COVID-19. However, for the group of municipalities that has been hardest hit financially by COVID-19, additional funding may be needed.

Requests for Phase 2 funding are due on October 30, 2020 and detailed information about how to apply is now available to municipalities through the Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) system.

One of the requirements is a council resolution requesting financial assistance under Phase 2. I want to emphasize that councils are responsible for assessing the financial situation of their municipalities and proceeding with an application under Phase 2 only if further assistance is needed to address COVID-19 pressures in 2020. Municipalities that cannot demonstrate 2020 COVID-19 financial pressures in excess of their Phase 1 funding allocation will not be considered for additional funding under Phase 2.

In addition to a resolution of your municipal council, a reporting template must be completed by the municipal treasurer as part of a municipality's Phase 2 application package. This report is designed to provide an overall picture of the municipality's 2020 financial position and information about service adjustments, use of reserves, and other measures being taken to manage 2020 COVID-19 operating impacts. Our government will allocate Phase 2 funds to only those municipalities that need additional financial assistance. The report also asks for information about your municipality's strategies for finding efficiencies and modernizing services. I look forward to learning about the transformative work that I know is happening across Ontario's municipal sector and your efforts to keep taxes low for families in your communities.

We are not requiring municipalities to submit information about COVID-related costs and revenue losses on a line-by-line basis, and as such the program will not offer a direct line-by-line reimbursement for all COVID-related operating expenditures and revenue losses reported. The federal government has stepped up. Our government is providing an unprecedented level of provincial funding to support municipalities. And we recognize that municipalities also have a critical role to play in finding efficiencies and taking all available measures to address the financial challenges brought by COVID-19 so that they can continue to invest in infrastructure and deliver the services their communities rely on during this extraordinary time.

As noted above, detailed information about how to apply for Phase 2 funding is now available on Transfer Payment Ontario. The ministry will also offer webinars to support treasurers and other municipal officials in understanding Phase 2 application requirements and how to complete the required reporting template. **Please note that the deadline to submit applications is October 30, 2020.** Municipalities may request an extension November 6, 2020, but as noted in my letter of August 12, 2020, we will be unable to consider applications received after this date. I understand this timeline is tight, but it is necessary to allow us to allocate funds to municipalities prior to the end of the municipal fiscal year and meet our commitment to municipalities that need additional help to manage 2020 financial impacts arising from COVID-19. Municipalities who are eligible and approved to receive funding under Phase 2 will be informed before the end of the calendar year and can expect to receive a payment in early 2021.

I will continue to be a strong champion for municipalities as our government charts a path to a safe, strong economic recovery. I extend my thanks to all 444 municipal heads of council for your continued efforts to keep all of our communities across this province safe and to deliver the services your residents and businesses need. Working together, we will get Ontario back on track.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c. Chief Administrative Officers and Treasurers





**CITY OF HAMILTON**  
**PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**  
**Tourism and Culture Division**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	October 21, 2020
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Waiver of Park Rental Permit Fees for Winterfest Events on City Owned Property (PED20178) (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Pam Mulholland (905) 546-2424 Ext. 4514
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Carrie Brooks-Joiner Director, Tourism and Culture Planning and Economic Development Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	<i>Carrie Brooks-Joiner</i>

### RECOMMENDATION

That annual rental permit fees associated with non-profit organizations executing community Winterfest events and activities in City of Hamilton parks, consistent to the parameters of the Recreation Fee Waiver/Reduction Policy, be waived permanently.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Hamilton Winterfest is an annual multi-week winter celebration featuring affordable (i.e. free or minimal cost to attend) culture and recreation events and activities for participants of all ages across the city. Winterfest is currently a co-production between the City of Hamilton, a contracted third-party program coordinator and community organizations.

Winterfest branded events take place February 1 through Family Day at indoor and outdoor venues, including City parks throughout the city. These events have broad local participation and are run predominantly by volunteer-based community groups with minimal budgets. In recognition of the minimal resources, individual Councillors have initiated successful motions each year since 2013 to waive Winterfest park rental permit fees.

In 2014, Council approved the Fee Waiver Policy Update (Report CES14001) which included a revision to the Recreation Fee Waiver/Reduction Policy process. Provided that they are organized by non-profit organizations, Winterfest events can qualify for a

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fee waiver under the policy. In order to avoid the application submission step for community groups, as well as the necessity for an annual motion to Council, the above recommendation permanently removes park rental permit fees charged by the City for Winterfest events and activities organized by non-profit organizations.

Insurance fees cannot be waived, which is consistent with the Recreation Fee Waiver/Reduction Policy and remain the responsibility of the community organizations.

**Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable**

**FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial:** The value of the waived park rental fees for the 2020 Winterfest events was \$960.

**Staffing:** N/A

**Legal:** N/A

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

Since 1978, the City has worked with community event organizers to provide the annual winter-themed celebration entitled Hamilton Winterfest. The City provides funding, a coordination role and promotion of the event. The multi-week celebration features a variety of culture and recreation events and activities, a source of pride for programming partners and is enjoyed by members of the public who attend.

Attendance at Winterfest was up 19% in 2020 with just over 32 K participants and audience members. Using a combination of website analytics and data from Winterfest events with paid ticket purchases, Winterfest attendees represented the following geographic split: Hamilton 71%; GTA 19%; Brantford and Brant County 5% and Kitchener-Waterloo 5%.

A total of 87 Winterfest events took place in February 2020, with City facilities and parks playing a critical role in anchoring programming in neighbourhoods and across the city. The following nine events took place in City parks:

<b>2020 Winterfest Event Name</b>	<b>Park Location</b>
Friends of Gage Park Winterfest	Gage Park
Gourley Park Winterfest	James McDonald Park
Delight: Last Days of Ice and Snow	Pipeline Trail
Beasley Winterfest	Beasley Park
Winter Bike Day	Gore Park

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Carter Park Hot Chocolate Canteen	Carter Park
Winterfest Wednesdays (2 times)	John Rebecca Park
Dundas Rotary Winter Carnival	Dundas Driving Park

Council has historically approved an annual Motion to waive park rental permit fees for Winterfest community organizers.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS**

The Recreation Fee Waiver/Reduction Policy is in effect. There are no recommended changes to the existing policy.

**RELEVANT CONSULTATION**

Chair, Special Events Advisory Team, Recreation Division, Healthy and Safe Communities Department

Manager, Business Support, Recreation Division, Healthy and Safe Communities Department

Manager, Sport Services, Recreation Division, Healthy and Safe Communities Department

Manager, Parks and Cemeteries, Environmental Services Division, Public Works Department

**ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

All past Winterfest events approved annually through a Council resolution would have qualified to receive a park rental fee waiver if applications were submitted and assessed through the Recreation Fee Waiver/Reduction Policy. Approval of this reports recommendation expedites this process and removes financial and administrative obstacles for community event organizers.

The City seeks to encourage broad and inclusive participation in Winterfest events and activities throughout the city. Waiving park rental permit fees allows community organizers to access park space at no or minimal costs (Parks' staff time, if required, is billed to the event organizer) thereby removing barriers to participation.

Waiving park rental fees for Winterfest events formalizes a process that has been approved since 2013 via an annual Council motion, thereby removing the need for a motion and providing consistency on the type of fees that are waived from year to year.

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Fee waiver follows a precedent; Council approved the recommendations of Holiday Egg Hunts in Parks (Report CES17034) submitted by the Recreation Division waiving park permit fees for community led Easter egg hunts.

**ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

N/A

**ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN**

**Community Engagement and Participation**

Hamilton has an open, transparent and accessible approach to City government that engages with and empowers all citizens to be involved in their community.

**Healthy and Safe Communities**

Hamilton is a safe and supportive City where people are active, healthy, and have a high quality of life.

**Culture and Diversity**

Hamilton is a thriving, vibrant place for arts, culture, and heritage where diversity and inclusivity are embraced and celebrated.

**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

N/A

PM:ac



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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,

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