



City of Hamilton

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

Meeting #: 20-011
Date: November 16, 2020
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4. COMMUNICATIONS	
*4.1. Correspondence from Hamilton Bike Share Inc. respecting Item 8.2 - Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process (PED20109(c)) (City Wide) Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 8.2 - Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process (PED20109(c)) (City Wide).	2
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City of Hamilton - Mayor and Council
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November 11, 2020

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

We are writing to express Hamilton Bike Share Inc.'s support for recommendation (a) (i) in report PED20109(c) - Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process, which will allow for an extension to HBSI's operations contract to run the City of Hamilton's bike share system.

HBSI is in a financial position to continue operating the bike share system for the proposed renewal period of 22 months, to December 31, 2022. We are fortunate through the support of the Hamilton community to have developed a diverse mix of income streams, including user revenues, sponsorship, grants, community fundraising, and philanthropic contributions.

Hamilton's bike share system continues to be an essential transportation service and its continued operation allows our not-for-profit organization to fulfill our mission, which is "to enhance the quality of urban life by improving equitable access to bicycles in Hamilton." Since resuming bike share operations on June 30, 2020, we have successfully maintained the Service Level Agreement as outlined in our current contract, and we will be able to continue to provide those service levels through 2022.

Extending HBSI's operations contract will ensure that thousands of riders will be able to rely on seamless and continued access to Hamilton's bike transit system as they run errands, commute, exercise, and explore Hamilton. We are the city's only transit service which operates 24/7, 365 days a year, and this has been particularly critical during the COVID-19 pandemic as the bike share system serves as an essential and affordable transportation option, where physical distance can be maintained.

In addition, hundreds of Hamiltonians are supported by HBSI's Everyone Rides Initiative (ERI) program, enabling them to use bike share to more easily access housing, employment, social services, food banks, and to reduce social isolation, all of which have been particularly important during the pandemic. ERI is funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation until 2022, and provides marginalized Hamiltonians with subsidized bike share passes, adaptive bikes, and



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programming. We must again highlight, as we did in our last correspondence to council, that our 2019-2022 ERI program funding of \$706,700 is dependent on there being an operational bike share system in Hamilton.

HBSI values its partnership with the City of Hamilton, and we appreciate your consideration of this matter. We are pleased that we continue to be in a position to operate the system for the City of Hamilton and we ask council to ensure that Hamiltonians will have ongoing access to this essential service. HBSI is ready and willing to continue its operational responsibilities into the future.

Sincerely,

Janet MacLeod

Chelsea Cox

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Chair, Board of Directors

Executive Director

Added Item 4.2

Joanna Chapman
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November 15, 2020

The Chair and Members,
Public Works Committee,
City of Hamilton

Subject:

Road Safety Review York Road etc.
(PW/20071/PED20196 – Ward 13)

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

It appears that this Road Safety Review, is premature and can even interpreted as an end run around planning approvals. The impetus for this appears to be a plan by Columbia College to convert the Convent (built to house 100 nuns), at 574 Northcliffe into a secondary school for 1000 students plus 80 staff. The development would include the construction of a massive new gymnasium. **However, this grandiose plan is currently before the Niagara Escarpment Commission and open for public input until the November 30, subsequent to this will be discussion and a public meeting prior to any decision.**

The suggestion in the staff report is for major changes to York Road including re-profiling and *widening*, in addition to a proposal to install a roundabout on Highway 6 at the off-ramp. These major proposed changes are mainly to accommodate Columbia College, a private corporation. The Columbia's scheme for a large secondary school in a rural area would have a great environmental impact and be a major blow for this supposedly protected area. It should not be assumed that Columbia's plans will receive approval, and indeed there are multiple reasons why it should not.

In light of the above, I believe that no decision should be made due to the premature nature of the report, because the matter has not even been discussed by the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

Thus I request:

... that this report from the Transportation Operations and Maintenance Division be tabled, and not discussed further, until the Niagara Escarpment Commission has reached a decision on the appropriateness of the Columbia proposal.