



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

**Meeting #:** 21-003  
**Date:** February 3, 2021  
**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. January 13, 2021

**4. COMMUNICATIONS**

4.1. Correspondence from the Hamilton Police Services Board, respecting Business Improvement Area Crime Statistics

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee for information.

4.2. Correspondence respecting Rent Relief for the Hamilton Farmers' Market Stallholders

Recommendation: Be received.

4.2.a. Liz Lamb

4.2.b. Charlie Chiarrelli, CC Produce, Hamilton Farmers' Market Stallholder

4.2.c. Katie McCrindle

4.2.d. Ron Jepson, Jepson's Fresh Meats, Hamilton Farmers' Market Stallholder

4.2.e. Sheri Adams Selway

**5. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

5.1. Ian Hamilton, Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority, respecting the Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority Ports Update

(For the March 24, 2021 GIC)

5.2. Shane Coleman, Hamilton Farmers' Market Stallholders' Association, requesting Rent Relief for the Hamilton Farmers' Market

(For the February 17, 2021 GIC)

5.3. Jennifer Hompoth, Friends of the Hamilton Farmers' Market, respecting the Well-Being of the Hamilton Farmers' Market

(For the February 17, 2021 GIC)

**6. CONSENT ITEMS**

6.1. Stoney Creek Business Improvement Area (BIA) Revised Board of Management (PED21026) (Ward 5)

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS**

**8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

8.1. COVID-19 Verbal Update

**9. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

9.1. REVISED - Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 20-007, December 8, 2020

**10. MOTIONS**

10.1. Funding to Backfill the Administrative Staff Position in Ward 6

**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. Multi-Purpose Community Hub for Diverse and Marginalized Communities - Business Case

Current Due Date: December 9, 2020

Proposed New Due Date: June 16, 2021

12.1.a.b. Community Benefits Protocol Advisory Committee

Current Due Date: November 20, 2020

Proposed New Due Date: September 24, 2021

12.1.a.c. Feasibility of Developing a Hamilton Biodiversity Action Plan

Current Due Date: December 9, 2020

Proposed New Due Date: April 7, 2021

12.1.a.d. Grant or Low-Interest Loans from FCM

Current Due Date: November 4, 2020

Proposed New Due Date: December 8, 2021

12.1.a.e. Parkland Acquisition Strategy

Current Due Date: December 8, 2021

Proposed New Due Date: June 15, 2022

12.1.b. Items to be Removed:

- 12.1.b.a. Results of the public consultation of the draft Employment Land Review Report, in addition to other GRIDS 2 and MCR Intensification and density targets

(Addressed at the December 14, 2020 Special GIC as Item 6.1 - Report PED17010(g); and, Item 8.1 - Report PED17010(h))

### 13. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

#### 13.1. Closed Session Minutes - January 13, 2021

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. Ombudsman's Inquiry (FCS21019/LS21004) (City Wide)

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (f) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; pursuant to Section 239(3)(b) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to an ongoing investigation respecting the municipality, a local board or a municipally-controlled corporation by the Ombudsman, appointed under the *Ombudsman Act*; and, pursuant to Section 239(3)(b) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, Section 113.14(1) – Investigation - every investigation by the Ombudsman shall be conducted in private.

### 14. ADJOURNMENT



## GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 21-001

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Due to COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall, this meeting was held virtually.

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

**Absent:** Councillors J. Partridge and T. Whitehead – Personal

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

**1. Provincial Grant to Enhance Winterfest 2021 (PED21014) (City Wide) (Item 6.1)**

**(Pearson/Johnson)**

That Report PED21014, respecting the Provincial Grant to Enhance Winterfest 2021, 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 Ninder 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

**2. Downtown Dundas Business Improvement Area (BIA) Revised Board of Management (PED21017) (Ward 13) (Item 6.2)**

**(Farr/Ferguson)**

That the following individual be appointed to the Downtown Dundas Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Management:

- (i) Kim Adams

**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

**3. Ottawa Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) Proposed Budget and Schedule of Payments for 2021 (PED21007) (Wards 3 and 4) (Item 6.3)**

**(Farr/Ferguson)**

- (a) That the 2021 Operating Budget for the Ottawa Street Business Improvement Area (BIA), attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED21007, in the amount of \$189,250, be approved;
- (b) That the levy portion of the Operating Budget for the Ottawa Street Business Improvement Area in the amount of \$133 K, be approved;
- (c) That the General Manager of the Finance and Corporate Services Department be authorized and directed to prepare the requisite By-law, pursuant to Section 208, *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, to levy the 2021 Operating Budget for the Ottawa Street Business Improvement Area; and,

- (d) That the following schedule of payments for 2021 Operating Budget for the Ottawa Street Business Improvement Area, be approved:

(i)	January	\$66,500
(ii)	June	\$66,500

**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

**4. Barton Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) Proposed Budget and Schedule of Payments for 2021 (PED21004) (Ward 3) (Item 6.4)**

**(Farr/Ferguson)**

- (a) That the 2021 Operating Budget for the Barton Village Business Improvement Area (BIA), attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED21004, in the amount of \$149,978, be approved;
- (b) That the levy portion of the Operating Budget for the Barton Village Business Improvement Area in the amount of \$70,318, be approved;
- (c) That the General Manager of the Finance and Corporate Services Department be authorized and directed to prepare the requisite By-law, pursuant to Section 208, *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, to levy the 2021 Operating Budget for the Barton Village Business Improvement Area; and,
- (d) That the following schedule of payments for 2021 Operating Budget for the Barton Village Business Improvement Area, be approved:

(i)	January	\$35,159
(ii)	June	\$35,159

**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

**5. Concession Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) Proposed Budget and Schedule of Payments for 2021 (PED21005) (Ward 7) (Item 6.5)**

**(Farr/Ferguson)**

- (a) That the 2021 Operating Budget for the Concession Street Business Improvement Area (BIA), attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED21005, in the amount of \$222,770.77, be approved;
- (b) That the levy portion of the Operating Budget for the Concession Street Business Improvement Area in the amount of \$115,499, be approved;
- (c) That the General Manager of the Finance and Corporate Services Department be authorized and directed to prepare the requisite By-law, pursuant to Section 208, *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, to levy the 2021 Operating Budget for the Concession Street Business Improvement Area; and,
- (d) That the following schedule of payments for 2021 Operating Budget for the Concession Street Business Improvement Area, be approved:
  - (i) January \$57,749.50
  - (ii) June \$57,749.50

**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

**6. Ancaster Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) Proposed Budget and Schedule of Payments for 2021 (PED21006) (Ward 12) (Item 6.6)**

**(Farr/Ferguson)**

- (a) That the 2021 Operating Budget for the Ancaster Village Business Improvement Area (BIA), attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED21006, in the amount of \$98 K, be approved;
- (b) That the levy portion of the Operating Budget for the Ancaster Village Business Improvement Area in the amount of \$98 K, be approved;
- (c) That the General Manager of the Finance and Corporate Services Department be authorized and directed to prepare the requisite By-law, pursuant to Section 208, *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, to levy the 2021 Operating Budget for the Ancaster Village Business Improvement Area; and,
- (d) That the following schedule of payments for 2021 Operating Budget for the Ancaster Village Business Improvement Area, be approved:
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|------|---------|----------|
| (i)  | January | \$49,000 |
| (ii) | June    | \$49,000 |

**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

**7. Stoney Creek Business Improvement Area (BIA) Proposed Budget and Schedule of Payments for 2021 (PED21008) (Ward 5) (Item 6.7)**

**(Farr/Ferguson)**

- (a) That the 2021 Operating Budget for the Stoney Creek Business Improvement Area (BIA), attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED21008, in the amount of \$85,288, be approved;
- (b) That the levy portion of the Operating Budget for the Stoney Creek Business Improvement Area in the amount of \$49 K, be approved;
- (c) That the General Manager of the Finance and Corporate Services Department be authorized and directed to prepare the requisite By-law, pursuant to Section 208, *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, to levy the 2021 Operating Budget for the Stoney Creek Business Improvement Area; and,
- (d) That the following schedule of payments for 2021 Operating Budget for the Stoney Creek Business Improvement Area, be approved:
- |      |         |          |
|------|---------|----------|
| (i)  | January | \$24,500 |
| (ii) | June    | \$24,500 |

**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

**8. Waterdown Business Improvement Area (BIA) Proposed Budget Schedule of Payments for 2021 (PED21009) (Ward 15) (Item 6.8)**

**(Farr/Ferguson)**

- (a) That the 2021 Operating Budget for the Waterdown Business Improvement Area (BIA), attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED21009, in the amount of \$338,890, be approved;
- (b) That the levy portion of the Operating Budget for the Waterdown Business Improvement Area in the amount of \$250 K, be approved;
- (c) That the General Manager of the Finance and Corporate Services Department be authorized and directed to prepare the requisite By-law, pursuant to Section 208, *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, to levy the 2021 Operating Budget for the Waterdown Business Improvement Area; and,
- (d) That the following schedule of payments for 2021 Operating Budget for the Waterdown Business Improvement Area, be approved:
- |      |         |           |
|------|---------|-----------|
| (i)  | January | \$125,000 |
| (ii) | June    | \$125,000 |

**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

**9. Westdale Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) Proposed Budget and Schedule of Payments for 2021 (PED21010) (Ward 1) (Item 6.9)**

**(Farr/Ferguson)**

- (a) That the 2021 Operating Budget for the Westdale Village Business Improvement Area (BIA), attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED21010, in the amount of \$125 K, be approved;
- (b) That the levy portion of the Operating Budget for the Westdale Village Business Improvement Area in the amount of \$125 K, be approved;
- (c) That the General Manager of the Finance and Corporate Services Department be authorized and directed to prepare the requisite By-law, pursuant to Section 208, *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, to levy the 2021 Operating Budget for the Westdale Village Business Improvement Area; and,
- (d) That the following schedule of payments for 2021 Operating Budget for the Westdale Village Business Improvement Area, be approved:
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|------|---------|----------|
| (i)  | January | \$62,500 |
| (ii) | June    | \$62,500 |

**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

**10. 2020 Annual Report on the 2016-2020 Economic Development Action Plan Progress (PED20203) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

**(Jackson/Farr)**

That Report PED20203, respecting the 2020 Annual Report on the 2016-2020 Annual Economic Development Action Plan Progress, be received.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**11. Hamilton Tax Increment Grant - 493 Dundas Street East, Waterdown (PED21011) (Ward 15) (Item 9.1)**

**(Johnson/Merulla)**

- (a) That a Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program application submitted by Woolcott Holdings Limited, for the property at 493 Dundas Street East, Waterdown, estimated at \$97,922.46 over a maximum of a five-year period, and based upon the incremental tax increase attributable to the development of 493 Dundas Street East, Waterdown, be authorized and approved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute a Grant Agreement together with any ancillary documentation required, to effect to the Hamilton Tax Increment Grant for by Woolcott Holdings Limited, for the property at 493 Dundas Street East, Waterdown, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (c) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized to approve and execute any Grant Amending

Agreements, together with any ancillary amending documentation, if required, provided that the terms and conditions of the Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program, as approved by City Council, are maintained.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**12. Municipal Accommodation Tax (PED20009(a)) (City Wide) (Item 9.2)**

**(Pearson/Ferguson)**

- (a) That Report PED20009(a), regarding the establishment of a Municipal Accommodation Tax in Hamilton, be received; and,
- (b) That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee in late 2021 to provide recommendations related to the implementation of the Municipal Accommodation Tax and the updated Hamilton Tourism Strategy 2021 to 2025.

**Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 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
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, Deputy Mayor

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

**13. Update and Instructions regarding Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Appeals by McMaster University and Mohawk College of Development Charge By-law 19-142 (LS19034(a)) (City Wide) (Item 13.4)**

**(Farr/Danko)**

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting Report LS19034(a), respecting the Update and Instructions regarding Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Appeals by McMaster University and Mohawk College of Development Charge By-law 19-142, be approved; and,
- (b) That Report LS19034(a), respecting the Update and Instructions regarding Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Appeals by McMaster University and Mohawk College of Development Charge By-law 19-142, including Appendices "A" and "B", remain confidential.

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

Absent	-	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
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Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark, Deputy Mayor
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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 change to the agenda:

**13. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL**

**13.4. Update and Instructions regarding Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Appeals by McMaster University and Mohawk College of Development Charge By-law 19-142 (LS19034(a)) (City Wide)**

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.

**(VanderBeek/Johnson)**

That the agenda for the January 13, 2021 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as amended.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

**(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Item 3)****(i) December 9, 2020 and December 14, 2020 (Items 3.1 and 3.2)****(Pauls/Eisenberger)**

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

**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
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**(d) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 7)****(i) Donna Skelly, MPP, respecting New Programs to Assist Primarily Small Businesses through the Current Provincial COVID-19 Lockdown (Item 7.1)**

MPP Donna Skelly and Adam Oldfield addressed Committee respecting new programs to assist primarily small businesses through the current Provincial COVID-19 Lockdown and provided the website to for the public; [www.reliefwithinreach.ca](http://www.reliefwithinreach.ca).

**(Eisenberger/Farr)**

That MPP Donna Skelly and Adam Oldfield be provided additional time, beyond the permitted 5 minutes, to continue with their presentation.

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

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**(VanderBeek/Pearson)**

That the presentation provided by MPP Donna Skelly and Adam Oldfield, respecting new programs to assist primarily small businesses through the current Provincial COVID-19 Lockdown, be received.

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

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**(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)**

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

Paul Johnson, General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, provided Committee with a verbal update respecting COVID-19.

**(Pearson/Pauls)**

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

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

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**(Ferguson/VanderBeek)**

That the General Issues Committee recess for one-half hour to 12:55 p.m.

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

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Absent	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

**(ii) 2020 Annual Report on the 2016-2020 Economic Development Action Plan Progress (PED20203) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

**(Pearson/Jackson)**

That the presentation, respecting Report PED20203 - 2020 Annual Report on the 2016-2020 Annual Economic Development Action Plan Progress, be received.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
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For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 10.

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

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

**(Pearson/Farr)**

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

12.1.a. Items to be Removed:

- 12.1.a.a. Annual Report on the 2016-2020 Economic Development Action Plan  
(Addressed as Item 8.2 on this agenda - Report PED20203)
- 12.1.a.b. Recommendations to Ensure Tenants Living in Rental Properties are included on the Municipal Elections Voters' List  
(Addressed at the December 9, 2020 GIC as Item 9.7 - Report FCS20081)
- 12.1.a.c. Status Update respecting the Implementation of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Process  
(Addressed at the December 9, 2020 GIC as Item 8.3 - Report HUR19019(a))
- 12.1.a.d. Establishing a Gender and Equity Lens  
(Addressed at the December 9, 2020 GIC as Item 8.3 - Report HUR19019(a))
- 12.1.a.e. Implementation and Resources Required regarding the Corporate Goals and Areas of Focus for Climate Mitigation and Adaptation  
(Addressed at the November 4, 2020 GIC as Item 8.2 - Report CMO19008(a) / HSC19037(a))
- 12.1.a.f. Municipal Accommodation Tax (Addressed as Item 9.2 on this agenda - Report PED20009(a))
- 12.1.a.g. Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery (Addressed at the December 9, 2020 GIC as Item 8.1)

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

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

**(i) Closed Session Minutes – November 30, 2020; December 9, 2020 and December 14, 2020 (Items 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3)**

**(Pearson/Farr)**

- (a) That the Closed Session Minutes of the November 30, 2020; December 9, 2020 and December 14, 2020 General Issues Committee meetings, be approved, as presented; and,
- (b) That the Closed Session Minutes of the November 30, 2020; December 9, 2020 and December 14, 2020 General Issues Committee meetings remain confidential.

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

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**(Pauls/Ferguson)**

That Committee move into Closed Session respecting Item 13.4, 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.

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

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**(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 14)**

**(Pearson/Pauls)**

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
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Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy Mayor Brad Clark  
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Coordinator,  
Office of the City Clerk





## HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD

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December 18, 2020

### DELIVERED BY EMAIL

Stephanie Paparella  
[stephanie.paparella@hamilton.ca](mailto:stephanie.paparella@hamilton.ca)  
Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk  
City of Hamilton  
71 Main Street West, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

**SUBJECT: Item 5.4 on the Police Services Board Public Agenda of December 17, 2020:  
Business Improvement Area Crime Statistics**

Dear Stephanie:

Please be advised at its public meeting of December 17, 2020, the Hamilton Police Services Board passed the following motion:

After discussion, the Board approved the following:

**Moved by: Member Collins**  
**Seconded by: Member Athulathmudali**

WHEREAS, each Business Improvement Area is affected by crime that is happening within their Business Improvement Area boundary;

WHEREAS, currently Crime Statistics are reported by neighbourhood and not by the Business Improvement Area boundary;

WHEREAS, Crime Statistics (grouped by Business Improvement Area) including detailed information on the types of crimes, would be beneficial to increasing preventative measures within each Business Improvement Area;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Hamilton Police Service staff be requested to compile detailed Crime Statistics using the Business Improvement Area boundaries; and,
- (b) That Hamilton Police Service staff be requested to report back to the Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee with these statistics on a quarterly basis.

**CARRIED.**

Should you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Thanks & regards,



Kirsten Stevenson  
Administrator  
Hamilton Police Services Board  
[kirsten.stevenson@hamilton.ca](mailto:kirsten.stevenson@hamilton.ca)

**From:** Liz McCrindle <  
**Sent:** January 18, 2021 2:34 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Cc:** Liz Lamb <  
**Subject:** [\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]Hamilton Farmers Market

Chair and Members of the General Issues Committee,

It is with some dismay that I have discovered that the Hamilton Farmers Market vendors are being placed in severe financial hardship with a decision to charge full rent for the months of April May and June 2020, when a previous decision was made to only charge 25% rent.

Like so many small business in our community the Hamilton Farmers Market has suffered greatly due to the pandemic. As a regular (weekly) market customer for the past 40 years, I have witnessed first hand many many changes in location, vendors, product and support but this culminated in the overwhelming impact of the pandemic. Shopping at the market these days is like visiting a mere shadow of a former bustling hub of a community shopping and social centre.

There can be no question that the Market vendors need and deserve a rent subsidy and with the variety of government programs to support both business and various levels of government, I am at a loss to understand why this support is not being provided- especially when this decision is countermanding a previous show of support. I am left assuming that there is really no support for the Hamilton Farmers Market at the City of Hamilton, and to that I cry SHAME!! The history of this community resource has a value which far exceeds a small amount of financial support at this difficult time.

Please, do the right thing, support the Hamilton Farmers Market by supporting the vendors with a rent subsidy.

Thank you.

Liz Lamb

**From:** Charlie Chiarelli <[charlie@ccproduce.ca](mailto:charlie@ccproduce.ca)>

**Sent:** January 20, 2021 10:48 AM

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

**Subject:** To be read at Thursday's GIC Meeting

To the Chair and Members of the General Issues Committee,

I'm not sure I can effectively express how devastating the Covid Pandemic has been to small business, including my own at the Hamilton Farmers' Market.

The Federal and Provincial Governments have recognized the peril we are facing and have instituted relief measures to support us. At issue here, the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program (CECRA).

The HFM vendors cannot qualify for CECRA for the months of April through September 2020, because we are housed in a city run facility.

We are commercial tenants. We pay rent. We are small businesses. We have suffered along side all other Hamilton small businesses. But we cannot access the relief designed to help us, because of who our landlord is. This is devastating to us, and leaves us at a disadvantage to those around us.

We are asking you, to work with our board to come to a solution that will provide the equivalent of the CECRA relief to the market vendors for those 6 months.

Thank you,

Charlie Chiarelli  
CC Produce

**From:** Katie McCrindle  
**Sent:** January 19, 2021 3:02 PM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** Hamilton Farmers Market

Chair and Members of the General Issues Committee,

I am outraged to hear that the Hamilton Farmers Market vendors are being placed in severe financial hardship with a decision to charge full rent for the months of April, May and June 2020, when a previous decision was made to only charge 25% rent.

As a weekly Market shopper since birth, I know the value of the Market to the Hamilton community. The pandemic has decimated the amount of shoppers the Market gets, and I worry for the future of the Market in this town if assistance is not provided by the City. The Market is not just a place to buy food, but a community hub which needs to continue once we are able to safely gather.

The Market vendors need and deserve a rent subsidy. With the variety of government programs to support both business and various levels of government, I am at a loss to understand why this support is not being provided - especially when this decision is countermanding a previous show of support. Please help keep this vital Hamilton community service alive and thriving.

Please support the Hamilton Farmers Market by supporting the vendors with a rent subsidy.

Thank you.  
Katie McCrindle

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Thank you.  
Katie McCrindle

**From:** Ron Jepson  
**Sent:** January 20, 2021 9:05 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** [\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]To be read at Thursday's GIC meeting

To : Chair and Members of General Issues Committee

I am a veteran stallholder of the Hamilton Farmers' Market. My family has operated a stall on the Market for close to 100 years. This last year has been a struggle for all due to the unprecedented circumstances resulting from the Covid19 pandemic.

Covid19 has tremendously impacted all businesses, including all stallholders at the Hamilton Farmers' Market. The initial lock down that was imposed in the spring by our government authorities was the beginning of a very difficult business year. Attached please find a graph representing the Weekly Customer Visits to the Market for the calendar year 2020. Please note the significant decline over 2019.

At the onset of the pandemic, we were invoiced our monthly rent, at a discounted rate of 25%. This covered the period of April, May and June 2020. We fully expected this reduced rent to continue throughout the summer months, into September 2020 as the pandemic continued on.

In December of 2020, a letter from the Market Manager was sent to all stallholders, advising us that the City of Hamilton decided to not allow any rent relief for the 2020 year. As such, the entire 12 months of rent is now expected to be paid in full.

The Federal and Provincial governments have provided funding to municipalities to help with Covid19 related issues. Carmen's Group has been given \$625,000. Spectra has been given \$2,000,000. Should the vendors at the Hamilton Farmers' Market not be given some assistance?

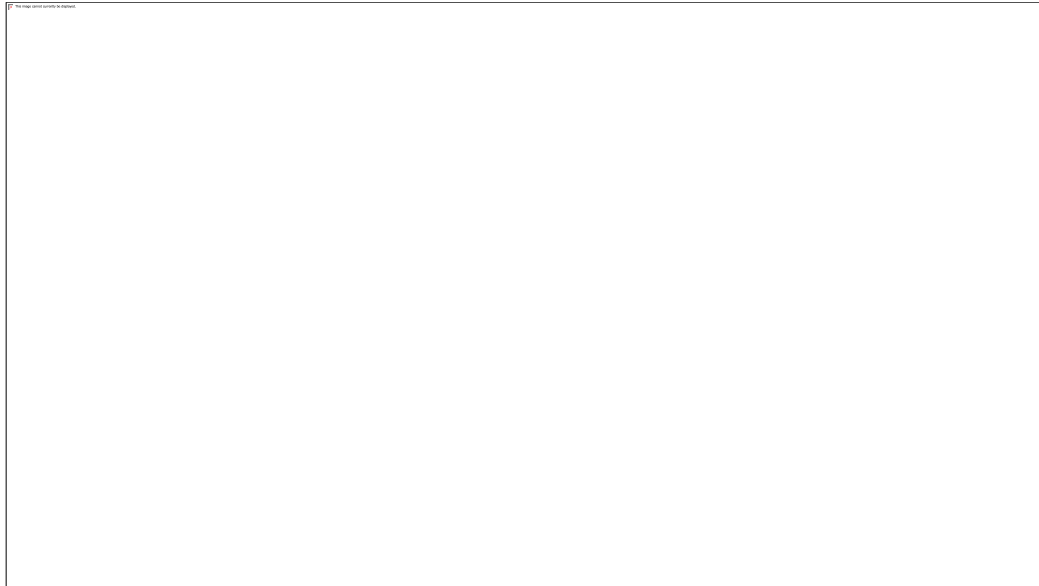
Furthermore, I would like to emphasize the void created by the resignation of Eric Miller, the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Hamilton Farmers' Market. His resignation was due to "the avoidable crisis forced upon the Hamilton Farmers' Market during the pandemic". This man was truly devoted to the well being of the Market and now, due to poor decision making, we have lost him. Truly a sad day for the Hamilton Farmers' Market.

Finally, with regard to the 2020 financial results of the Hamilton Farmers' Market, I understand that there is a deficit of \$176,000 being reported for 2020. At the November 2020 shareholders' meeting, financials were presented by City Staff that included costs that the Market Board of Directors had not approved or consented to. If the Market Board is responsible for creating the annual budget, should they not be included in the decision making with regard to changes or further cost allocations?

I, like many other vendors, have dedicated my life to operating a business at the Hamilton Farmers' Market. In fact, in December 2013, I personally made a delegation to City Council asking for the creation of a Board of Directors to successfully guide the Market. I feel a deep sense of attachment to the

Market and have a passion for the success of the Market. I trust that you will assist me in helping the Market succeed.

**Please reconsider your decision. The stallholders need your help.**



Ron Jepson  
Jepson's Fresh Meats



**From:** Sheri Adams Selway  
**Sent:** January 19, 2021 11:29 PM  
**To:** Paparella, Stephanie <Stephanie.Paparella@hamilton.ca>  
**Subject:** re: Item 6.1 Farmer's Market Budget

Hello Stephanie, I am sending this to you as Clerk listed on the General Issues Committee Agenda for January 21 re: the Farmer's Market Budget.

General Issues Committee:

I have probably shopped regularly at the Central Market for around 45 - 50 years. I buy all my meat, eggs, cheese, coffee, and fresh produce at the market. Before the Pandemic, I would often go more than once per week. The pandemic has been hard on everyone - small business, especially.

During the pandemic, I followed public health instructions and stayed home as much as possible. After initially staying away from the market, I began going once a month, but buying A LOT of food at one time, wearing a mask, and no visiting!

I strongly urge you to use Federal and/or Provincial Covid relief funds to help vendors during this difficult time. If not, use some of the Reserve Funds. Although I honestly support small business in Downtown Hamilton as much as possible, the Market is much more than just a small business. It is also supporting local farmers. Students go there to learn about where food comes from. Musicians go there to play music. It is a community and part of our history.

My understanding is that originally vendors were told they could pay 25% of their rent for several months, and to go back and change that to paying the full rental is unconscionable.

With all due respect, I urge you to revisit this decision. Other cities have been able to help their Farmer's Markets.

I recognize the Market has gone through changes over time, but it has been a part of downtown Hamilton since farmers brought their food in buggies. It is more than a grocery store!

Lead by being a good example to others to help recovery.

Thank you,  
Sheri Selway

## Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Monday, January 4, 2021 - 5:28 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Ian Hamilton

**Name of Organization:** Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority

**Contact Number:** 9056673292

**Email Address:** [lfenn@hamiltonport.ca](mailto:lfenn@hamiltonport.ca)

**Mailing Address:** 605 James St N

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

Requesting MARCH 24, 2021 GIC HOPA Ports update

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

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

## Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, January 15, 2021 - 3:06 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Shane Coleman

**Name of Organization:** Hamilton Farmers Market  
Stallholders Association

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Requesting rent relief  
Hamilton Farmers Market

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

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

Subject: Rent Relief Hamilton Farmers Market

To the Mayor and Members of Council.

Covid has impacted the market profoundly.

Our digital people counter at the door has shown a decrease in customer traffic of 50-75% year over year. -Attachment 1

Some businesses were required to close completely during the lockdown. 5 restaurants have not reopened due to the office employees working from home, and other vendors are closing as vendors cannot sustain their business. Most vendors don't qualify for other grant programs April- September of 2020

The Hamilton Farmers Market Board of Directors had originally approved rent relief with the approved landlord rent relief program announced by the Federal and Provincial government.

We have already been invoiced rent April, May June at 25%, and we were told that we were being considered for July- September as the government program was extended.

Premier Doug Ford who has urged landlords to cooperate with tenants. Premier Ford is quoted as saying "It's not going to be forever. It's going to be for a few months. Help people out. You have an obligation to do that as a landlord" (Toronto Star, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

Did you know that the market limited access to the market by closing the mall door?  
Did you know that we limited hours of shopping less 3 hours per day, 12 hours a week less than our contract with the City has written?

Why is council not treating market vendors the same as they are treating owners of taxis or other commercial businesses. Jackson Square gave its tenants rent relief, as did Limeridge mall. Other Farmers Markets also had rent relief such as London and Kitchener market.

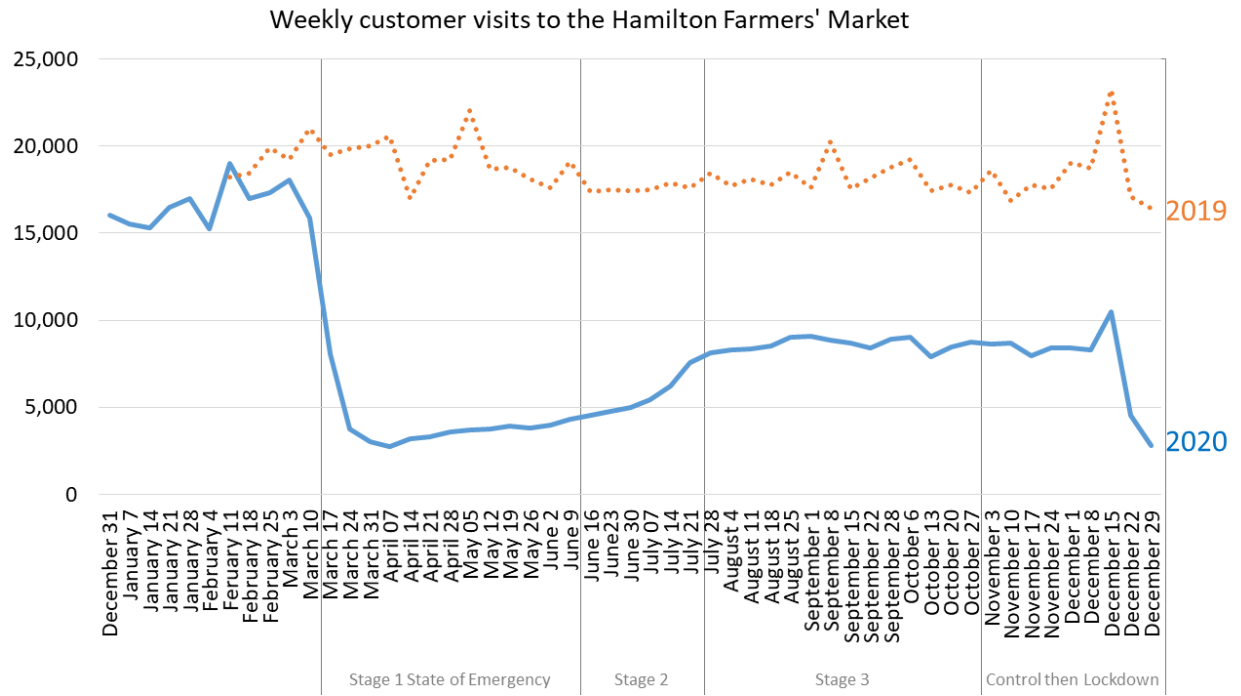
Why did council not have an open discussion previously regarding rent relief as requested.

The Hamilton Farmers Market has run a surplus with the Meridian sponsorship for several years. It's not bonusing to use sponsorship funds, or covid funds provided to the City.

It is not unreasonable to help vendors during these difficult times so we can remain viable for many years to come. The vendors need to have rent relief during these unprecedented times.

Thank You -Shane Coleman -Long term vendor Dilly's Farmacy  
Hamilton Farmers Market Stallholder Association President.

Attachement 1



## Attachement 2



December 18, 2020

**IMPORTANT 2021 CONTRACT MEMO TO HFM VENDORS:**

Dear HFM Stallholder,

On November 23, the City of Hamilton directed the Hamilton Farmers' Market Board to adopt the *City of Hamilton COVID-19 Occupant Support Framework*, which provides the Market with the authority to defer up to 6 months of outstanding 2020 stall fees owing to the Market by HFM vendors.

What this means is that *the 75% of Stall fees from April, May, June 2020 which remain outstanding to the Hamilton Farmers' Market will not be eliminated as originally hoped.*

You may recall that at the end of June, we invoiced you at 25% of your regular contracted rate in anticipation that the City of Hamilton would align with the Federal Government's Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) program and cover the remaining 75% of those fees. However, that is not the decision the City of Hamilton ultimately made, and instead we were granted the flexibility to develop a deferral option that will help vendors to spread out payments *interest free* until the end of 2021.

The deferral option will be available to vendors as part of their 2021 Stallholder Agreement.

We understand that this is may not be welcome news, and it is not the outcome the Board had advocated for however, you do have the option to defer your outstanding 2020 fees at this time.

Full details of the deferral option are available to vendors during contract renewals which will begin promptly. Please notify the Market Office as soon as possible if you wish to explore this option.

Bill Slowka  
Market Manager  
905-546-2424 x 2097

## Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Thursday, January 21, 2021 - 6:42 pm

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Jennifer Hompoth

**Name of Organization:** Friends of the Hamilton Farmers' Market

**Contact Number:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

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

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** No

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**CITY OF HAMILTON**  
**PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**  
**Economic Development Division**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	February 3, 2021
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Stoney Creek Business Improvement Area (BIA) Revised Board of Management (PED21026) (Ward 5)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Ward 5
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	Julia Davis (905) 546-2424 Ext. 2632
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Norm Schleeahn Director, Economic Development Planning and Economic Development Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

### RECOMMENDATION

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

Sandy Pavao  
Natashia Guidi

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Appointment of two new Directors to the Stoney Creek Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Management

### Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

### FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: Not Applicable

Staffing: Not Applicable

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Legal: *The Municipal Act 2001*, Sections 204-215 governs BIAs. Section (204) Subsection (3) stipulates “A Board of Management shall be composed of, (a) one or more Directors appointed directly by the Municipality; and (b) the remaining Directors selected by a vote of the membership of the improvement area and appointed by the Municipality”. Section 204 Subsection (12) stipulates “...if a vacancy occurs for any cause, the Municipality may appoint a person to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term and the appointed person is not required to be a member of the improvement area.”

## **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

The Board of Management of the Stoney Creek BIA held a meeting on November 18, 2020, at which Sandy Pavao and Natasha Guidi were appointed to the Board of Management. These 2 appointees will be filling vacancies left by Michelle Peters and Doug Sutherland.

Should Council adopt the recommendation in PED21026, the aforementioned nominated persons would be appointed to serve on the Stoney Creek BIA Board of Management for the remainder of this term, through the end of 2022.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS**

N/A

## **RELEVANT CONSULTATION**

N/A

## **ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

N/A

## **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.

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**Economic Prosperity and Growth**

Hamilton has a prosperous and diverse local economy where people have opportunities to grow and develop.

**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

N/A



Hamilton

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITIES  
REPORT 20-007**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, December 8, 2020**

**Due to COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall,  
this meeting was held virtually.**

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

**Absent**

**with regrets:** S. Geffros and M. Sinclair

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

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**THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITIES PRESENTS REPORT 20-007 AND  
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

- 1. Appointment of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair for 2021  
(Item 1)**
  - (a) That Aznive Mallett be appointed as Chair of the  
Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for

2021; and,

- (b) That Paula Kilburn be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for 2021.

**2. Reduction in the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Transportation Working Group & Built Environment Working Group Memberships (Item 9.1)**

WHEREAS, as per the Advisory Committee Procedural Handbook, the number of Committee Members participating in a Working Group should be less than the quorum number of the Committee membership;

WHEREAS, the quorum number for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities is 10 members, based on the membership composition outlined in the Terms of Reference which specify that the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities shall be comprised of up to 18 citizen members and one Member of Council;

WHEREAS, the Transportation Working Group has 10 members, which is equal to quorum for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities;

WHEREAS, the Built Environment Working Group has 11 members, which is greater than quorum for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, the membership of the Transportation Working Group and the Built Environment Working Group need to be reduced to a maximum of 9 members to be less than the quorum number of the Committee membership;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the resignation of Tom Manzuk from the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, be received; and,
- (b) That the resignations of Michele Dent and Mary Sinclair from the Built Environment Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, be received.

**3. Housing Issues Working Group *Work Plan* (Item 7.2(b))**

That the Housing Issues Working Group Work Plan, attached as Appendix “A” to Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 20-007, be approved.

**4. Accessible Housing (City Wide) (Item 7.2(c))**

WHEREAS, the need for accessible affordable housing is at a crisis level;

WHEREAS, more than 22% of Canadians have a disability;

WHEREAS, anyone can be born with a disability which can afflict them without warning, at any time in their lives and anyone of any age can be struck by illness or accident which creates a temporary or lasting disability;

WHEREAS, there is currently no law requiring that housing be accessible. The *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* (AODA) does not mention housing;

WHEREAS, the Ontario Building Code only requires that 15% of new apartments be “visitable”, not accessible enough to live there;

WHEREAS, both the AODA and the Ontario Building Code are in contravention of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Ontario Human Rights Code and United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Barrier free housing is a human right;

WHEREAS, Hamilton does not need to wait for the provincial government to make changes to the laws. Change can be made at the municipal level by mandating universal design in all future City projects or any new development built with tax dollars and/or land made available by the City, and through agreements with developers. All new and renovated Hamilton community housing units must also be made accessible;

WHEREAS, the current Housing Unit Modification Guide focuses mainly on addressing the issues of people with mobility devices like wheelchairs, power chairs and scooters for example; there is a need to revise the current guide to include the needs of other disabilities, both visible and otherwise, in what is called Universal Accessible Design. This can include things like high contrast paint jobs in kitchens and bathrooms to make it easier for the visually impaired, audible and visible alarms as well as door bells, tuned so as not to trigger seizure disorders, and textured switches to name a few;

WHEREAS, the extra cost of incorporating universal design is less than one percent more when planned from the design stage. It is the renovation of existing housing that is costly; and,

WHEREAS, making all new housing accessible will reduce the City's costs for future long-term care and residential care facilities by providing more independent living choices;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respectfully requests that the City of Hamilton make all future and retrofitted housing accessible; and,
- (b) That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respectfully requests that the City of Hamilton expand its Housing Unit Modification Guide to incorporate universal design in order to address the accessibility needs of those not yet represented.

**5. Ban of Electric Scooters from Public Property (City Wide)  
(Item 7.4(a))**

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was requested by Council to give our advice regarding whether they should allow rental electric scooters (also known as e-scooters or kick scooters) to operate in the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, the Transportation Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities has researched the impact of permitting the operation of electric scooters in other cities, including Montreal, Calgary and Ottawa;

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities that electric scooters pose a serious danger to persons with disabilities. Allowing



unlicensed, untrained people of varying ages and maturity levels to operate silent, high speed vehicles without regulation is an unnecessary safety risk to all pedestrians, but it is of particular concern to seniors and the disabled as they might not see or hear them, nor would they be able to move out of the way quick enough to avoid injury;

WHEREAS, rental electric scooters do not require a docking station and their congestion, abandonment and improper parking in dense urban areas can cause serious issues such as blocked sidewalks, curb cuts, business entrances, wheelchair ramps, etc. and pose a serious obstruction or tripping hazard when they are left on the ground, especially for persons with vision loss;

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 provincial regulations in place, especially for commercially rented electric scooters, 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, there are no provincial regulations requiring operators of electric scooters, particularly rental electric scooters, to possess either a license or insurance to operate;

WHEREAS, the province does not require operators of electric scooters, especially rental electric scooters, to undertake any specific or regulated training in order to own or operate an electric scooter;

WHEREAS, other disability advisory committees in the Province of Ontario have recommended a ban on the use of electric scooters, particularly rental electric scooters, on municipal sidewalks and roadways because of their risk to safety of others, particularly persons with physical and sensory disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, the term e-scooter (rented or owned) refers to vehicles typically intended for transportation, and not mobility due to disability, so power wheelchairs and mobility scooters (3- or 4-wheel devices) do not fall within the scope of this motion;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

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

**6. HSR / ATS / DARTS Passenger Policies for Persons with Disabilities (City Wide) (Item 7.4(b))**

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton as the municipality with oversight and obligation for delivery of accessible transportation services according to *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* (AODA) regulations (O. Reg. 191/11: INTEGRATED ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS);

WHEREAS, AODA regulations require that organizations and municipalities establish policies respecting the needs of persons with disabilities (O. Reg. 191/11: INTEGRATED ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS);

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities has worked with Accessible Transportation Services (ATS) of the Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) over the past 17 years to formulate accessible passenger policies in support of passengers with disabilities and the ATS and Disabled and Aged Regional Transportation System (DARTS) services;

WHEREAS, these policies have been approved by Council in years previous;

WHEREAS, there have been many staffing changes in the HSR and ATS and member changes on the ACPD since these policies were last reviewed by City Council and these changes reflect differing and new ways of thinking about accessible transportation services delivery to persons with disabilities in the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, there is a commitment within AODA and ODA legislation that the province of Ontario be fully accessible by the year 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the effect of the Covid-19 virus upon the delivery of transportation services to persons with disabilities throughout 2020 and its effect upon passengers with disabilities, ATS, DARTS and the HSR has been significant;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respectfully requests that City Council direct HSR and ATS staff to work directly to review and amend the full slate of existing policies, and compose a full slate of new policies in compliance with AODA requirements;
- (b) That these policies upon their completion be forwarded to City Council for review and adoption;
- (c) That HSR and ATS staff fully assist the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities in this policy review and composition including staffing and resource allocation; and,
- (d) That these policies be reviewed by the HSR and ATS staff in consultation with the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities regularly, and at the very least every 5 (five) years in order that these policies remain current.

**7. Acoustic Vehicle Alerting System Requirement for Electric Scooters (City Wide) (Added Item 7.4(c))**

WHEREAS, e-scooters are a nearly silent form of transportation due to the electric motor and the low speeds at which they operate;

WHEREAS, pedestrians, in particular, persons with visual impairment and those with mobility devices, rely on their ability to hear traffic and to react in time to avoid collisions;

WHEREAS, it has been proven that electric engines need to reach speeds over 20 kph before they become audible enough to hear at a relatively safe distance. This is close to the top speed of e-scooters;

WHEREAS, the technology exists to artificially produce sound on electric vehicles in order to mitigate the risk to pedestrians, especially those with visual impairments and mobility issues. These devices can reproduce engine sounds through a variety of means, i.e. resonator tubes, fan created noise makers and more comical sound makers; and,  
WHEREAS, these devices are relatively low cost and can be fitted on to E-scooters either pre- or post- manufacture;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respectfully requests that Hamilton City Council require acoustic vehicle alerting systems to be installed on all e-scooters (Kick Scooters) that operate within the City of Hamilton.

## **8. Strategic Planning Working Group Update (Item 7.5)**

That Jayne Cardno be appointed to the Strategic Planning Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for the remainder of the 2018 – 2022 Term of Council.

### **FOR INFORMATION:**

P. Kilburn assumed the Chair at 4:00 p.m., until A. Mallett assumed the Chair at 6:13 p.m.

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

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

## **5. COMMUNICATIONS**

5.3 Correspondence from Michelle Martin, HSR, respecting Virtual Transit Accessibility Public Consultation Event

Recommendation: Be received.

## **7. CONSENT ITEMS**

7.3 Outreach Working Group Update

7.3(a) Outreach Working Group Meeting Notes  
- October 5, 2020

7.4 Transportation Working Group Update

- 7.4(c) Acoustic Vehicle Alerting System Requirement for Electric Scooters (City Wide)

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

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

- 9.1 Reduction in ACPD's Transportation Working Group & Built Environment Working Group Memberships
- 9.2 ACPD Working Group Support
- 9.3 ACPD Working Group's Terms of Reference

The agenda for the December 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) November 10, 2020 (Item 4.1)**

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

### **(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 9)**

- (i) Reduction in the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Transportation Working Group &**

## **Built Environment Working Group Memberships (Item 9.1)**

Janet Pilon, Deputy Clerk, was present and assisted in answering questions of Committee on this matter.

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

P. Kilburn wished to be recorded as opposed.

## **(ii) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Working Group Support (Item 9.2)**

Members of the Transportation Working Group and the Built Environment Working Group expressed that there is a lack of support staff attending working group meetings for the purposes of agenda preparation, note-taking and provision of subject-matter expertise.

Janet Pilon, Deputy Clerk, advised that City staff and/or resources may not be available to working groups and consequently, the preparation of agendas, minutes and meeting requirements are the responsibility of the working group, if required. Support staff are not required to attend working group meetings, as per the Advisory Committee Procedural Handbook. Working groups are permitted to request assistance, information and expertise from volunteers as required.

Jessica Bowen, Supervisor, Diversity and Inclusion, committed to attending future meetings of both the Transportation Working Group and the Built Environment Working Group in order to identify and discuss their respective accommodation needs and investigate potential supportive measures.



The discussion, respecting Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Working Group Support, was received.

**(iii) ACPD Working Group's Terms of Reference (Item 9.3)**

The Built Environment Working Group is in the process of reviewing and revising the Working Group's Terms of Reference. Questions were raised respecting the requirement of a working group to have a Terms of Reference and, if so, whether the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities must approve it.

Janet Pilon, Deputy Clerk, advised that working groups are not required to have a Terms of Reference, as they are created to assist in the research or review of a given item and report the findings back to the Committee.

Members expressed that having a Terms of Reference for the various working groups of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities would help to establish continuity and ensure that new working group members are setup for success.

Janet Pilon, Deputy Clerk, stated that a working group can elect to develop a Terms of Reference if desired, but the document would be better termed a work plan. Work plans should be approved by the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities so that the working group knows it's headed in the right direction and is providing the Committee with the information it needs to move forward.

The discussion, respecting Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Working Group's Terms of Reference, was received.

**(e) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)**

Communication Items 5.1 - 5.3 were received, as presented, as follows:

- (i) Correspondence from Chris Schafer, Bird Canada, respecting Item 7.4(a) - Ban of Electric Scooters from Public Property (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 7.4(a) - Ban of Electric Scooters from Public Property (City Wide).

- (ii) Correspondence from Staff Sergeant Jo-Ann Savoie, Hamilton Police Service, respecting Item 7.4(a) - Ban of Electric Scooters from Public Property (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 7.4(a) - Ban of Electric Scooters from Public Property (City Wide).

- (iii) Correspondence from Michelle Martin, HSR, respecting Virtual Transit Accessibility Public Consultation Event (Item 5.3)

Recommendation: Be received.

**(f) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)**

**(i) Built Environment Working Group Update (Item 7.1)**

**(a) Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes - November 3, 2020 (Item 7.1(a))**

The Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes of November 3, 2020, were received.

**(ii) Housing Issues Working Group Update (Item 7.2)**

**(a) Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes - October 20, 2020 (Item 7.2(a))**

The Housing Issues Working Group Meeting Notes of October 20, 2020, were received.

**(b) Housing Issues Working Group Terms of Reference (Item 7.2(b))**

WHEREAS, the Deputy Clerk advised that a working group can elect to develop a Terms of Reference if desired, but the document would be better termed a work plan;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Item and document title be amended to replace the words Terms of Reference with Work Plan.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 3.

**(c) Accessible Housing (City Wide) (Item 7.2(c))**

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 4.

K. Nolan and T. Nolan wished to be recorded as opposed.

**(iii) Outreach Working Group Update (Item 7.3)**

**(a) Outreach Working Group Meeting Notes -  
October 5, 2020 (Added Item 7.3(a))**

The Outreach Working Group Meeting Notes of October 5, 2020, were received.

**(iv) Transportation Working Group Update (Item 7.4)**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Items 6 and 7.

**(a) Ban of Electric Scooters from Public Property  
(City Wide) (Item 7.4(a))**

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 5.

J. Cardno wished to be recorded as opposed.

**(v) Strategic Planning Working Group Update (Item 7.5)**

No update. The Strategic Planning Working Group has not yet scheduled their inaugural meeting.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 8.

**(g) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8) (CONTINUED)**

**(i) Update on COVID-19 and Persons with Disabilities  
(Item 9.4)**

At the September 8, 2020 Advisory for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) meeting, the Committee authorized T. Nolan and T. Manzuk to delegate at the General Issues Committee on behalf of ACPD respecting all matters related to the COVID-19 pandemic & its impact on persons with disabilities, including recommendations for improved policies & procedures.

At the November 10, 2020 Advisory for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) meeting, T. Nolan and T. Manzuk indicated that they were still in the process of collecting feedback from Committee members, but would send out a comprehensive list of feedback that they have received to date.

T. Nolan and T. Manzuk advised that they have collated all feedback from Committee members respecting this matter. The comprehensive list of feedback will be included on the January 12, 2021 Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities meeting agenda for review. Assuming the content is approved, T. Nolan and T. Manzuk will aim to delegate at the February 3, 2021 General Issues Committee meeting.

The discussion respecting an Update on COVID-19 and Persons with Disabilities, was received.

**(ii) Sidewalk Snow Removal for Persons with Disabilities (Item 9.5)**

The Built Environment Working Group advised that they intend to invite relevant City Staff from Planning, Licensing and By-law Services and Public Works to a future working group meeting to discuss and advance work on additional issues beyond sidewalk snow removal, including snow removal at intersections and bicycle paths.

The discussion, respecting Sidewalk Snow Removal for Persons with Disabilities, was received.

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

**(i) Presenters List for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 12.3)**

(a) The following presenters were removed from the Presenters List for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities:

(i) General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities (or their designate); and,

(ii) Project Manager of CityLAB Hamilton (or their designate)

(a) The following items were deferred to the January 12, 2021 Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities meeting due to time constraints:

(i) Accessibility Complaints to the City of Hamilton (Item 12.1)

- (ii) *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) Update (Item 12.2)*
- (iii) Review of Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Outstanding Business List (deferred from the November 10, 2020 meeting) (Item 12.4)

**(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

There being no further business, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Mallet, Chair  
Advisory Committee for  
Persons with Disabilities

Alicia Davenport  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk

## **Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities**

### **Housing Issues Working Group Work Plan**

#### **Vision Statement**

Everyone can live independently, with stability, equality, dignity and respect.

#### **Mandate**

To advise Council on the following issues:

1. Identifying and pursuing the removal of barriers to housing.
2. Preventing the creation of new barriers in housing.
3. Defining the needs of the disabled in the accessible housing system in order to be more inclusive.
4. Highlighting deficiencies in the accessible housing system and seeking solutions to address them.
5. Anticipating accessible housing needs for the future.
6. Making Housing in Place with services recognizing equality.

#### **Mission Statement**

We are a voice for the needs of the disabled in order to provide stable and accessible housing for all citizens.



# CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

General Issues Committee: February 3, 2021

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. JACKSON.....**

**SECONDED BY MAYOR/COUNCILLOR.....**

### **Funding to Backfill the Administrative Staff Position in Ward 6**

WHEREAS, the Ward budgets do not reflect the funding required to backfill for administrative staff on maternity leave;

WHEREAS, at its meeting of April 8, 2020, Council approved \$30,300; \$25,000 from the General Legislative Budget (300100) and \$5,300 from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (110046), to backfill the administrative staff position in Ward 6 during a maternity leave in 2020; and,

WHEREAS, in 2021, Ward 6 is required to backfill the same administrative staff position, for a temporary length of time, to cover the balance of that maternity leave;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That funding, to an upset limit of \$3,500, to backfill the administrative staff position in Ward 6, during the balance of a maternity leave in 2021, to be funded from the Contingency fund in the General Legislative Budget (300100), be approved.