



City of Hamilton
GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
AGENDA

Meeting #: 21-008
Date: April 7, 2021
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall (CC)

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Stephanie Paparella, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 3993

1. **CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
(Added Items, if applicable, will be noted with *)
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**
 - 4.1. March 17, 2021
 - 4.2. March 24, 2021
 - 4.3. March 29, 2021
5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- 5.1. Correspondence respecting Item 8.2 - Feasibility Report for a Biodiversity Action Plan (PED20165)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 8.2.

- 5.1.a. Susan Wortman

- 5.1.b. Susan MacMillan, Flamborough Horticultural Society

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

7. CONSENT ITEMS

- 7.1. Arts Advisory Commission Minutes, January 26, 2021

- 7.2. Business Improvement Area (BIA) Advisory Committee Minutes, February 9, 2021

8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- 8.1. COVID-19 Verbal Update

- 8.2. Feasibility Report for a Biodiversity Action Plan (PED21065) (City Wide)

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS

- 9.1. Douglas Earl and Tim Grant, Charter City Toronto, respecting Charter City Toronto's Objectives

- 9.2. Barry Coombs, of Nature Canada's Bird Friendly City Hamilton-Burlington Team, to Certify Hamilton as a Bird Friendly City and in Support of the City's Biodiversity Action Plan

- 9.3. Jen Baker, Hamilton Naturalists Club, respecting the City's Biodiversity Plan

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 10.1. COVID19 Virtual Memorial Wall (CM21004) (City Wide)

- 10.2. Building Transit Faster Act, 2020 (LS21013-PED21091) (City Wide)

11. MOTIONS

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

14.1. Closed Session Minutes - March 17, 2021

Pursuant to Section 9.1, Sub-sections (e), (f), (h) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (e), (f), (h) and (k) 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; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; information explicitly supplied in confidence to the City or a local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them; and, a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

14.2. Closed Session Minutes - March 24, 2021

Pursuant to Section 9.1, Sub-sections (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (h), (i) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021 and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (h), (i) and (k) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; labour relations or employee negotiations; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and, information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them; a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization; and, a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

14.3. Donation of Land to the City of Hamilton, Located in Ward 5 (PED21050) (Ward 5)

Pursuant to Section 9.1, Sub-sections (c) and (g) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021 and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (c) and (g) 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 matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act.

14.4. Public Works Department Divisional Realignment (PW21017) (City Wide)

Pursuant to Section 9.1, Sub-section (d) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021 and Section 239(2), Sub-section (d) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to labour relations or employee negotiations.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**



SPECIAL GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 21-005

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

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

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

Absent: Councillors B. Johnson, N. Nann, E. Pauls, T. Whitehead – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

**1. Chedoke Creek Order - Cootes Paradise Report (PW19008(k)) (City Wide)
(Item 10.1)**

(Pearson/Farr)

That Report PED19008(k), respecting the Chedoke Creek Order - Cootes Paradise Report, be received.

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

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

2. Chedoke Creek Order – Legal Issues (LS21010) (City Wide) (Added Item 14.1)

(Pearson/Wilson)

That Report LS21010, respecting the Chedoke Creek Order – Legal Issues, including Appendix “A”, be received and remain confidential.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 0, as follows:

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

3. Privileged Solicitor-Client Regulatory Offences Update (LS21012) (City Wide) (Added Item 14.2)

(Pearson/Partridge)

That Report LS21012, respecting a Privileged Solicitor-Client Regulatory Offences Update, be received and remain confidential.

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

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

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

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

14. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

14.1. Chedoke Creek Order – Legal Issues (LS21010) (City Wide)

Pursuant to Section 9.1, Sub-sections (e), (f) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (e), (f) and (k) 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; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and, a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

14.2 Privileged Solicitor-Client Regulatory Offences Update (LS21012) (City Wide)

Pursuant to Section 9.1, Sub-sections (e), (f) and (h) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (e), (f) and (h) 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; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and, information explicitly supplied in confidence to the City or a local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them.

(Eisenberger/Pearson)

That the agenda for the March 17, 2021 special General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as amended.

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

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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)

(Ferguson/Partridge)

That Committee move into Closed Session respecting Added Items 14.1 and 14.2, pursuant to Section 9.1, Sub-sections (e), (f), (h) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (e), (f), (h) and (k) 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; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; information explicitly supplied in confidence to the City or a local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them; and, a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

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

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

(d) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Ferguson/Pearson)

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson, Acting Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Absent	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Wilson, Acting Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

Alicia Davenport
Legislative Coordinator,
Office of the City Clerk



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 21-006

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

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

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

Absent: Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Locke Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) Proposed Budget and Schedule of Payments for 2021 (PED21042) (Ward 1) (Item 7.2)

(Jackson/Pearson)

- (a) That the 2021 Operating Budget for the Locke Street Business Improvement Area (BIA), attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED21042, in the amount of \$82,500, be approved;
- (b) That the levy portion of the Operating Budget for the Locke Street Business Improvement Area in the amount of \$30,000, 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 Locke Street Business Improvement Area; and,
- (d) That the following schedule of payments for 2021 Operating Budget for the Locke Street Business Improvement Area, be approved:

(i)	April	\$15,000
(ii)	June	\$15,000

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, Deputy Mayor
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
Absent	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
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
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

2. Waterdown Business Improvement Area (BIA) Revised Board of Management (PED21043) (Ward 15) (Item 7.3)

(Jackson/Pearson)

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

- (a) Sheila Locke; and,
- (b) Scott Birmingham.

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, Deputy Mayor
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
Absent	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
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
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

3. Concession Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) Revised Board of Management (PED21044) (Ward 7) (Item 7.4)

(Jackson/Pearson)

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

- (a) Brandon Eyre; and,
- (b) Joanne Milner.

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, Deputy Mayor
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
Absent	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
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
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

4. Ottawa Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) Revised Board of Management (PED21045) (Wards 3 and 4) (Item 7.5)

(Jackson/Pearson)

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

- (a) Michael Vickers

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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

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Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
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
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

5. International Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) Revised Board of Management (PED21047) (Ward 2) (Item 7.6)

(Jackson/Pearson)

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

- (a) Maja Prvanovoc-Kogut

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, Deputy Mayor
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
Absent	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
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
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

6. Update on Transport Canada Plans for Hamilton-Burlington Bay Canal Piers (PED21064) (Ward 5) (Item 7.7)

(Jackson/Pearson)

That Report PED21064, respecting the Update on Transport Canada Plans for Hamilton-Burlington Bay Canal Piers, 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, Deputy Mayor
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
Absent	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
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
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

7. Five Year Review of the Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan and Associated Finance Incentive Programs (PED21035) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Eisenberger/Farr)

- (a) That staff be directed to bring forward to the Planning Committee for a statutory public meeting, in accordance with Section 17(15)(d) of the *Planning Act*, the following respecting proposed changes to the Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan and Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Project Area By-laws:
- (i) Appendix “A” attached to Report PED21035, respecting the Revitalizing Hamilton’s Commercial Districts Community Improvement Plan (formerly the Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan); and,
 - (ii) Appendix “B” to attached Report PED21035, respecting the Revitalizing Hamilton’s Commercial Districts Community Improvement Project Area (formerly the Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Project Area);
- (b) That staff be directed to bring forward to the Planning Committee the following implementing program descriptions for consideration in conjunction with proposed changes to the Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan and Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Project Area By-laws:

- (i) Appendix “C” attached to Report PED21035, respecting the Commercial District Housing Opportunities Program (currently the Commercial Corridor Housing Loan and Grant Program);
 - (ii) Appendix “D” attached to Report PED21035, respecting the Downtown and Barton/Kenilworth Housing Opportunities Program (currently the Hamilton Downtown, Barton and Kenilworth Multi-Residential Property Investment Program);
 - (iii) Appendix “E” attached to Report PED21035, respecting the Revitalizing Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program (currently the Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Investment Program);
 - (iv) Appendix “F” attached to Report PED21035, respecting the Barton/Kenilworth Tax Increment Grant Program;
 - (v) Appendix “G” attached to Report PED21035, respecting the Commercial District Revitalization Grant Program (currently the Commercial Property Improvement Grant Program and Business Improvement Area Commercial Property Improvement Grant Program);
 - (vi) Appendix “H” attached to Report PED21035, respecting the Barton/Kenilworth Revitalization Grant Program (currently the Barton/Kenilworth Commercial Corridor Building Improvement Grant Program);
 - (vii) Appendix “I” attached to Report PED21035, respecting the Gore Building Improvement Grant Program;
 - (viii) Appendix “J” attached to Report PED21035, respecting the Start-up and Office Tenant Attraction Program (currently the Office Tenancy Assistance Program); and,
 - (ix) Appendix “K” attached to Report PED21035, respecting the Commercial Vacancy Assistance Program;
- (c) That staff be directed to change the names of the following financial budget accounts to reflect proposed program name changes as follows:
- (i) “Annual Com Prop Improve Grant BIA” (Project ID 8201703703) to “Annual Commercial District Revitalization Grant Program”;
 - (ii) “Barton Kenilworth Grant Building” (Project ID 8201703700) to “Barton/Kenilworth Revitalization Grant Program”; and,

- (iii) “Office Tenancy Assistance Program” (Project ID 8201703100) to “Start-up and Office Tenant Assistance Program”;
- (d) That funds, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, be transferred, as required to fund future grants under the Commercial Vacancy Assistance Program, from the Gore Building Improvement Grant Program Project ID 8201703620 to the newly established Commercial Vacancy Assistance Program Project; and,
- (e) That funds, in an amount not to exceed \$48,170, be transferred, as required, to fund future loans and/or forgivable loans under the Start-up and Office Tenant Attraction Program, from the Gore Building Improvement Grant Program Project ID 8201703620 to the Office Tenancy Assistance Program Project ID 8201703100.

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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
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Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

8. Funding for the Acquisition of Lands for the Stadium Precinct Park (PW21014) (Ward 3) (Item 10.1)

(Wilson/Pearson)

- (a) That the additional budget required to acquire properties for the Stadium Precinct Park, to the upset limit, as outlined in Confidential Appendix “A” attached to Report PW21014, including all real estate and legal fees, building condition abatement, demolition, site remediation, contingency and other related costs, to be funded from the 5% Parkland Dedication Reserve Account #104090 and credited to the appropriate project id, when required, be approved;

- (b) That the costs to operate and maintain the properties, outlined in Confidential Appendix "A" attached to Report PW21014, to be funded from the 5% Parkland Dedication Reserve Account #104090 until the property is demolished, be approved; and,
- (c) That Appendix "A" attached to Report PW21014, respecting Funding for the Acquisition of Lands for Stadium Precinct Park, remain confidential until completion of the real estate transactions.

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

9. Capital Projects Work-in-Progress Review Sub-Committee Report 21-001, February 23, 2021 (Item 10.2)

(Pearson/Danko)

(a) Capital Project Closing Report as of September 30, 2020 (FCS20079(a)) (City Wide) (Item 9.1) (Attached hereto as Appendix "A")

- (i) That the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, be authorized to transfer \$1,523,935 to the Unallocated Capital Levy Reserve (108020) and \$78,061 from other sources, as outlined in Appendix "A" to Capital Projects Work-In-Progress Review Sub-Committee Report 21-001;
- (ii) That the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, be directed to close the completed and / or cancelled capital projects, listed in Appendix "B" to Capital Projects Work-In-Progress Review Sub-Committee Report 21-001, in accordance with the Capital Projects Closing and Monitoring Policy;

- (ii) That Appendix “C” to Capital Projects Work-In-Progress Review Sub-Committee Report 21-001, Capital Projects Budget Appropriations for the period covering July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020, be received for information;
- (iv) That Appendix “D” to Capital Projects Work-In-Progress Review Sub-Committee Report 21-001, Capital Projects Budget Appropriations of \$250,000 or greater and Capital Project Reserve Funding requiring Council authorization, be approved; and,
- (v) That Appendix “E” to Capital Projects Work-In-Progress Review Sub-Committee Report 21-001, Capital Budget Adjustments on the Council Priority Minor Maintenance Projects as of September 30, 2020, be approved.

**(b) Capital Projects Status Report as of September 30, 2020
(FCS20078(a)) (City Wide) (Item 9.2)**

- (i) That the Capital Projects Status Report – Tax Supported, as of September 30, 2020, attached as Appendix “A” to Report FCS20078(a), be received;
- (ii) That the Capital Projects Status Report – Rate Supported, as of September 30, 2020, attached as Appendix “B” to Report FCS20078(a), be received; and,
- (ii) That confidential Appendix “C” to Report FCS20078(a), be received and 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, Deputy Mayor
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
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

10. 2021 Recreation User Fee Update (HSC21004) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)

(Ferguson/Jackson)

- (a) That the 2021 Recreation user fees, contained in Appendix "A" to Report HSC21004, 2021 New Recreation User Fees, be approved and implemented;
- (b) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare all the necessary by-laws, for Council approval, for the purposes of establishing the user fees contained within in Appendix "A" attached to Report HSC21004; and,
- (c) That the subject matter respecting the COVID-19 recreation financial assistance program, be identified as complete and removed from the General Issues Committee Outstanding Business List.

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

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

11. Grant Increase to an Existing Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant Approval, 12 Blanchard Street and 85 Poulette Street (PED18016(a)) (Ward 1) (Item 10.4)

(Wilson/Eisenberger)

- (a) That Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant Application ERG-16-02, submitted by Dawn Victoria Homes (Brantford) Limited, owner of the properties at 12 Blanshard Street and 85 Poulette Street, Hamilton, for an ERASE Redevelopment Grant not to exceed an additional \$286,682.00, for a total maximum grant of \$768,832.00, payable over a maximum of ten (10) years, be authorized

and approved, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the ERASE Redevelopment Agreement;

- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Agreement together with any ancillary documentation required, to give effect to the ERASE Redevelopment Grant for Dawn Victoria Homes (Brantford) Limited, owner of the properties at 12 Blanshard Street and 85 Poulette Street, Hamilton, 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 Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant, as approved by City Council, are maintained.

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

12. Barton Kenilworth Tax Increment Grant Program - 486 Barton Street East, Hamilton (PED21054) (Ward 3) (Item 10.5)

(Pearson/Wilson)

- (a) That a Barton Kenilworth Tax Increment Grant Program application submitted by 2621465 Ontario Inc. (Jeremy and Anna Greenspan), for the property at 486 Barton Street East, Hamilton, estimated at \$19,600.42 over a maximum of a nine-year period, and based upon the incremental tax increase attributable to the renovations of 486 Barton Street East,

Hamilton, be authorized and approved, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Barton Kenilworth 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 give effect to the Barton Kenilworth Tax Increment Grant for 2621465 Ontario Inc. (Jeremy and Anna Greenspan), for the property at 486 Barton Street East, Hamilton, 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 Barton Kenilworth Tax Increment Grant Program, as approved by City Council, are maintained.

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

**13. Hamilton Tax Increment Grant - 1 Jarvis Street, Hamilton (PED21056)
(Ward 2) (Item 10.6)**

(Farr/Eisenberger)

- (a) That a Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program application submitted by Hamilton I GP Incorporated (Emblem Developments), for the property at 1 Jarvis Street, Hamilton, estimated at \$3,577,364.07 over a maximum five (5) year period, and based upon the incremental tax increase attributable to the development of 1 Jarvis Street, Hamilton, 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 give effect to the Hamilton Tax Increment Grant for Hamilton I GP Incorporated (Emblem Developments), for the property at 1 Jarvis Street, Hamilton, 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 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, Deputy Mayor
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
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**14. Potential for Major Events in 2022 and 2023 (PED20071(b)) (City Wide)
(Item 10.7)**

(Farr/Pauls)

- (a) That the Recommendations outlined in Confidential Appendix "A" to Report PED20071(b), respecting the Potential for Major Events in 2022 and 2023, be approved;
- (b) That staff be directed to finalize an agreement, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, with the Canadian Country Music Association (CCMA) to host the 2023 Canadian Country Music Week (CMW) in Hamilton following the terms outlined in Confidential Appendix "B" to Report PED20071(b);
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City of Hamilton a Host Contract between the Canadian Country Music Association and the City of Hamilton to host the 2023

Canadian Country Music Week, together with all necessary ancillary documents, with content acceptable to the Director of Tourism and Culture and in a form satisfactory to the Acting City Solicitor;

- (d) That staff be directed to work with the Canadian Country Music Association to coordinate the 2023 Canadian Country Music Week event logistics and ensure all established guidelines and policies are adhered to;
- (e) That staff be authorized and directed to terminate the Host Contract, dated June 18, 2018, between the City of Hamilton and the Canadian Country Music Association for the 2020 Canadian Country Music Week; and,
- (f) That Appendices “A” and “B” to Report PED20071(b), respecting the Potential for Major Events in 2022 and 2023, remain confidential.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
No	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann, Deputy Mayor
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
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**15. Safe Restart Provincial Funding Agreement, Phase 2 Update (FCS20088)
(City Wide) (Item 10.8)**

(Pearson/Ferguson)

That Report FCS20088, respecting the Safe Restart Provincial Funding Agreement, Phase 2 Update, 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, Deputy Mayor

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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
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

16. Update on the City of Hamilton Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic Response (HUR21001/FCS21026) (City Wide) (Item 10.9)

(Pearson/Eisenberger)

That Report HUR21001/FCS21026, respecting the Update on the City of Hamilton Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic Response, be received.

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

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

17. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 21-003, March 9, 2021 (Item 10.10)

(Ferguson/Clark)

That sub-section (a) to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 21-003, which reads as follows, be referred to the General Manager of

Planning & Economic Development for review and a report back to the General Issues Committee:

(a) Built Environment Working Group Work Plan (Added Item 7.1(a))

That the Built Environment Working Group Work Plan, attached as Appendix "A" to Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 21-003, be approved.

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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
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
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(Eisenberger/Pearson)

(b) Membership Changes to the Housing Issues Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 7.2(b))

- (i) That the resignation of Michele Dent from the Housing Issues Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, be received; and,
- (ii) That Robert Semkow be appointed to the Housing Issues Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for the remainder of the 2018 – 2022 Term of Council.

(c) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Logo (Item 7.3(a))

WHEREAS, in an effort to educate the public regarding the role and function of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) with respect to City Council, the ACPD has begun designing a

pamphlet/brochure to be distributed throughout the City at various community centres. To that end, the ACPD has designed a logo for the Council's consideration;

WHEREAS, the most well-known symbol that represents persons with disabilities is the wheelchair symbol. While it has recently had a small facelift in the form of the Dynamic Symbol of Access, many people feel that it creates a false impression of disability; that the only disability that people need to make allowances for are those in wheelchairs and other similar mobility devices. It is for this reason that we do not feel that it is inclusive enough to represent all persons with disabilities;

WHEREAS, in an effort to be inclusive and encompass all disabilities we have looked for a symbol that represents all disabilities. The Universal symbol of Access is simply a representation of a person, with legs slightly spread and arms raised fractionally. It originated as the symbol for web accessibility, but it is becoming the more accepted symbol of universal accessibility. The reason for this is that it conveys the need for accommodation without placing judgement on the disabilities that require them;

WHEREAS, the ACPD will ensure that we follow all requirements when placing said logo; i.e. ensuring that it is always located to the right of the City of Hamilton logo and ensuring that it does not exceed the size of said logo; and,

WHEREAS, the logo presented for consideration is in a grayscale, we would ask for permission to alter its colours to possibly represent various disabilities with future use. For example, we would have made it purple last year to represent persons with invisible disabilities on International Persons with Disabilities Day;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities logo, attached as Appendix "B" to Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 21-003, to be used in outreach efforts in the community alongside the City of Hamilton logo (in accordance with the City of Hamilton Brand Guidelines), be forwarded to the Governance Review Sub-Committee for consideration.

(d) Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Status Report (deferred from the February 9, 2021 meeting) (Item 10.1)

That the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Status Report, be received.

(e) Long-Term COVID-19 Related Issues for Persons with Disabilities (Item 10.3)

That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or their designate, be invited to attend the April 13, 2021 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to discuss long-term COVID-19 related issues.

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

18. Waterdown Garden Supplies Ltd. Update (LS21009) (Ward 15) (Item 10.11)

(Pearson/Ferguson)

- (a) That Report LS21009, respecting Waterdown Garden Supplies Ltd. Update, be received; and,
- (b) That Appendix "A" to Report LS21009, respecting Waterdown Garden Supplies Ltd. Update, remain confidential.

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, Deputy Mayor
Absent	-	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

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Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
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

19. Chedoke Creek Order – Associated Costs (PW19008(I)) (City Wide) (Item 10.12)

(Pauls/VanderBeek)

That Report PW19008(I), respecting the Chedoke Creek Order – Associated Costs, be received.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann, Deputy Mayor
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
No	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

20. Disposition of City-Owned Industrial Land (PED20086(a)) (Ward 11) (Item 14.4)

(Johnson/Jackson)

- (a) That, as the real estate transaction outlined in confidential Report PED20086, respecting the Disposition of City-owned Industrial Lands (in Ward 11), which was approved by Council on April 22, 2020, did not close, the original direction provided to staff in Closed Session, be rescinded;
- (b) That an Offer to Purchase, for the sale of City-owned land shown in Appendix "A" and described in Appendix "B" attached to Report PED20086(a), substantially on terms and conditions, outlined in Appendix

- “B” attached to Report PED20086(a), and on such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development Department, be approved;
- (c) That the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development Department, or designate, acting on behalf of the City as land owner, be authorized and directed to provide any requisite consents, approvals and notices related to any applications for land use approval related to the sale of City-owned Industrial Lands, shown in Appendix “A” to Report PED20086(a);
 - (d) That staff be authorized and directed to allocate \$423,750 from the sale and proceeds of the City-owned Industrial Lands, as shown in Appendix “A” attached to Report PED20086(a), to Dept. ID Account No. 59806-812036 (Property Purchases and Sales) for recovery of expenses including appraisal, due diligence, property management and real estate and legal fees, and the remaining net proceeds, after other closing costs be transferred to the North Glanbrook Industrial Business Park Servicing Account No. 5160507001 and the Employment Land Banking Principal Project Account No. 3621750302, in accordance with the Financial implications section of Report PED20086(a);
 - (e) That staff be authorized and directed to fund the following projects from the North Glanbrook Industrial Business Park Servicing Account No. 5160507001:
 - (i) Red Hill Business Park – Dartnall Road Watermain (Project ID Account No. 3620707001) - \$370 K;
 - (ii) Red Hill Business Park – Dartnall Road Sewer (Project ID Account No. 3620707002) - \$700 K; and,
 - (iii) Red Hill Business Park – Twenty Road (Project ID Account No. 3620707005) - \$2.27 M.
 - (f) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to complete the sale of City-owned Industrial Lands, shown in Appendix “A” and described in Appendix “B” attached to Report PED20086(a), on behalf of the City, including paying any necessary expenses, amending the closing, due diligence and other dates, and amending and waiving terms and conditions on such terms as considered reasonable;
 - (g) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any necessary documents respecting the sale of City-owned Industrial Lands, as shown in Appendix “A” attached to Report PED20086(a), in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,

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- (h) That Report PED20086(a), respecting the Disposition of City-Owned Industrial Land in Ward 11, remain confidential until final completion of the real estate transaction.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 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, Deputy Mayor
Absent	-	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
Absent	-	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

21. Privileged Solicitor-Client Regulatory Update (LS21012(a)) (City Wide) (Item 14.6)

(Pauls/Ferguson)

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting Report LS21012(a) - Privileged Solicitor-Client Regulatory Update, be approved; and,
- (b) That Report LS21012(a) - Privileged Solicitor-Client Regulatory Update, remain confidential.

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

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.2. Barry Coombs, of Nature Canada's Bird Friendly City Hamilton-Burlington Team, to Certify Hamilton as a Bird Friendly City and in Support of the City's Biodiversity Action Plan (For the April 7, 2021 General Issues Committee meeting.)
- 6.3. Jen Baker, Hamilton Naturalists Club, respecting the City's Biodiversity Plan (For the April 7, 2021 General Issues Committee.)

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 10.12. Chedoke Creek Order - Associated Costs (PW190098(l)) (City Wide)

14. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

- 14.6. Privileged Solicitor-Client Regulatory Update (LS21012(a)) (City Wide)

Pursuant to Section 9.1, Sub-sections (e), (f), (h) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021 and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (e), (f), (h) and (k) 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; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency

of any of them; 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.

(Eisenberger/Johnson)

That the agenda for the March 24, 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, Deputy Mayor
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
Absent	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
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
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

(i) February 17, 2021 and March 3, 2021 (Items 4.1 and 4.2)

(Partridge/VanderBeek)

That the Minutes of the February 17, 2021 and March 3, 2021 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, Deputy Mayor

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
Absent	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
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
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6.1)

(Wilson/Pauls)

That the delegation requests, listed as Items 6.1 to 6.3, be approved, as follows:

- (i) Douglas Earl, Charter City Toronto, respecting Charter City Toronto's Objectives (For a future GIC) (Item 6.1);
- (ii) Barry Coombs, Nature Canada's Bird Friendly City Hamilton-Burlington Team, to Certify Hamilton as a Bird Friendly City and in Support of the City's Biodiversity Action Plan (For the April 7, 2021 GIC) (Item 6.2); and,
- (iii) Jen Baker, Hamilton Naturalists Club, respecting the City's Biodiversity Plan (For the April 7, 2021 GIC) (Item 6.3).

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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
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
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)

(i) Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee Minutes, January 12, 2021 (Item 7.1)

(Jackson/Pearson)

That the Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee Minutes of January 12, 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 Nrinder Nann, Deputy Mayor
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
Absent	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
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
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

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

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

(Wilson/Farr)

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

(ii) Five Year Review of the Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan and Associated Finance Incentive Programs (PED21035) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

Judy Lam, Manager of Urban Renewal; and, Phil Caldwell, Senior Project Manager, Urban Renewal, provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting Report PED21035 - Five Year Review of the Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan and Associated Finance Incentive Programs.

(Eisenberger/Farr)

That the presentation, respecting Report PED21035 - Five Year Review of the Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan and Associated Finance Incentive Programs, 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, Deputy Mayor
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
Absent	-	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
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7.

(g) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 9)

(i) Ian Hamilton, President and CEO, Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority, respecting the Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority Ports Update (Item 9.1)

Ian Hamilton, President and CEO, Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority, provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority Ports Update.

(Eisenberger/Farr)

That Ian Hamilton, President and CEO, Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority, be permitted 15 minutes to provide his presentation respecting the Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority, respecting the Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority Ports Update.

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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
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Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
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Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	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
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(VanderBeek/Eisenberger)

That the presentation provided by Ian Hamilton, President and CEO, Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority, respecting the Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority Ports Update, 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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

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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
Absent	-	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

(Pearson/Ferguson)

That the General Issues Committee recess for one half hour until 1:15 p.m.

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

(h) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Litigation Update - Waterdown Garden Supply Ltd. (LS21009) (Ward 15) (Item 10.11)

(Jackson/Eisenberger)

That consideration of Report LS21009, respecting the Litigation Update - Waterdown Garden Supply Ltd., be DEFERRED until discussion of Private and Confidential Appendix "A" to Report LS21009 has occurred in Closed Session.

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, Deputy Mayor
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
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeeK
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(i) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 13.1)

(VanderBeeK/Johnson)

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

- (1) Proposed New Due Dates (Item 13.1.a.)
 - (aa) Feasibility of Creating a Technology Hub (Item 13.1.a.a.)
Current Due Date: February 3, 2021
Proposed New Due Date: May 5, 2021
 - (bb) Potential Solutions to the Chedoke Creek Matter (Item 13.1.a.b)
Current Due Date: March 24, 2021
Proposed New Due Date: June 16, 2021
 - (cc) Outline of the Costs of the Exclusions Outlined in Report PW18064 (AODA) (Item 13.1.a.c.)
Current Due Date: March 24, 2021
Proposed New Due Date: September 22, 2021
 - (dd) Update on Request for Information - Downtown Parking Structure (PED16105 and PED15183) (Item 13.1.a.d.)
Current Due Date: May 19, 2021
Proposed New Due Date: December 8, 2021

- (2) Items to be Removed (Item 13.1.b.)
- (aa) Hate Prevention and Mitigation Initiative – Feedback from a Larger Sample of the Broader Community (Item 13.1.b.a.)
(Addressed at the February 17, 2021 GIC as Item 9.2 - Report CM19006(d))
- (bb) City of Hamilton's Application for Funding under the Safe Restart Agreement, Phase 2 for the Municipal Operating Pressures Related to COVID-19 (Item 13.1.b.b.)
(Addressed as Item 10.8 on this agenda - Report FCS20088)

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

(j) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)

(i) Closed Session Minutes – February 17, 2021 (Item 14.1)

(Johnson/Pearson)

- (a) That the Closed Session Minutes of the February 17, 2021 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as presented; and,
- (b) That the Closed Session Minutes of the February 17, 2021 General Issues Committee meeting remain confidential.

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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 4	Councillor Sam Merulla
Absent	-	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
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeeck
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

(Pauls/Johnson)

That Committee move into Closed Session, respecting Items 14.4 to 14.6, pursuant to Section 9.1, Sub-sections (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (h), (i) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021 and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (h), (i) and (k) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; labour relations or employee negotiations; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and, information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them; a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization; and, a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 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, Deputy Mayor
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

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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
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

(k) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Pearson/Johnson)

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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, Deputy Mayor
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

Respectfully submitted,

Nrinder Nann, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator,
Office of the City Clerk



SPECIAL GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 21-007

9:30 a.m.

Monday, March 29, 2021

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

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

Absent: Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. **GRIDS 2 and Municipal Comprehensive Review – Final Land Needs Assessment (PED17010(i)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

(Clark/Danko)

(a) *That staff be directed to conduct a city-wide mail consultation with a survey on the Land Needs Assessment and the Municipal Comprehensive Review that includes the Ambitious Density Scenario, a “no boundary expansion” scenario, and that also allows residents to submit their own alternative scenario, to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve No. 110046 at an estimated amount of \$35,000;*

(b) *That, with respect the mailout survey regarding the Land Needs Assessment and the Municipal Comprehensive Review, staff be directed to:*

(i) *include a postage prepaid return envelope as part of the mailout; and,*

(ii) *give residents 30 days to respond to the survey, respecting the Land Needs Assessment and the Municipal Comprehensive Review;*

(c) *That staff be directed to compile the data from the Land Needs Assessment and the Municipal Comprehensive Review survey and*

provide an Information Report to be presented at a Special General Issues Committee no later than October 2021;

- (d) *That staff be directed to prepare scenarios for where and how growth would be accommodated under the Ambitious Density Scenario as well as a “no boundary expansion” scenario, and to present these scenarios as well as staff’s recommended land needs assessment, growth targets, and preferred growth scenario at that same Special General Issues Committee to be held no later than October 2021;***
- (e)** That the GRIDS 2 / MCR process and the development and evaluation of scenarios consider phasing options that would ensure that any future urban boundary expansions are controlled and phased, including consideration of options for identifying growth needs beyond 2041 without formally designating the land as urban at this time; and,
- (f)** That at the conclusion of GRIDS 2 / MCR and the final approval of the implementing Official Plan Amendments identifying the land need to accommodate growth to 2051, staff prepare a report for Council with respect to the necessary steps for recommending to the Province that any remaining Community Area Whitebelt lands be added to the Greenbelt.

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

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

2. GRIDS 2 and Municipal Comprehensive Review – Planning for Growth to 2051: Draft Evaluation Framework and Phasing Criteria (PED17010(j)) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Eisenberger/Pearson)

- (a) That the GRIDS 2 / MCR – Planning for Growth to 2051: Draft Evaluation Framework and Phasing Criteria (Whitebelt Lands), attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED17010(j)), be received;
- (b) That the GRIDS 2 / MCR – Draft Screening Criteria and Evaluation Tool (Waterdown and Binbrook), attached as Appendix “B” to Report PED17010(j), be received; and,
- (c) That staff be authorized and directed to commence public and stakeholder consultation, utilizing both digital and non-digital platforms, on the draft evaluation framework and phasing criteria identified in Appendices “A” and “B” attached to Report PED17010(j), and that staff report back on the results of the consultation prior to final approval of the evaluation framework and phasing criteria.

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

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

3. Request to Delay Submission of Growth Plan Conformity Official Plan Amendment, Suspension of the Timetable for Municipal Conformity to the Growth Plan and an Extension the Deadline for Growth Plan Conformity (Item 11.1)

(Clark/Johnson)

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario has mandated the City of Hamilton to conduct a Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) of its Official Plan; whereby, decisions must be made as to how all of the population and employment growth is to be accommodated in the local municipalities for the years 2031 to 2051;

WHEREAS, since June 2019, the Province has amended a number of Provincial Statutes and policies that impact how municipalities plan for growth including the following:

- Provincial Policy Statement;
- A Place to Grow: The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe;
- *Development Charges Act*;
- *Planning Act*;
- *Environmental Assessment Act*; and.
- *Conservation Authorities Act*;

WHEREAS, these significant Provincial changes include:

- reduced density targets in new greenfield development from 80 persons and jobs per hectare to 50 persons and jobs per hectare;
- reduced intensification targets from 60% beyond 2031 to 50%;
- setting minimum population and employment growth forecasts that can be exceeded, subject to Provincial approval;
- extended the planning horizon from 2041 to the year 2051;
- introduced market demand as a consideration in determining the housing mix; and,
- revisions to how municipalities fund growth;

WHEREAS, these Provincial changes signal an abrupt shift from the emphasis on creating compact and complete communities to a planning regime that facilitates lower density and car dependent communities;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has declared a climate change emergency and must consider the role of land use planning in their strategies to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions;

WHEREAS, these Provincial changes create pressure to convert more class 1, 2 and 3 farmlands in Hamilton to urban uses than would otherwise be necessary, which is contrary to Hamilton's Official Plan;

WHEREAS, ensuring that Ontarians have access to healthy safe food in the future requires thoughtful consideration of the long-term impact of converting thousands of acres of prime agricultural lands in the Hamilton area to urban uses;

WHEREAS, the change of the planning horizon to 2051, by the Province, means that future municipal councils and the public will have little power to change decisions where they will grow after 2031 to the 2051 planning horizon;

WHEREAS, in the rural areas, internet service is often poor or non-existent, making it difficult for rural residents to engage in virtual public consultations;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's current timelines project an Official Plan Amendment by January 2022, seven months before the current Provincial Deadline of July 2022;

WHEREAS, the desired outcome of the City of Hamilton's Strategic Plan, under the Community Engagement and Participation Priority is..."Hamilton has an open, transparent and accessible approach to City government that engages with and empowers all citizens to be involved in their community.";

WHEREAS, the current pandemic is making effective, in person public consultation impossible at a time when robust, informed public consultation is needed more than ever; and,

WHEREAS, the nature of work has evolved in response to the pandemic, which may cause long-term changes to the assumptions underlying the province's Land Needs Assessment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Mayor correspond with the Honourable Premier Doug Ford and the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to request the Province allow the City of Hamilton to delay its submission of its Growth Plan conformity Official Plan Amendment until proper, in person, informed consultation with the public has been conducted on the growth concepts and the preferred growth concepts;

- (b) That the Province be requested to suspend the timetable for municipal conformity to the Growth Plan to ensure that the public can fully participate in the process of planning their communities for the growth planning period covering 2031 to 2051;
- (c) That the Province be requested to extend the deadline for Growth Plan conformity in order to allow municipalities time to better understand and reflect the impacts of COVID as it relates to real estate markets, housing demand, commercial and office development impacts, and overall land needs; and,
- (d) That this resolution be copied to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the leaders of the Provincial opposition parties, Hamilton's MPP's, and the neighbouring municipalities.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

5. ADDED COMMUNICATION ITEMS

- 5.1 Correspondence from Mary Love, Secretary, Council of Canadians – Hamilton Chapter respecting the Province of Ontario’s Revised Municipal Planning Guidelines

Recommendation: Be received.

- 5.2 Correspondence from Cordelia Clarke Julien, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, respecting a Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe

Recommendation: Be received.

- 5.3 Correspondence respecting GRIDS 2 and the Municipal Comprehensive Review – Lands Needs Assessment

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5.3.b. Eleanor Hayward

5.3.c. Ken Inouye

5.3.d. Don Brown

5.3.e. Durand Neighbourhood Association

5.3.f. Hart Jansson, Halton Action for Climate Change

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- 5.3.ab. Harvey Feit
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- 5.3.ad. C. A. Klassen
- 5.3.ae. Marnie Wilson
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- 5.3.ag. Mary Ellen Scanlon
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- 5.3.ai. Nicole Buchanan, MD
- 5.3.aj. North End Neighbourhood Association
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- 5.3.ar. Sara Shwadchuck
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- 5.3.aw. Virginia H. Aksan
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- 5.3.dx. L. Christine Shepherd
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- 5.3.ep. Frank Ahern
- 5.3.eq. Erin Rittich-Haber

6. ADDED DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.1 Delegation Requests respecting GRIDS 2 and the Municipal Comprehensive Review – Land Needs Assessment
 - 6.1.a. Mike Collins-Williams, West End Homebuilders Association
 - 6.1.b. Don McLean
 - 6.1.c. Paul Szachlewicz and Ed Fothergill, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce
 - 6.1.d. Rabbi David Mivasair
 - 6.1.e. Laura Katz
 - 6.1.f. Ruth Pickering

- 6.1.g. James Quinn
- 6.1.h. Kathleen Livingston
- 6.1.i. Akir Ourique
- 6.1.j. Nancy Hurst
- 6.1.k. Senna Thomas
- 6.1.l. Michelle Tom
- 6.1.m. Glen Brown
- 6.1.n. Summer Elly Thomas
- 6.1.o. Suzanne Mills
- 6.1.p. David Carson
- 6.1.q. Lynda Lukasik
- 6.1.r. Howard Katz
- 6.1.s. Becky Katz
- 6.1.t. Chris McLaughlin, Bay Area Restoration Council
- 6.1.u. Dr. Gail Krantzberg (Video Submission)
- 6.1.v. Cameron Kroetsch
- 6.1.w. Patricia Baker (Video Submission)
- 6.1.x. Kathy Garneau
- 6.1.y. Gord McNulty, Hamilton Naturalists' Club
- 6.1.z. Katharine King (Video Submission)
- 6.1.aa. Kojo Dampety, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion
- 6.1.ab. Frances Murray, Chair, Durand Neighbourhood Association, Climate Change Committee
- 6.1.ac. Miriam Sager

- 6.1.ad. Aaron Marques
- 6.1.ae. Diane Shamchuk
- 6.1.af. Dr. Meghan Davis, Crown Point Family Health Centre
- 6.1.ag. Veronica Gonzalez, ACORN
- 6.1.ah. Beverly Wager
- 6.1.ai. Cheryl M. Patterson
- 6.1.aj. Drew Spoelstra, Ontario Federation of Agriculture
- 6.1.ak. Zoe Green (Video Submission)
- 6.1.al. Rebecca Guzzo, ACORN
- 6.1.am. Yuki Hayashi
- 6.1.an. Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton
- 6.1.ao. Rhu Sherrard
- 6.1.ap. Lilly Noble
- 6.1.aq. Lisa Hind, Hamilton ACORN – Mountain Chapter
- 6.1.ar. Peter Ormond (Video Submission)
- 6.1.as. Mark Noskiewicz, Goodmans LLP on behalf of the Elfrida Landowners Group
- 6.1.at. Stephanie Brash
- 6.1.au. Elizabeth Ellis (Video Submission)
- 6.1.av. Alex Wilson
- 6.1.aw. Lauren Stephen (Video Submission)
- 6.1.ax. John Corbett, Corbett Land Strategies on behalf of the Upper West Side Landowners Group
- 6.1.ay. Lee Parsons, MGP City Plan LTD, on behalf of the Upper West Side Landowners Group

- 6.1.az. John Doherty, Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP
- 6..1.ba. Jonathan Minnes, Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP
- 6.1.bb. Paul Lowes, SGL Planning & Design Inc.
- 6.1.bc. Alice Park
- 6.1.bd. Mary Love, Indigenous Affinity Group, Extinction Rebellion
Hamilton
- 6.1.be. Chris Krucker, National Farmers' Union
- 6.1.bf. Jackson Hudecki
- 6.1.bg. Cynthia Meyer

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 12.1 Request to Delay Submission of the Growth Plan Conformity
Official Plan Amendment, Suspension of the Timetable for
Municipal Conformity of the Growth Plan and an Extension to the
Deadline for Growth Plan Conformity

(Pearson/VanderBeek)

That the agenda for the March 29, 2021 Special General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as amended.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann, Deputy Mayor
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Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
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Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) COMMUNICATION ITEMS (Item 5)**(Eisenberger/Johnson)**

That Communication Items 5.1 to 5.3.eq., respecting GRIDS 2 and the Municipal Comprehensive Review – Lands Needs Assessment, be approved, as follows:

- (i) Correspondence from Mary Love, Secretary, Council of Canadians – Hamilton Chapter respecting the Province of Ontario’s Revised Municipal Planning Guidelines (Item 5.1)

Recommendation: Be received.

- (ii) Correspondence from Cordelia Clarke Julien, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, respecting a Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Item 5.2)

Recommendation: Be received.

- (iii) Correspondence respecting GRIDS 2 and the Municipal Comprehensive Review – Lands Needs Assessment (Item 5.3):

- (1) Rose Janson (Item 5.3.a.)
- (2) Eleanor Hayward (Item 5.3.b.)
- (3) Ken Inouye (Item 5.3.c.)
- (4) Don Brown (Item 5.3.d.)
- (5) Durand Neighbourhood Association (Item 5.3.e.)
- (6) Hart Jansson, Halton Action for Climate Change (Item 5.3.f.)
- (7) Frank Ahern (Item 5.3.g.)
- (8) Doyne Ahern (Item 5.3.h.)
- (9) Paul Copcutt (Item 5.3.i.)
- (10) David Atkins (Item 5.3.j.)

- (11) Veronica Ross Mottley (Item 5.3.k.)
- (12) Halton Hills Climate Action (Item 5.3.l.)
- (13) Sue Carson (Item 5.3.m.)
- (14) Laurie Nielson (Item 5.3.n.)
- (15) Paul Wilson (Item 5.3.o.)
- (16) Ron and Mary Sealey (Item 5.3.p.)
- (17) Tina Di Clemente (Item 5.3.q.)
- (18) Mervyn Russell (Item 5.3.r.)
- (19) Andrea Zorzi (Item 5.3.s.)
- (20) Diane Samchuk (Item 5.3.t.)
- (21) Elizabeth Seidl (Item 5.3.u.)
- (22) Lyn Folkes (Item 5.3.v.)
- (23) Richard Koroscil, Chair, Bay Area Climate Change Council;
and Bianca Carmento, Chair, Bay Area Climate Change
Council (Item 5.3.w.)
- (24) Wayne Poole, Eco Churches of West Hamilton (Item 5.3.x.)
- (25) Rosa Beraldo (Item 5.3.y.)
- (26) Margot Olivieri (Item 5.3.z.)
- (27) Janet Duval and Jane Fogul, Co-leaders, Halton Hills
Climate Action Plan (Item 5.3.aa.)
- (28) Harvey Feit (5.3.ab.)
- (29) Dr. Meghan Davis, Crown Point Family Health Centre (Item
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- (30) C. A. Klassen (Item 5.3.ad.)
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- (32) Marsha Sulewski (Item 5.3.af.)

- (33) Mary Ellen Scanlon (Item 5.3.ag.)
- (34) Nancy Copper and Brian Hay (Item 5.3.ah.)
- (35) Nicole Buchanan, MD (Item 5.3.ai)
- (36) North End Neighbourhood Association (Item 5.3.aj.)
- (37) Paul Shaker, Principal, CivicPlan (Item 5.3.ak.)
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- (77) David Price (Item 5.3.bz.)
- (78) David Higgins (Item 5.3.ca.)

- (79) Debbie Medeiros (Item 5.3.cb.)
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- (99) Rose Anne Prevec (Item 5.3.cv.)
- (100) Rodger Brunning (Item 5.3.cw.)
- (101) Roderick Gillyatt (Item 5.3.cx.)
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- (134) Kate Chung (Item 5.3.ee.)
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- (136) Joanne Patak (Item 5.3.eg.)
- (137) Joanna Sargent (Item 5.3.eh.)
- (138) Jill Tonini (Item 5.3.ei.)
- (139) Jacob Stief (Item 5.3.ej)
- (140) Hussam Taha (Item 5.3.ek)
- (141) Heather Vaughn (Item 5.3.el.)
- (142) Hart Jansson (Item 5.3.em.)
- (143) George Sweeney (Item 5.3.en.)
- (144) Gail Lorimer (Item 5.3.eo.)
- (145) Frank Ahern (Item 5.3.ep)
- (146) Erin Rittich-Haber (Item 5.3.eq.)

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

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Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6.1)

(Partridge/Clark)

That the delegation requests, respecting GRIDS 2 and the Municipal Comprehensive Review – Land Needs Assessment, listed as Items 6.1.a to 6.1.bg., be approved, as follows:

- i. Mike Collins-Williams, West End Homebuilders Association (Item 6.1.a.)
- ii. Don McLean (Item 6.1.b.)
- iii. Paul Szachlewicz and Ed Fothergill, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce (Item 6.1.c.)
- iv. Rabbi David Mivasair (Item 6.1.d.)
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 - lvii. Chris Krucker, National Farmers' Union (Item 6.1.be.)
 - lviii. Jackson Hudecki (Item 6.1.bf.)

lix. Cynthia Meyer (Item 6.1.bg.)

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
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(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) GRIDS 2 and Municipal Comprehensive Review – Final Land Needs Assessment (PED17010(i)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

Joanne Hickey-Evans, Manager, Policy Planning & Zoning By-law Reform, provided an overview of growth management and a view of the City in 2051.

Antony Lorius, Lorius & Associates, provided the growth context to 2051 and the Land Needs Assessment results.

Heather Travis, Senior Project Manager, Growth Strategy provided a review of the Land Needs Assessment public engagement and staff recommendations.

(Eisenberger/Pearson)

That the presentation, respecting Report PED17010(i) - GRIDS 2 and Municipal Comprehensive Review – Final Land Needs Assessment, 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, Deputy Mayor
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Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

(Clark/Johnson)

That Report PED17010(i), respecting GRIDS 2 and Municipal Comprehensive Review - Final Land Needs Assessment, be amended by deleting sub-sections (a) through (c) in their entirety and replacing them with the following in lieu thereof, and by re-lettering the balance accordingly:

- (a) ~~That the City of Hamilton Land Needs Assessment to 2051 – Technical Working Paper, prepared by Lorus & Associates, dated March 2021, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED17010(i) be adopted by Council for the GRIDS 2 / MCR integrated growth management planning process;~~
- (b) ~~That the following reports be approved by Council:~~
- ~~(i) Residential Intensification Market Demand Study, prepared by Lorus and Associates, dated March 2021, attached as Appendix “B” to Report PED17010(i);~~
 - ~~(ii) Residential Intensification Supply Update, dated March 2021, attached as Appendix “C” to Report PED17010(i);~~
 - ~~(iii) Existing Designated Greenfield Area Density Analysis, dated March 2021, attached as Appendix “D” to Report PED17010(i);~~
- (c) ~~That Council adopt the “Ambitious Density” scenario, as identified in the Land Needs Assessment to 2051 – Technical Working Paper prepared by Lorus & Associates, dated March 2021, as the preferred Community Area land needs scenario, and the following growth projections, intensification target, planned density of~~

~~greenfield areas, and Community / Employment Area land needs be utilized and incorporated into the GRIDS 2 / MCR process and the development and evaluation of growth scenarios:~~

- ~~(i) A projected household growth of 110,300 households;~~
- ~~(ii) An intensification target of 50% between 2021 and 2031, 60% between 2031 and 2041 and 70% between 2041 and 2051;~~
- ~~(iii) A planned density of 60 persons and jobs per hectare (pjh) in existing Designated Greenfield Areas and 77 pjh in new Designated Greenfield Areas (urban expansion areas);~~
- ~~(iv) A Community Area land need of 1,340 gross developable ha to 2051; and,~~
- ~~(v) An Employment Area land need of 0 ha, to be confirmed subject to the finalization of the Employment Land Review report.~~

- (a) That staff be directed to conduct a city-wide mail consultation with a survey on the Land Needs Assessment and the Municipal Comprehensive Review that includes the Ambitious Density Scenario, a “no boundary expansion” scenario, and that also allows residents to submit their own alternative scenario, to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve No. 110046 at an estimated amount of \$35,000**
- (b) That, with respect the mailout survey regarding the Land Needs Assessment and the Municipal Comprehensive Review, staff be directed to:**
 - (i) include a postage prepaid return envelope as part of the mailout; and,**
 - (ii) give residents 30 days to respond to the survey, respecting the Land Needs Assessment and the Municipal Comprehensive Review;**
- (c) That staff be directed to compile the data from the Land Needs Assessment and the Municipal Comprehensive Review survey and provide an Information Report to be presented at a Special General Issues Committee no later than October 2021; and,**

- (d) ***That staff be directed to prepare scenarios for where and how growth would be accommodated under the Ambitious Density Scenario as well as a “no boundary expansion” scenario, and to present these scenarios as well as staff’s recommended land needs assessment, growth targets, and preferred growth scenario at that same Special General Issues Committee to be held no later than October 2021.***
- (e) That the GRIDS 2 / MCR process and the development and evaluation of scenarios consider phasing options that would ensure that any future urban boundary expansions are controlled and phased, including consideration of options for identifying growth needs beyond 2041 without formally designating the land as urban at this time; and,
- (f) That at the conclusion of GRIDS 2 / MCR and the final approval of the implementing Official Plan Amendments identifying the land need to accommodate growth to 2051, staff prepare a report for Council with respect to the necessary steps for recommending to the Province that any remaining Community Area Whitebelt lands be added to the Greenbelt.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
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For further disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 1.

(ii) **GRIDS 2 and Municipal Comprehensive Review – Planning for Growth to 2051: Draft Evaluation Framework and Phasing Criteria (PED17010(j)) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

(Farr/Clark)

That the presentation, respecting Report PED17010(j), respecting GRIDS 2 and Municipal Comprehensive Review – Planning for Growth to 2051: Draft Evaluation Framework and Phasing Criteria, be waived.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 1, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
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For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

(f) **PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 9)**

(Eisenberger/Wilson)

That the presentations, respecting GRIDS 2 and the Municipal Comprehensive Review – Land Needs Assessment, listed as Items 9.1.a to 9.1.bg., be received, as follows:

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- lix. Cynthia Meyer (Item 9.1.bg.)

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

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(g) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

Councillor B. Clark introduced a Notice of Motion respecting a Request to Delay Submission of the Growth Plan Conformity Official Plan Amendment, Suspension of the Timetable for Municipal Conformity of the Growth Plan and an Extension to the Deadline for Growth Plan Conformity.

(i) Request to Delay Submission of the Growth Plan Conformity Official Plan Amendment, Suspension of the Timetable for Municipal Conformity of the Growth Plan and an Extension to the Deadline for Growth Plan Conformity (Item 12.1)**(Clark/Johnson)**

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting Request to Delay Submission of the Growth Plan Conformity Official Plan Amendment, Suspension of the Timetable for Municipal Conformity of the Growth Plan and an Extension to the Deadline for Growth Plan Conformity.

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

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**(Pearson/Eisenberger)**

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
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Respectfully submitted,

Nrinder Nann, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator,
Office of the City Clerk

From: Susan Wortman
Sent: March 13, 2021 7:26 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Biodiversity Action Plan

To all Hamilton Councillors,

I understand that on April 7th, staff will present a Biodiversity Action Plan Framework to the General Issues Committee. I am writing to let you know that I support a Biodiversity Action Plan for Hamilton. Along with the Climate Crisis, we are in a global biodiversity crisis worldwide, and Hamilton is no exception. The federal government responded by setting biodiversity goals and targets that were to be achieved by the end of 2020. One of those targets is for municipalities to include biodiversity considerations into their planning practices.

The City of Hamilton has implemented some policies that support urban biodiversity, however, we are no where near where we need to be.

Not only does nature have its own intrinsic value, but it provides critical eco-systems services to humans, such as filtering air and water, safeguarding against flooding and drought--green infrastructure supporting gray infrastructure, providing nature based solutions to the climate crisis.

I urge you to be champions for biodiversity protection, enhancement and restoration and to vote on our behalf for a healthy city.

Thank you, Susan Wortman



Date: 2021-03-23

To: Judi Partridge, Veronica McMullen, Christine DiGiantomasso and Arlene VanderBeek
christine.digiantomasso@hamilton.ca; judi.partridge@sympatico.ca arlene.vanderbeek@hamilton.ca;
veronica.mcmullen@hamilton.ca

Subject: Hamilton's Biodiversity Action Plan

Dear Councillor Judi Partridge:

I am writing on behalf of the Flamborough Horticultural Society to let you know that we support the Biodiversity Action Plan which is to be discussed at the April 7th meeting of the General Issues Committee. We want to make the case for an aggressive Biodiversity Action Plan for Hamilton. We are in the midst of a global loss of biodiversity. Approximately 75 per cent of the world's food crops rely on insects and other animals for pollination. For flowering plants, the figure is 90 per cent. Each of Canada's 15 ecozones play a critical role in the survival of species. Necessary actions from all of us include conserving nature, constructing wetlands, protecting existing wetlands, removing invasive plant species (e.g., Phragmites, European Buckthorn), protecting endangered species and engaging communities in bird-friendly practices. These actions will benefit whole ecosystems and help us to protect our aquatic wildlife. Doing this requires municipalities to create new protected areas and develop policies to protect pollinators.

We also need to teach more people about nature, renovate cityscapes to add natural connections to link habitats together, plant more beneficial native trees, build more rain gardens and use new technology to protect our lands, waters and wildlife.

The City of Hamilton has implemented policies that support urban biodiversity; a great start. However, we are a long way from where we need to be.

Even though humans do count more than nature, we still have a moral obligation to protect nature, recognizing that it has its own intrinsic value. It provides emotional well being, critical eco-systems services to humans such as filtering air and water, safeguarding against flooding and drought— green infrastructure supporting grey infrastructure. We also support nature-based solutions as described in more detail [here](#).

We urge you to be a champion for increased protection and restoration of biodiversity and vote on our behalf for a healthier city.

Sincerely,

Susan MacMillan

President, Flamborough Horticultural Society flamhort@hotmail.com



MINUTES
ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION
January 26th, 2021
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
WebEx – Virtual Platform

Chair: Annette Paiement

Recorder: Lauren Anastasi

Present: Monika Ciolek, Monolina Bhattacharyya-Ray, Ranil Sonnadara, Janna Malseed, Eileen Reilly, Elizabeth Jayne Cardno, Lisa LaRocca, Councillor Farr, Councillor Danko, Ken Coit (Staff)

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

Land Acknowledgement

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Request to add the following items to the agenda under Staff Presentations:

9.1 Update on Hamilton Arts Council Digital Arts Hub Project.

9.2 Update Hamilton Arts Awards Program

MOVED: Janna Malseed

SECOND: Eileen Reilly

That the agenda of today's meeting as amended be approved.

CARRIED

3. DECLERATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 Annette Paiement is on the Board of Directors for Together in Dance.
Item 6.1 will be Chaired by Eileen Reilly.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Approval of Minutes November 24th, 2020. No changes to the minutes were required.

MOVED: Eileen Reilly

SECOND: Ranil Sonnadara

That the meeting minutes of November 24th, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 Communication re Advisory Committees and Citizen Committee Reports from City Clerk

AAC Reports to General Issues Committee. Citizen Committee Reports required for GIC approval for certain actions.

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

6.1 Together in Dance – Haleigh Eady, Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts presented a written delegation.

MOVED: Janna Malseed

SECOND: Lisa LaRocca

That the written delegation request from Haleigh Eady, regarding Together in Dance be received at this meeting.

CARRIED

Annette Paiement Abstained

7. CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

Update from Monika Ciolek. Together in Dance Festival will take place virtually in April 2021. The written delegation is an update to the AAC regarding last year's delegation.

9. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

9.1 Hamilton Arts Council Digital Arts Hub

Ken Coit shared an update from Hamilton Arts Council regarding the HAMSTR Digital Arts Hub initiative. AAC approved a motion to provide seed money and a letter of recommendation for this project at the September 3rd, 2020 meeting.

Hamilton Art Council will know if they received additional grant funding by March 2021. They have hired Research Coordinator Jessica Vann to oversee the digital arts hub. HAC would be happy to present a progress report to the AAC at a future meeting.

9.2 Arts Awards

Ken Coit shared that the Hamilton Arts Awards received a total of 176 nominations for Creator, Arts Champion and Lifetime Achievement categories this year, a significant increase from nominations received in years past.

The second phase of nominations beginning soon for Shirley Elford Emerging Artist Commission Prize which will award two \$2000 commissions to Hamilton artists to create artworks specific to Hamilton's Arts Scene for presentation at the 2022 awards event

50 members of the arts community have been engaged to review the nominations.

Request for AAC volunteers to audit the arts awards juries during the adjudication process.

MOVED: Janna Malseed SECOND: Councillor Farr

That Monika Ciolek and Eileen Reilly represent Arts Advisory Commission to attend juries to audit the Hamilton Arts Awards adjudication process.

CARRIED

9.3 Mayor’s Task Force on Economic Recovery

Ken Coit provided and update on Mayor’s Task Force on Economic Recovery Report 2020.

AAC Commissionaire Lisa LaRocca participated as a representative of the Arts and Culture Subcommittee on the Task Force that created the Report. Next meeting is in February to discuss what recommendations have passed and how to address long term items.

AAC to further review the Report in order to select specific recommendations to support by way of a report to council. This will require further discussion

The report was presented to council. Several motions passed to take immediate action. Additional follow up Task Force meetings are planned to discuss further action.

MOVED: Jayne Malseed SECOND: Eileen Reilly

That Arts Advisory Commission receive the Mayors Task Force on Economic Recovery Report.

CARRIED

9.4 Mayor’s Task Force on Economic Recovery AAC Membership

One item in the report speaks directly to AAC as follows:

“3) Create a policy to have a minimum of one-third of the seats for Coalition of Black and Racialized Artists members and/or BIPOC

representation on the City of Hamilton Arts Advisory Committee at all times.”

MOVED: Jayne Cardno

SECOND: Monika Ciolek

That in support of this recommendation, the staff liaison is to communicate with the Legislative Coordinator about the recruitment and selection process of AAC commissionaires and to provide recommendations to the ACC on how to address the Task Force recommendation and to enhance the process to ensure that it is inclusive of persons with disabilities, LGBTQ+ and BIPOC+ citizens.

CARRIED

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1 Communication, education and training. This discussion item is addressed in item 10.3

10.2 Symposium 2020 – Creative Café

Given the delays due to COVID and its impact on the arts community the Symposium will be put on hold and a subcommittee formed to review the Arts and Culture recommendations of the Mayor’s Task Force on Economic Recovery Report to determine how the AAC may assist in moving recommendations forward and in supporting the recovery of the arts community.

Subcommittee volunteers include: Jayne Cardno, Lisa LaRocca, Eileen Reilly, Monika Ciolek, Ranil Sonnadara and Janna Malseed.

Councillor Farr and Councillor Danko have volunteered to advise the subcommittee.

MOVED: Eileen Reilly

SECOND: Janna Malseed

That the creation and meeting of an AAC subcommittee be formed to review the recommendation of the Mayor’s Task Force on Economic

Recovery and to report back to AAC with possible action items at the March 23rd, 2021 meeting.

CARRIED

Councillor Danko and Councillor Farr could present a Motion to indicate to the Mayor's Task Force that they support the recommendations and will assist where appropriate with implementation.

MOVED: Elizabeth Jayne Cardno

SECOND: Eileen Reilly

That the AAC supports Councillors Danko and Farr in putting forward a motion indicating that AAC is in full support of Mayor's task force on Economic recovery recommendations on Arts and Culture and encourages council to address the immediate needs as quickly as possible. The AAC will provide their expertise and work to assist with action on any immediate recommendations as needed.

and

That Councillors Danko and Farr be asked to communicate the AAC's support to Council via motion to ensure that it is received for consideration before the Task Force's February meeting.

CARRIED

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

12. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

There were no general information/other business.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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MOVED: Ranil Sonnadara

SECOND: Eileen Reilly

That the Arts Advisory Commission meeting be adjourned at 5:14pm

CARRIED



Hamilton

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES 21-002

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Virtual Meeting

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

- Present:** Councillor Esther Pauls (Chair)
Tracy MacKinnon – Westdale Village BIA and Stoney Creek BIA
Cristina Geissler – Concession Street BIA
Lisa Anderson – Dundas BIA
Kerry Jarvi – Downtown Hamilton BIA
Susan Pennie – Waterdown BIA
Rachel Braithwaite – Barton Village BIA
Susie Braithwaite – International Village BIA
Jennifer Mattern – Ancaster BIA
Emily Burton – Ottawa Street BIA
Heidi VanderKwaak – Locke Street BIA
- Absent:** Michal Cybin – King West BIA
Bender Chug – Main West Esplanade BIA

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

(Mattern/S. Braithwaite)

That the agenda for the February 9, 2021 Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) January 12, 2021 (Item 3.1)

(Geissler/VanderKwaak)

That the January 12, 2021 Minutes of the Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Hamilton Business Enterprise Centre Program Update (Item 8.1)

Kristin Huigenbos, Coordinator of the Hamilton Business Enterprise Centre, addressed the Committee with an update on the Hamilton Business Enterprise Centre Program.

(Mattern/R. Braithwaite)

That the presentation from staff respecting the Hamilton Business Enterprise Centre Program, be received.

CARRIED

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 9)

(i) Ontario Business Improvement Area Association (OBIAA) Conference 2021 (Item 9.1)

Kerry Jarvi addressed the Committee respecting the Ontario Business Improvement Area Association (OBIAA) Conference 2021 and confirmed that the Conference will be held September 26 – 29, 2021. The Committee is still hopeful to have a hybrid conference model that would comprise of in-person attendees along with a virtual attendance option.

The Committee is also hosting 4 virtual sessions on professional development in April with a focus on wellness.

(VanderKwaak/Pennie)

That the discussion respecting Ontario Business Improvement Area Association Conference 2021, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery Report (Item 9.2)

Julia Davis and Kerri Jarvi, addressed the Committee with the highlights from the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery Report.

(Mattern/)

That the discussion respecting the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery Report, be received.

CARRIED

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

(i) Verbal Update from Julia Davis, Business Development and BIA Officer (Item 12.1)

Julia Davis advised the Committee respecting the Provincial announcements around the Stay At Home Order which will still be in effect for Hamilton until February 16th, 2021. Julia will be in touch with the BIA's once there is more information available.

Julia sent an email to all BIA's respecting the COVID-19 Business Impact Survey. The response rate has been lower than expected and Julia requested that the BIA's reach out again to members to fill it out the survey as it is open until February 14th.

Julia advised Committee that the Outdoor Dining District Program for Spring and Summer will be launching applications next week. She advised the BIA's that restaurants will need to re-apply this year.

(Geissler/MacKinnon)

That the verbal update from Julia Davis, Business Development and BIA Officer, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Statements by Members (Item 12.2)

BIA Members used this opportunity to discuss matters of general interest.

Councillor Pauls relinquished the Chair to Rachel Braithwaite as she had another meeting to attend.

(Anderson/VanderKwaak)

That the updates from Committee Members, be received.

CARRIED

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 14)

(Geissler/S. Braithwaite)

That there being no further business, the Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee be adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Esther Pauls
Chair Business Improvement Area
Advisory Committee

Angela McRae
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk



CITY OF HAMILTON
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Planning Division

TO:	Chair and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	April 7, 2021
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Feasibility Report for a Biodiversity Action Plan (PED21065) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	Lauren Vraets (905) 546-2424 Ext. 2634 Joanne Hickey-Evans (905) 546-2424 Ext. 1282
SUBMITTED BY:	Steve Robichaud Director, Planning and Chief Planner Planning and Economic Development Department
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (a) That staff from the Planning and Economic Development Department and Public Works Department, partner with local conservation community organizations (lead group) to undertake a Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP);
- (b) That Council authorize a one-time financial contribution of:
 - (i) \$20,000 from the Planning and Economic Development Department / Planning Division, budget (2021 Data Management for Natural Areas account (812020-54378)), and;
 - (ii) \$20,000 from the Public Works Department / Hamilton Water Division account 510360-55916.
- (c) That prior to allocating the funds to lead environmental organization, City staff be authorized to prepare an agreement between the City and the Hamilton Naturalist Club, the lead environmental organization, that will be responsible for hiring the BAP coordinator to provide for the clarification of roles and responsibilities and the regular accounting for municipal funds;

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- (d) That City staff report back to Council to present the draft Agreement between the City and the lead environmental organization;
- (e) That the City provide in-kind resources in the form of staff time, previously collected data, mapping, graphic design, online public engagement tools, and printing;
- (e) That Planning Division staff be authorized to provide any required letters of support for Provincial or Federal funding grant applications submitted by one or more of the partner environmental organizations to participate in the development of the BAP;
- (f) That City staff report back in six months to update the Committee/Council of the progress of the BAP;
- (g) That the matter respecting the Feasibility of Developing a Hamilton Biodiversity Action Plan, be considered complete and removed from the General Issues Committee's Outstanding Business List.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Biodiversity is the variety of life on earth. Hamilton has a unique geography that is comprised of significant natural ecosystems with varying levels of conservation and land management. Locally and globally however, it is recognized that biodiversity is in a state of decline never seen before in human history. Climate change impacts will also have a significant impact. To protect and rehabilitate Hamilton's unique biodiversity assets that have been affected by several factors, including climate change, a coordinated approach is needed between the City of Hamilton and local community environmental partners.

On February 19, 2020, the City's General Issues Committee passed a motion directing that City staff investigate the feasibility and resources required to develop a Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP), in collaboration with the conservation community and provide a report back with the findings.

The purpose of this Report is to outline the steps required for the completion of the Biodiversity Action Plan, to seek Council's commitment for the project and to identify City funding that may be used to support this initiative. The local conservation community groups, the lead for the BAP, have requested assistance from the City, in kind and if possible, financial contributions, for the completion of the BAP. More specifically, this report:

- provides an explanation as to why a BAP is valuable to the City and community;
- includes the anticipated vision for the BAP;

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- includes a summary of the anticipated work-plan broken down by phase,
- details on the financial resources required and the potential City funds; and,
- identifies the in-kind resources required to complete the action plan.

The BAP aligns with and is complementary to some of the City's on-going initiatives including, the Urban Forest Strategy, Design Guidelines, creek rehabilitation and restoration etc. The results of the BAP may also be of assistance to several capital projects in Public Works.

Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 14

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: The Planning and Economic Development Department, Planning Division, contribute \$20,000 from the annual 2021 Data Management for Natural Areas account (812020-54378) a to partially fund an external position for BAP coordinator at local environmental organization. In addition, there is an in-kind contribution of staff resources, use of the City's website and assistance with public engagement that will support the development of the BAP.

Hamilton Water, Public Works Department has identified a potential one-time contribution of \$20,000 from account 510360-55916.

City staff will work with the BAP working group, to identify and apply for external funding, from such agencies as the Greenbelt Fund, to leverage additional funding opportunities. A funding application to the Greenbelt Fund has recently been submitted.

Staffing: Staff from the Planning Division would be participating on the BAP working group and act as representatives on behalf of the City. This role would include liaising with Staff from other City departments, coordinating in-kind resources for the development of the BAP (mapping, data, public engagement communication, webpage hosting), attending working group meetings, responding to any City-related inquiries, reviewing the draft BAP when completed, and writing reports to Council.

Staff from the Environmental Services Division of Public Works Department also serves on this working group.

Legal: An agreement between the City and the lead environmental organization who is responsible for hiring the BAP coordinator is required to ensure there is a regular accounting for municipal funds.

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The City, across various departments, has developed policies and programs to protect, restore and enhance the natural environment. Hamilton, in partnership with the Hamilton Naturalists Club and local Conservation Authorities, has inventoried its plant and wildlife species since 1991 through the Natural Areas Inventory and Nature Counts. Local conservation organizations, have also been stewarding, researching, monitoring and providing public education about Hamilton's local flora and fauna and their habitats.

For the past three years, an informal working group consisting of representatives from Hamilton's conservation community (Environment Hamilton, Hamilton Naturalists' Club, Hamilton Conservation Authority, Bay Area Restoration Council, Royal Botanical Gardens, local ecologists) has been meeting to discuss the development of a biodiversity action plan to address the pressing concern of species and habitat biodiversity protection and enhancement. Since December, 2018, Natural Heritage Planning staff from Planning and Economic Development, as well as senior staff from Environmental Services in Public Works, have been discussing, on an ad hoc basis, with the biodiversity working group to determine how the City can assist in developing a BAP.

On February 19, 2020, the General Issues Committee passed a motion directing that City staff investigate the feasibility and resources required to develop a biodiversity action plan in collaboration with the conservation community and provide a report back with the findings.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

1.0 Provincial Plans

1.1. Provincial Policy Statement (2020)

The Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), affirms that the health, liveability and safety of communities are sustained by promoting development and land use patterns that conserve biodiversity and prepare for the impacts of a changing climate (Policy 1.1.1). Further, the City is required to protect natural heritage features for the long term (Policy 2.2.1, PPS 2020). Specifically, PPS Policy 2.1.2 directs municipalities to maintain, restore and improve the biodiversity of the natural heritage system:

“The diversity and connectivity of natural features in an area, and the long-term ecological function and biodiversity of natural heritage systems, should be maintained, restored or, where possible, improved, recognizing linkages between and among natural heritage features and areas, surface water features and ground water features.” (PPS, 2020)

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1.2 Growth Plan (2019), as amended

The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Growth Plan) 2019, as amended, identifies a mapped Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan. The intent of the Growth Plan NHS is to support a comprehensive, long-term approach to protect biodiversity in an area facing intense development pressure. Of key importance is Growth plan policy 4.2.2.3 a) i), ii) and iii). Through these policies, new development in the Growth Plan NHS will need to demonstrate: no negative impacts on key natural heritage features or key hydrologic areas or their functions; that connectivity between these areas is maintained or enhanced for the movement of native plants and animals, and; that the removal of other natural features is avoided, where possible.

2.0 Hamilton Official Plans (UHOP and RHOP)

The City's Urban Hamilton Official Plan (UHOP) and Rural Hamilton Official Plan (RHOP) contain the stated goal to "Protect and enhance biodiversity and ecological functions" (UHOP and RHOP, Vol 1, C.2.1.1). The City's Official Plans map out the Core Areas of the natural heritage system, and specify that the "Core Areas are the most important components of the Natural Heritage System in terms of biodiversity, productivity, and ecological and hydrological functions". The City's UHOP and RHOP contain policies to ensure the preservation and enhancement of the Core Areas including their features and functions. Development of these areas is prohibited, and development adjacent to the Core Areas is carefully reviewed to ensure no negative impacts. The Core Areas of the City's Natural Heritage System are further complimented by Linkages which act as movement corridors for plants and wildlife. The ability for wildlife and plants to move across the natural landscape through the Core Areas and Linkages is an integral part of ensuring species biodiversity. It is anticipated that the development of the BAP will inform future updates to the UHOP and RHOP development, open space, parkland, and natural heritage policies.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Internal

The following Departments have been consulted:

- Public Works – Hamilton Water, Environmental Services Divisions

External

An ad hoc working group has been meeting over the past three years to discuss the development of a locally specific BAP. The working group is comprised of representatives from local conservation community organizations and City staff representatives:

- Environment Hamilton
- Hamilton Naturalists' Club

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- Hamilton Conservation Authority
- Bay Area Restoration Council
- Royal Botanical Gardens
- Local ecologists
- City of Hamilton Planning staff – Natural Heritage, Policy Planning
- City of Hamilton Public Works staff – Environmental Services

As the BAP develops, the working group will play an integral role in developing the objectives and action items for area of focus. Additional members of City staff may be included on the working group, as the plan's actions are developed. Participants from the working group may have more or less responsibility for the development of certain phases of the BAP.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Why is a Biodiversity Action Plan needed?

Biodiversity refers to the variety of living organisms in the natural environment. It includes all living things, such as bacteria, fungi, insects, plants, fish and wildlife, and humans. Biodiversity is the variety of living organisms that form an interconnected web of life that make a healthy and resilient environment.

Biodiversity is part of a healthy and liveable community. Plants, fungi, insects, and wildlife provide many important resources and ecological functions that humans depend on, such as:

- food (pollination and nutrient cycling);
- raw materials;
- medicine;
- disease, parasite, and pest control;
- pollutant removal; and,
- seed dispersal.

Cities depend on healthy, functioning ecosystems to provide the necessities of life, including clean water and air, food, energy, and raw materials. If an ecosystem is diverse, it is more resilient to changes in species composition (e.g. extinction events or invasive species) or to environmental conditions (e.g. climate change).

Due to human activities resulting in natural habitat fragmentation and destruction, introduction of invasive species, and climate change impacts, global biodiversity is in a state of decline. The United Nations Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity found that biodiversity is declining at rates never seen before in human history. This decline is noted in songbird species, which in North America have declined

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by 30% since 1970. In a local context, all of Ontario's eight species of turtles are now listed on the Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) list.

The City of Hamilton is uniquely situated in a biodiverse 'hotspot' regionally, with natural features such as mature Carolinian Forest, the Niagara Escarpment, Dundas Valley, the Cootes Paradise wetland, and Lake Ontario. The rural landscape also includes extensive swamps, watercourses, and unique woodlands, among many other natural features. For these reasons, Hamilton has rich biodiversity - there are over 1,000 plant species, 96 bird species, 43 mammals, 100 butterflies, and 87 fish species that have been identified in the City.

Hamilton is a growing city. The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe forecasts that Hamilton's population will grow to 820,000 people by the year 2051. Urban growth puts pressure on existing natural areas, through habitat loss and fragmentation, introduction of invasive species, and increased use of city parks and local trails. Further, human activities, such as the deforestation, further impacts our ecosystems.

Effects of climate change have significant environmental impacts, including on biodiversity. This threat is manifested in several ways including wetter and warmer seasons, which impact the life cycle of many species and increases the risk of invasive species.

The City's diverse natural areas need to be protected to ensure the long-term stability of species populations and to provide essential ecosystem services to the community for future generations. In recent years, Hamilton has developed policies and programs to protect, restore, and enhance the natural environment. More specifically, the City's long-standing natural areas inventory can be supported through specific actions identified in the BAP to provide for their long term protection and enhancement.

The BAP will build on work that the City of Hamilton and the local community partner organizations are already doing to support the environment. Related City projects and programs include the Climate Change Action Plan, Urban Forest Strategy, Stormwater Pond Rehabilitation Study, Bee City designation 2019, Invasive and Noxious Weed Control, Creek rehabilitations and maintenance, natural environment protection and enhancement for municipal infrastructure projects, City-Wide Park Master Plan, and, among many others. The development of a BAP can build upon Community-led and cooperative initiatives by local environmental organizations, including the Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark, the Pollinator Paradise Project, Hamilton Trees Please, de-paving projects throughout the community, and the many educational outreach activities undertaken.

Further, the BAP will assist in ensuring a resilient natural environment in light of climate change.

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What will a Hamilton Biodiversity Action Plan accomplish?

The BAP is intended to be a collaborative, multi-stakeholder strategy to guide city-wide biodiversity conservation actions. The BAP is intended to have four main project goals:

1. Protect – protect Hamilton’s unique ecosystems and biodiversity assets
2. Enhance – enhance habitats for species biodiversity to regenerate
3. Restore – restore damaged habitats to promote biodiversity rehabilitation
4. Educate – educate the public and local leaders about the importance of safeguarding the City’s biodiversity assets for future generations

Project Scope:

- Provide an overview of the current state of biodiversity in Hamilton;
- Detail existing work that has been done to protect local biodiversity by the City, Conservation Authorities, and local community environmental organizations;
- Identify the current major threats to Hamilton’s natural areas and local species;
- Under take a SWOT analysis as one of the basis for future actions;
- Recommend a series of actions for various City departments to incorporate biodiversity considerations into existing and future projects/workplans in alignment with the four project goals (protect, enhance, restore, educate);
- Clearly establish priority projects for the City, local community environmental organizations and Conservation Authorities to plan for future budgets and funding opportunities;
- Development of a series of indicators to help monitor progress; and,
- Determine a plan to report back on the implementation of the BAP.

(See Appendix “A” to Report PED21065 that details the project tasks)

The City’s involvement in the BAP has the potential to yield both City and community-wide benefits, as outlined below:

City (Corporate) Benefits:

- Actionable plan to protect, enhance and manage biodiversity assets on City-owned lands;
- Identification of priority areas for biodiversity enhancement and protection and clear direction for future workplans;
- Information will assist in the review of Urban and Rural Official Plan policies and to identify if any additional policies are required;
- Identification of ‘quick-wins’ for biodiversity that can be done without major workplan or budget implications;
- Multi-departmental co-operation on a common initiative that will align with existing initiatives such as the Design Guidelines, Climate Plan Action Plan and the Urban Forest Strategy; and,

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- Support and guidance for setting priorities and programs for City of Hamilton's natural open space areas, including budget considerations.

Community Benefits:

- Multi-stakeholder cooperation to set city-wide priorities for species and natural spaces;
- Actionable plan to lead future programs and initiatives to protect and manage biodiversity on private lands;
- Improved climate change resiliency through enhancement and protection of natural areas;
- Protection of high-quality natural spaces for current residents and future generations;
- Distinguish Hamilton as a leading city in the protection of biodiversity assets;
- Develop a community awareness of the importance of biodiversity; and,
- Opportunities for the public to participate in stewardship activities to protect and restore biodiversity

How will the BAP be developed?

Project Leadership

The BAP will be developed through a partnership between local conservation community partners and the City and with input from the broader community. The conservation community partners will be the BAP lead. Staff from one of the local non-profit environmental organizations that have participated in the working group will be used for the day-to-day activities/tasks relating to the BAP.

Funding will be needed to hire a temporary staff person at one of the organizations to lead the research, stakeholder meetings and final development of the BAP. This report recommends that the City make a financial contribution towards paying for this temporary staff person to complete the BAP.

The role of the City will be to review of current City policies, programs, and initiatives and recommend actions for improvement through the BAP. The City would also take the lead on organizing and managing the public consultation and cross-departmental communications regarding the project. Due to the high level of collaboration needed to effectively develop the BAP with all partners, it is also recommended that a staff project lead be identified at the City.

Project Phasing

It is anticipated the development of the BAP will take approximately one-year to 18 months to develop once funding is secured. The project is anticipated to be developed

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in four phases related to the preparation of the BAP (a more detailed summary of the draft project phases is provided in Appendix “A” to Report PED21065):

- Phase 1 – Background Review (2 months)
 - Key Deliverables - Background summary of existing City and local initiatives. Summary of existing natural heritage data that can serve as a benchmark for future monitoring.
- Phase 2 – Develop Draft Action Plan (6 months)
 - Key Deliverables - Draft of BAP, including clear actions to be undertaken by the City and local community organizations. Presentation of draft BAP to various community organization Boards, City Council prior to public consultation to receive endorsement of proposed actions.
- Phase 3 – Public Consultation (2 months)
 - Key Deliverables – Engage in public consultation to educate public on the importance of the BAP and gather feedback about proposed actions. Provide summary of public consultation and incorporate public feedback into final draft of the BAP.
- Phase 4 – Complete final BAP (2 months)
 - Key Deliverables – Completed BAP with actions/responsibilities of City departments and partner organizations clearly defined. Final BAP approved by Council.
- Phase 5 – Initiate actions recommended through BAP (ongoing)
 - Key Deliverable – provide update/report back to GIC every 2 years on initiatives undertaken as a result of the BAP

What resources are needed to complete the Biodiversity Action Plan?

Budget (not including in kind resources)

The following table provides a high-level overview of the anticipated budget for the completion of the BAP guiding document, with development of the BAP led by a staff person at an external environmental NGO:

Item	Cost
Part-time project coordinator at local community partner agency (12-18 months, including supplies)	\$61,000
Public engagement - online (advertising across several mediums – newspaper, web ads, social media)	\$10,500

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Item	Cost
One-time in-person public engagement event (space rental, additional staffing, etc.)	\$10,000
Graphic design assistance (report and public engagement)	\$5,000
Printing (reports, posters)	\$5,000
Estimated Total Cost of BAP	\$91,500

Resources

The development of the BAP is envisioned as a partnership between the local conservation community organizations and the City. For this reason, it is anticipated that funding for the development of the action plan will be collaborative, with a combination of financial and in-kind contributions from the partnering organizations.

There are a number of agencies that may fund the BAP. The working group will be required to seek additional external funding opportunities. The City contributions (in kind and financial commitment) can be used as leverage for these applications.

In-kind Resources – Community Partners

It is recognized there are limitations to the funding that may be available through the local community organizations who would partner on the BAP. The funding for their operations is typically obtained through project specific grants and not available for other initiatives. While it is anticipated that there will be opportunity to seek partial grant funding for the development of the BAP, the in-kind resources that the conservation community partners can contribute are listed below:

Hamilton Naturalists' Club:

- Supervision and supporting costs for part-time project coordinator (office space, computer, human resources, insurance) = approx. value of \$4,500
- Organization of BAP working group meetings and meetings with conservation partners, assistance with public consultation (advertising, outreach) = approx. value of \$7,900.

Environment Hamilton:

- Time to assist/support Project Coordinator with development of BAP, and communications support to community and stakeholders for public consultation = approx. value \$3,600.

Bay Area Restoration Council:

- Time to assist/support Project Coordinator with development of BAP, and communications support to community and stakeholders for public consultation = approx. value \$3,000.

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Conservation partners (Conservation Authority, RBG):

- Sharing data, participating in BAP working group, reviewing report, communications support = approx. value \$3,000 - \$6,000

The total in-kind support from the conservation community partners for the development of the BAP is valued at approximately \$25,000.

Financial Resources – City of Hamilton

The PED Planning Division is a key project stakeholder for the development of the BAP. It is likely that recommended actions from the BAP will result in updates to the City's Official Plan policies and spur the initiation of other biodiversity projects related to land use and development. For this reason, PED is proposing to use financial resources from the Natural Areas Inventory fund (annual 'operating' budget item) to a maximum of \$20,000 and Hamilton Water is proposing to contribute \$20,000 for the development of the BAP. This funding would match any external funding that would be applied for by the BAP working group prior to initiating the workplan.

In-kind Resources – City of Hamilton

To date, three staff from PED (two Natural Heritage Planners, one Policy Planner) have been assisting the BAP working group to bring the project to this point. Public Works - Environmental Services staff have also been assisting with scoping the goals of the BAP with the working group. Staff in these groups have been assisting with the BAP working group as part of their day-to-day workplan. The following is a list of the in-kind resources that the City is able to provide towards the development of the BAP:

- Providing existing background research of other municipal Biodiversity initiatives to BAP project coordinator;
- Existing data and GIS Mapping services;
- Staff consultation (email, attendance at working group meetings);
- Online public engagement portal set-up on Engage Hamilton;
- Social media advertising for public engagement;
- Creative design services related report, social media, Engage Hamilton graphics; and,
- Project update reports to GIC on behalf of working group.

The BAP development will be collaborative between conservation community partners and the City, and it is anticipated that there will need to be a point-person in PED to act as a City liaison to the working group. This City staff person would be responsible for connecting the working group with staff from other City departments, organizing advertising and online public engagement, communicating with staff in mapping and graphic design services, and reporting back to Committee on the progress of the BAP. PED staff are already at a maximum workload capacity in the respective roles, and

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therefore any work done on the BAP may have the effect of delaying other City initiatives and priorities, such as revisions to the tree protection guidelines and the identification of natural areas that may benefit from additional field work. The following list outlines the additional work required and the expected time commitment from a PED staff resource over the course of the BAP's development.

- Liaison between other City departments regarding draft actions (40 hrs)
- BAP working group meeting attendance and preparation (20 hrs)
- Coordinating advertising for public engagement (10 hours)
- Facilitating and monitoring online public engagement through Engage Hamilton (25 hrs)
- Coordinating report graphics with Creative Design services team (10 hrs)
- Review of draft BAP report (50 hrs)
- Reporting back to GIC with project updates (25 hrs)

BAP Feasibility

The development of the BAP is anticipated to cost approximately \$91,500, with a project coordinator housed at a local community partner organization (e.g. Hamilton Naturalists' Club, Environment Hamilton). City funding could assist with this work is limited to \$20,000 (Planning Division) and \$20,000 (Hamilton Water Division), which would assist in matching any additional external funding grants obtained or to hire a BAP coordinator. In-kind supports from the City towards the BAP can offset the project cost by an additional \$25,500 (online public engagement facilitation, graphic design services, printing).

Since the BAP budget exceeds the current resources available, a staged approach to the project delivery is recommended:

- Stage 1 – Initiate 'Phase 1 – Background Review' of BAP
 - Resources: In-kind resources from working group partners and City
- Stage 2 – Working group partners to secure additional funding sources to match earmarked \$40,000 City contribution. If funding is not available, delay additional work of BAP to request funding in the City's 2022 budget.
 - Resources: in-kind resources from working group partners and City staff to secure future project funding.
- Stage 3 – Initiate 'Phase 2 – Develop Draft Action Plan' with Project Coordinator position established at local community partner organization.
 - Resources: Financial resources to pay for project coordinator. In-kind contributions from working group partners and City for plan development.

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- Stage 4 – Initiate ‘Phase 3 - Public Consultation’
 - Resources: In-kind resources from the City for public engagement facilitation. Financial resources dedicated project coordinator for planning engagement, analysing results and incorporating into recommendations.
- Stage 5 – Finalize BAP recommendations and complete final plan.
 - Resources: Financial resources dedicated to project coordinator finalizing the BAP. In-kind resources from City to assist with final plan review, graphic design, printing.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Do not support the development of the BAP by the conservation community partners. Due to the need to initiate this work to protect Hamilton’s biodiversity assets and preserve local ecosystem services, this alternative is not recommended.
2. Develop the BAP as a City-initiated guiding document, incurring all costs associated with its development. Work would be completed either by hiring a contract FTE or by funding a consultant to complete the plan. Due to time and budget constraints, this alternative is not recommended.

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

Healthy and Safe Communities

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

Clean and Green

Hamilton is environmentally sustainable with a healthy balance of natural and urban spaces.

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.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix “A” - Draft Project Workplan

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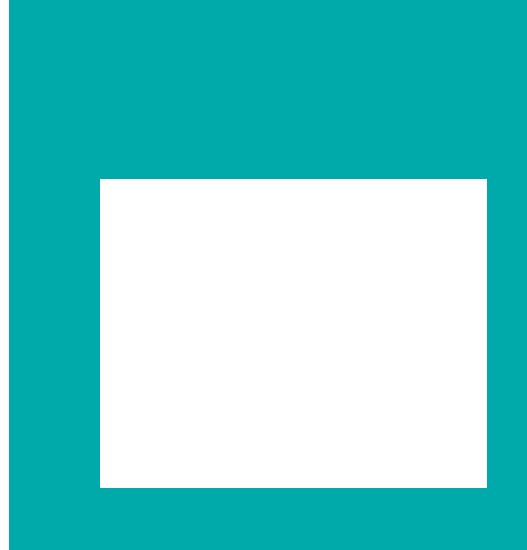
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Project Phases/Tasks for Biodiversity Action Plan

Phase 1 – Terms of Reference/Introduction and Background Review	Timing	Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Project Charter which includes roles and responsibilities for the tasks within the BAP and process for communication amongst the agencies • Develop goals and objectives of the BAP • Continue the between the Stakeholder Working Group (involves multiple City Departments and Conservation Partners) <p><i>Background Information</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • summarize Biodiversity Action Plans by other municipalities • summarize existing state of biodiversity in Hamilton based on existing data sets (including an inventory of existing monitoring activities) • summarize existing City and Community-led strategies that relate to BAP • summarize existing City policies that align with BAP and areas of improvement • establish website for the project on City of Hamilton webpage (or other online location) • alert public to development of the BAP, webpage, etc. (social media) • establish project mailing list for future consultation initiatives <p>Deliverable: Background Report that provides the necessary information to undertake the Action Plan</p>	2 months	<p>Most of this work has been completed</p> <p>In-kind resources will be used</p>
Phase 2 – Develop Draft Action Plan	Timing	Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • determine the structure of BAP document • incorporate background review/summary, including a SWOT analysis from the information in Phase 1 	6 months	A dedicated staff person to lead this

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Define Vision/Objectives, Guiding Principle, Outcomes and Indicators and Targets ● Identify areas of focus for the BAP ● categorize areas of focus (e.g. restore/ enhance/ protect, educate/engage, policy change/ development guidelines, report/monitoring,) ● identify objectives for each focus area (including measurable targets and implementation strategies) ● identify strategic actions and timelines/implementation framework for each objective ● identify lead agency for each action ● recommended monitoring measure for each action ● present draft BAP to GIC/Council ● receive direction to consult with public on draft BAP <p>Deliverable: Draft of Action Plan – Presentation to various Boards, City Council prior to public consultation</p>		<p>phase of the project would assist in meeting timeline</p> <p>Financial and in-kind resources provided.</p>
Phase 3 - Public Consultation	Timing	Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● release draft BAP on website for comment ● virtual engagement opportunities online (Engage Hamilton) ● focus area walk-and-talks hosted by conservation community partners ● In-person public information meetings (if available) ● individual meetings with ward Councillors <p>Deliverable: Summary of Public Engagement</p>	2 months	<p>In-person, public engagement would be more expensive than online engagement activities</p> <p>Financial and in-kind resources provided</p>

Phase 4 –Complete BAP including implementation	Timing	Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● incorporate public and council comments ● present final BAP to Council ● receive direction to establish a Biodiversity Committee as a Volunteer Advisory Committee reporting to GIC ● identify City lead for future reporting and assisting Volunteer Advisory Committee <p>Deliverable: Completed BAP with Implementation, Roles and Responsibilities of each partner organization</p>	1 – 2 months	<p>A dedicated staff person to pull together the final BAP document would assist in meeting the timelines</p> <p>City staff required to write supporting staff report</p>
Phase 5 – Initiate Action	Timing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● identify action leads to addressing actions ● include actions in future budget if staffing or additional study required ● report back to GIC every 2 years with State of the Environment Report, annual reporting on activities and interim report every 2 years 	Ongoing	TBD



Report PED21065

Feasibility Report for a Biodiversity Action Plan

Feasibility of a co-ordinated Biodiversity Action Plan with the City of Hamilton and local conservation community partners

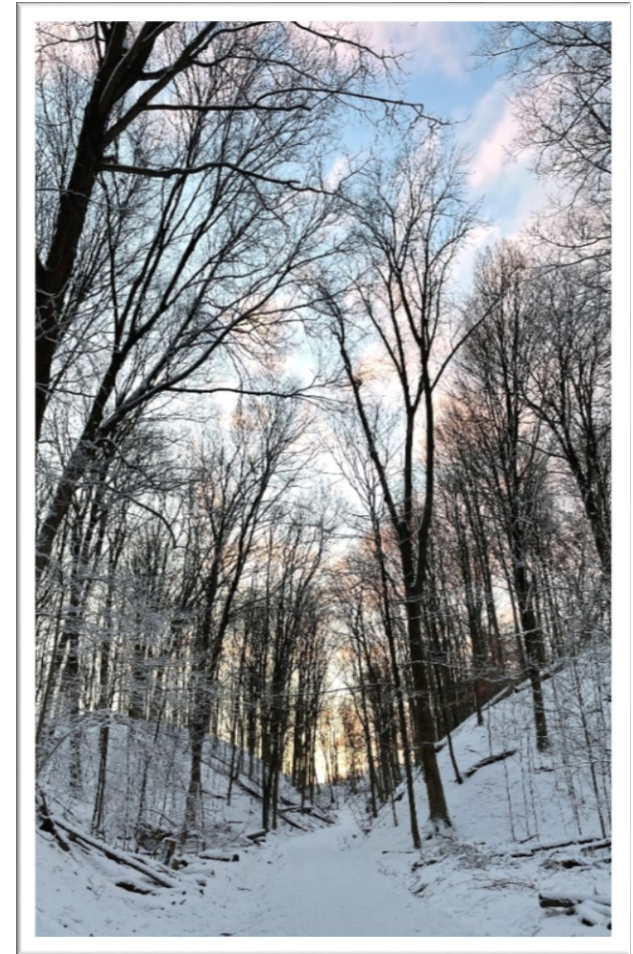
April 7, 2021 – General Issues Committee

Background

- February 19, 2020 GIC motion:

“That the appropriate staff be directed to **investigate the feasibility and resources required** to develop a Biodiversity Action Plan for Hamilton **in collaboration with** the conservation and report back to the General Issues Committee.” (emphasis added)
- This presentation will review
 - the rationale for the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP);
 - the proposed project framework (including project leadership by the local conservation community partners);
 - the potential City resources available; and,
 - the summary of recommendations from report PED21065.

Hamilton's Biodiversity – a unique 'hotspot' for biodiversity



Why is a Biodiversity Action Plan needed?

Biodiversity is the variety of living organisms in an ecosystem and forms the basis for a healthy and resilient community.

Biodiversity threats:

- Climate change
- Urban development
- Habitat removal
- Invasive species

Biodiversity decline is being experienced on a global scale, and a response is needed to prevent further loss to species and their habitats

Biodiversity Policy – Provincial

Provincial Policy Statement (2020)

Policy 2.1.2

“The diversity and connectivity of natural features in an area, and the long-term ecological function and biodiversity of natural heritage systems, should be maintained, restored or, where possible, improved, recognizing linkages between and among natural heritage features and areas, surface water features and ground water features.”

Growth Plan (2019), as amended

Policy 4.2.2.3 (a) i) ii) iii) – Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan

- New development or site alteration will demonstrate:
 - No negative impact on key features or functions
 - Connectivity between areas maintained or enhanced
 - Removal of other natural features is also avoided

Biodiversity Policy – City of Hamilton

Urban Hamilton Official Plan & Rural Hamilton Official Plan – Core Natural Heritage Areas

- Core Areas are the most important components of the Natural Heritage System in terms of biodiversity
- Natural Heritage features are detailed in UHOP and RHOP Schedules B – B-8
- Development is prohibited, and development adjacent to the Core Areas is carefully reviewed to ensure no negative impacts
- Linkages are movement corridors for plants and wildlife

Consultation for BAP feasibility

Internal

- Planning – Natural Heritage, Policy Planning
- Public Works – Hamilton Water, Environmental Services Division

External

- Biodiversity Action Plan Working Group:
 - Hamilton Naturalists' Club
 - Environment Hamilton
 - Hamilton Conservation Authority
 - Bay Area Restoration Council
 - Royal Botanical Gardens
 - Local ecologists

BAP Project Leadership

Proposed project lead:

- Local conservation community organizations – Hamilton Naturalists' Club, Environment Hamilton
 - Project lead staff person to be housed at this organization
 - Responsible for coordinating the development of the BAP and organizing communications between project stakeholders

City involvement:

- Planning and Economic Development - Planning Division staff
- Public Works – Environmental Services staff
 - City staff as liaisons between BAP project lead and various City departments throughout project development

BAP Project Framework

Project Goals: Protect, Enhance, Restore, Educate

Phase 1 – Background review of data and existing biodiversity initiatives

Phase 2 – Develop draft Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP), and present to GIC

Phase 3 – Engage public on the actions proposed in the draft BAP

Phase 4 – Finalize BAP with actions of each partner agency clearly defined

Phase 5 – Initiate actions, report back to GIC every 2 years on progress

Estimated time for BAP completion: 12 – 18 months

Implementation of the Biodiversity Action Plan

Potential 'Actions Items' for the City resulting from the BAP:

- Updated Official Plan policies in the UHOP and RHOP respecting protection and enhancement of biodiversity assets within and outside of the Natural Heritage Core Areas and Linkages
- Direction for utilization of certain plant species / landscaping / construction techniques on City owned properties
- Identification of certain areas of the City for future natural asset data collection and monitoring

Resources Required

Estimated project cost: \$91,500

- Project coordinator at lead organization
- Public engagement (in-person and online) and advertising
- Graphic design and printing costs

City financial contribution available: \$40,000 matching

- \$20,000 from PED - 2021 Data Management for Natural Areas account
- \$20,000 from Public Works / Hamilton Water Division
- City financial funding can be used to match external funding sought by lead organization through grant requests

City in-kind contributions: \$25,500 (approx. value)

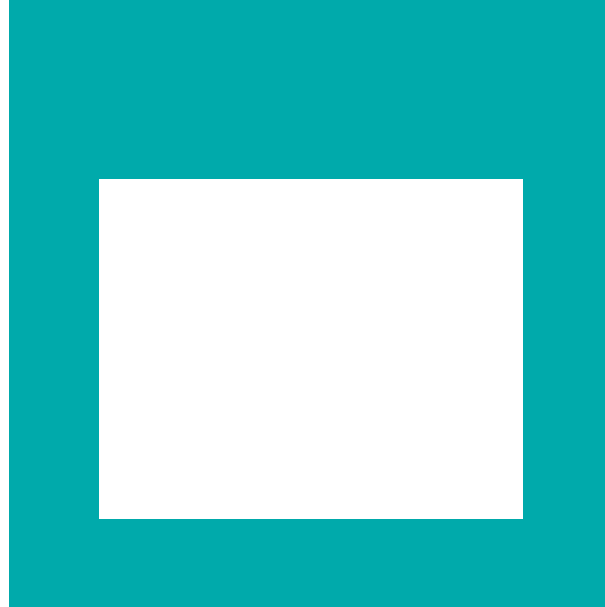
- Online public engagement, social media advertising
- Graphic design services and printing
- Staff time on working group, public engagement events, report review

Recommendations to Committee

- a) That staff from the Planning and Economic Development Department and Public Works Department, partner with local conservation community organizations (lead group) to undertake a Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP);
- b) That Council authorize a one-time financial contribution of:
 - i. \$20,000 from the Planning and Economic Development Department / Planning Division, budget (2021 Data Management for Natural Areas account (812020-54378)), and;
 - ii. \$20,000 from the Public Works Department / Hamilton Water Division account 510360-55916.
- c) That prior to allocating the funds to lead environmental organization, City staff be authorized to prepare an agreement between the City and the Hamilton Naturalist Club, the lead environmental organization, that will be responsible for hiring the BAP coordinator to provide for the clarification of roles and responsibilities and the regular accounting for municipal funds;

Recommendations to Committee (continued)

- d) That City staff report back to Council to present the draft Agreement between the City and the lead environmental organization;
- e) That the City provide in-kind resources in the form of staff time, previously collected data, mapping, graphic design, online public engagement tools, and printing;
- f) That City staff report back in six months to update the Committee/Council of the progress of the BAP;
- g) That the matter respecting the Feasibility of Developing a Hamilton Biodiversity Action Plan, be considered complete and removed from the General Issues Committee's Outstanding Business List.



THANK YOU



CHARTER CITY TORONTO

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Andrea Holland
City Clerk
City of Hamilton
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Hamilton, Ontario

Dear Ms Holland:

We're writing on the advice of Mayor Eisenberger, requesting an opportunity to present our Charter City proposals for large Ontario cities to Hamilton City Council's General Issues Committee at an early convenience.

The Charter City project seeks to address two fundamental deficiencies in the current relationship between the province of Ontario and its large municipalities.

The first is a power imbalance that gives all authority over municipal affairs to the province, depriving cities of autonomy and the authority to determine their own destinies.

The second is a severe and long-standing revenue imbalance that deprives large municipalities of the funding necessary to carry out their assigned responsibilities or plan for the future and which leaves them vulnerable to the ever-shifting priorities of successive provincial governments.

We began as a purely Toronto-based project in 2018, after the province slashed our city's council in half in the middle of an election. Over time, we have found a receptive and growing audience for our ideas in other large Ontario cities.

We are currently inviting large municipal councils to join or endorse our project in the hopes of creating a critical mass of advocacy such that provincial parties will address these ideas in their 2022 provincial election campaigns.

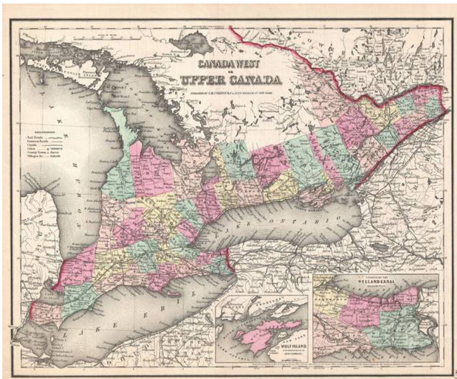
Please find a brief overview of our proposals attached. We would be happy to provide any other information that will assist you in facilitating our deputation. Many thanks for your kind attention to our request.

Sincerely,
Doug Earl and Tim Grant
Steering Committee Members
Charter City Toronto

Cc: Mayor Fred Eisenberger, Christopher Cutler

THE PROBLEMATIC CITY-PROVINCE RELATIONSHIP

AN OUTDATED RELATIONSHIP



Rules for Ontario cities were created in the 1800s when 80 per cent of Ontarians lived on farms. These constitutional rules define cities to this day as mere “creatures of the province”, entirely subject to provincial will, without any innate decision-making authority and lacking the stable and adequate resources needed to fulfill their modern responsibilities.

Cities need a new relationship with the province--one that frees up their vast potential, allows them to pursue their own destiny and helps to guarantee their success in the 21st century.

THE POWER IMBALANCE

The current relationship gives the province all of the power and cities none. The province can dictate municipal policy, overrule and revoke local decisions—even revoke a city’s existing powers—at any time, without notice, justification or appeal.

Provinces have always inserted themselves into local decisions to the frustration of municipal governments. This has long led to overlap and costly duplication of effort, suffocating oversight, sclerotic decision-making, delays, wasted effort, lack of certainty and unnecessary friction. It took Toronto, a city of 3 million people that generates 10 per cent of the country’s GDP, six years to get provincial permission to hire traffic wardens.

The current provincial government has taken this paternalistic interference to unprecedented heights. Against the wishes of cities, it has slashed city councils, cancelled local elections, revoked ranked ballots, cancelled or altered approved transit projects, pushed city councils out of local transit planning, revoked land use plans years in the making, overruled heritage protections, pushed through development on environmentally sensitive lands, expanded the use of unilateral Ministerial Zoning Orders to block community input into development, and slashed critical sources of municipal funding. Cities are legally powerless to do anything about any of this.

Cities have greater responsibilities than at any time in history. They need to have clear lines of authority to make, nimble, innovative, autonomous and inclusive decisions to build thriving, livable cities for all.

THE REVENUE IMBALANCE



Some 90 percent of all taxes raised in cities flows to senior levels of government. Cities have to continually negotiate funding deals with those governments to pay their day to day bills, build capital projects and to keep that infrastructure in good repair. Those funds often come with strings attached that reflect the priorities of senior governments and which prevent local governments from pursuing their own. Without adequate funds of their own, cities bring little to the negotiating table.

Many Ontario cities do not currently have guaranteed access to sufficient funds to achieve their goals, provide the services they are expected to provide, plan for the future or create vibrant, sustainable cities. Though they are prohibited from running annual operating deficits, many have permanent infrastructure deficits that can never be covered from existing city revenues. Cities are overly dependant on taxation of property to fund their activities. They do not control progressive, large-scale taxation that distributes the tax burden and which grows with the economy.

Cities are the economic engine of our province and our country. Strong and thriving cities will drive progress and prosperity and help Canada compete globally. Cities that are chronically starved of resources or which face burdensome funding arrangements will wither, attract fewer high quality workers and businesses and turn from economic drivers into financial burdens.

“When cities do well, our entire country benefits. But still, we find ourselves begging for control over our own finances. Our request is simple: give us the tools to do the job and the accountability that goes with them and we’ll build great cities for the benefit of all Canadians.”

— Mayors of Toronto, Ottawa, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver, 2016



HOW A CITY CHARTER CAN HELP

THE CHARTER CITY PROPOSAL



We propose a two-part solution:

- The adoption of City Charters that give large Ontario cities more autonomy over purely local affairs, greater clarity over jurisdictions they share with the province and control of new and more suitable revenue sources.
- A single-province constitutional amendment that would enable these City Charters and protect them from changes that do not have the consent of the city.

THE CITY CHARTER

Charter City Toronto proposes a series of City Charters that would give cities exclusive authority over their streets, housing, land use planning, local transit and city governance. These are areas of purely local interest and a source of the great friction with the province. Other cities may want a different mix of powers. Other powers can be added later. Once transferred to the city, the province would have no jurisdiction in these areas.

The City Charter would give the city control over new large-scale revenues, such as a sales tax or income tax, commensurate to the city's needs. This would not end the need for cities and provinces to collaborate financially, but would give the city its own stake at the table and end chronic underfunding.

A City Charter would be provincial legislation specific to the individual Charter City, much like the City of Toronto Act is a specific law that governs Toronto.

The contents of each City Charter would be negotiated with the province. They need not be identical from city to city, though it is expected they would have many features in common. Some cities may wish to take on more authorities while others may wish to take fewer, or different ones, depending on a city's individual needs and capacity.

Many cities in Europe, America and elsewhere are governed by City Charters, including 121 cities in California alone. Their Charters and the powers they give cities vary widely from city to city. Generally, Charter Cities continue to be subject to the laws of the jurisdiction of which they are part, but the Charter takes precedence in areas of local jurisdiction.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

A single-province constitutional amendment under Section 43 of the Canadian constitution would enable City Charters, and describe how to create and amend them. A city could amend the terms of its own Charter within the authority it has negotiated with the province. The province could amend a City Charter only with the consent of the city.

Such a constitutional amendment requires only the approval of the Ontario legislature, House of Commons and Senate. Other provinces have no involvement, thus avoiding potential constitutional gridlock created by competing demands. A Section 43 amendment has been passed, on average, every five years since the Canadian constitution was repatriated in 1982.

Charters in other Canadian cities, such as Edmonton and Calgary, are not constitutionally protected. These charters are mere provincial legislation and can therefore be unilaterally amended by the provincial government at any time. Calgary and Edmonton found this out in 2019 when the newly-elected UCP government gutted the charters these cities had just negotiated with the previous NDP government.

Constitutional recognition is the heart of our Charter City Proposal. It is the mechanism that gives cities meaningful legal status and removes them from being subject in every way to provincial control.

POLICIES UNDER A CITY CHARTER

The policies, laws, procedures or institutions a given city might wish to create with its Charter is up to the city itself. A City Charter is neither a progressive nor conservative policy tool; it's a device to determine who has jurisdiction over a given area of law and taxation. It doesn't pre-determine, impose, entrench any given city law, policy or solution. Rather it enables the Charter City to make policy and law within its jurisdiction, without provincial oversight, permission or interference, thus enhancing the strength and quality of local democracy for everyone along the political spectrum.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Read our proposal in further detail at
www.chartercitytoronto.ca

See the EKOS poll showing massive support for the Charter City project at
www.chartercitytoronto.ca/polls



BIRD FRIENDLY CITY

Hamilton/Burlington Bird Team 2021

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Delegation to City of Hamilton General Issues Committee - April 7 meeting

Thank you for permitting me to delegate today on behalf of Nature Canada's Bird Friendly City Hamilton/Burlington team. My name is Barry Coombs and I'm co-chair of the team and a Ward 1 resident.

We are a fairly new team but we already enjoy the partnership and support of most of the key members of the Hamilton conservation community. Some of the Councillors present today will recall my delegation to the February 16 meeting of the Planning committee. Since then, I've sent emails containing additional information to all of the Councillors on the Planning committee and to the Planning department. I've also emailed an introduction to our project to the rest of Council and to the office of the Mayor.

Our team fully supports the Biodiversity Action Plan and thanks the Hamilton Naturalists' Club, Environment Hamilton, their partners and city planners for their efforts in it's development.

The primary goal of our team is to certify Hamilton as a Bird Friendly City by May 14, 2022, which is World Migratory Bird Day. We believe that our goals are completely consistent with the goals of the Biodiversity Action Plan. Biodiversity involves more than just a healthy bird population but birds are, without doubt, a key element of a biodiverse and biophilic city.

I've read the document prepared and presented by the Planning and Economic Development department and will comment on two items.

Page 7 - For these reasons, Hamilton has rich biodiversity -there are over 1,000 plant species, 96 bird species, 43 mammals, 100 butterflies, and 87 fish species that have been identified in the City.

On Page 7, it is stated that 96 bird species have been identified in the city. This is an understatement. Bob Curry, in his authoritative and comprehensive Birds of Hamilton book, affirms that precisely 400 species of birds have been recorded in the Hamilton Study Area to date! Granted, the HSA encompasses more space than the City but the figure of 96 species doesn't accurately summarize the number of bird species affected by human activity in Hamilton. In 2020 alone, I observed and recorded 207 species in Hamilton and other local birders recorded many more.

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Page 8 - Information will assist in the review of Urban and Rural Official Plan policies and to identify if any additional policies are required; •Identification of 'quick-wins' for biodiversity that can be done without major work plan or budget implications.

On Page 8, the document asks for 'quick-wins' for biodiversity that can be done without major work plan or budget implications. We have a suggestion that I would like to make at this time. The interior lighting of buildings at night draws millions of birds to their deaths across North America every year. A quick-win would be for Hamilton to join the Audubon Society's Lights Out program. As an example, buildings throughout Philadelphia voluntarily turned off their lights at night on April 1 of this year and will continue to do so until May 31. They will repeat the process from August 15 to November 15. Thirty-three other American cities, as well as Toronto, have Lights Out programs. Chicago started their program in 1999.

The Philadelphia initiative has the backing of the City's Office of Sustainability and sees participation from both private and public sectors. At the very least, the City of Hamilton could turn off the lights of all municipal buildings during these spring and fall migration periods, starting now. This would be a 'quick-win' and a significant cost-saver on electrical bills. I've been told by Councillor Pearson that City Hall lighting is already on motion detectors at night. This is a very good start but why not extend the program now?

The Bird Friendly City Hamilton/Burlington team is the only local advocacy group dedicated solely to the protection of birds and we're actively working to mitigate threats to birds in many ways. We are all volunteers! Amongst other projects, we are currently preparing educational material to be provided to the Hamilton Public Library and to local schools, free of charge. Our successful social media platform promotes the activities of our partners and supporters and will promote the BAP.

We offer our full support to the Biodiversity Action Plan. Also, as a stakeholder, we offer our services. We want to be a part of this essential project.

Thank you for your time and attention.

A Biodiversity Action Plan

*to collectively protect nature in
Hamilton and to promote
Nature-based Solutions to the
Climate Emergency.*



Biodiversity is the diversity of all life on earth





1,000+
plant
species



396
bird
species



43
mammal
species



100
butterfly
species



350
bee
species



87
fish
species

Nature Benefits



WHAT IS A BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN?

Examples of measurable actions

- managing invasive species and planting native species
- education events
- green roof guidelines
- **nature-based solutions** for managing water like bioswales, rain gardens

**We cannot solve the threats of
human-induced climate change
and loss of biodiversity in
isolation.**

**We either solve both or we
solve neither.**



CITY OF HAMILTON
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
Communications & Intergovernmental Relations Division

TO:	Chair and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	April 7, 2021
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	COVID-19 Virtual Memorial Wall (CM21004) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	Bonnie Large (905) 546-2424 Ext. 6608
SUBMITTED BY:	Matthew Grant Director, Communications and Intergovernmental Relations City Manager's Office Department
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That staff be directed to move forward with the implementation of the COVID-19 Commemoration initiative on the City of Hamilton's website; and,
- (b) That the subject matter respecting the "COVID-19 Virtual Memorial Wall", be identified as complete and removed from the General Issues Committee Outstanding Business List.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the February 17, 2021 GIC meeting, staff were directed to investigate the feasibility of creating a virtual memorial wall on Hamilton.ca to honour Hamiltonian's who have died from COVID-19.

After reviewing comparable initiatives, their operating and support models, City staff have determined that using current resources and existing tools we can build a commemoration presence on Hamilton.ca that incorporates the various remembrance activities to date such as:

- Proposed individual memorials (name, date, photo)
- "This is COVID-19" video series
- the "Supporting Healthcare" public art project

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This holistic approach is scalable to add future storytelling initiatives and will further educate the public on the impacts of the pandemic, celebrate the lives lost and articulate the experiences Hamiltonians have had during COVID-19 in a meaningful and reflective way that will resonate with the community.

In consultation with privacy and legal staff, considerations the City should be aware of:

- While posting online increases access and availability, the use of information released is difficult to govern and prevent third parties from using the information once it is published.
- Risks associated with making too much personal information available online such as identity theft and other forms of fraud.
- Personal safety risk for some individuals. Broad access to an individual's name and personal information has the potential to put that individual's family at risk.

To mitigate the privacy risks of making personal information available online through this project, the City has considered all policy, procedural and technical options and determined we will:

- Reduce the amount of personal information that is collected, used and disclosed
- Ensure usage is only for the purpose for which it was obtained or compiled.
- Ensure that submitting individuals are aware of their right to seek a redaction at the time of the collection of personal information.
- Designate site content 'off limits' to search engines
- Review and/or update all website policies (c. 2014) for accuracy prior to project/initiative launch:
 - Privacy Policy
 - Terms of Use
 - Acceptable Use Agreement
 - Disclaimer
 - Photo Submission Agreement

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The following motion, moved by Councillor Clark, was passed at the Wednesday, February 17, 2021 General Issues Committee meeting:

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That staff be directed to review the feasibility of creating a virtual memorial wall on the City of Hamilton website to honour citizens of Hamilton who have lost their lives to COVID-19, and report back to the General Issues Committee.

At the time of writing, there were 297 deaths** reported on <https://www.hamilton.ca/coronavirus/status-cases-in-hamilton>.

Data Source: Public Health Case and Contact Management (CCM) Solution. Prepared by: City of Hamilton Public Health Services.

***This measure refers to the number of COVID-19 cases who died. Deaths are included whether or not COVID-19 was determined to be a contributing or underlying cause of death.*

FINANCIAL - STAFFING - LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: N/A

Staffing: N/A

Legal: Submission forms will provide a Notice of Collection statement confirming that the personal information provided is being collected and maintained for the purpose of creating an online memorial and is therefore a record that will be available to the general public. Consent for online publication will be a prerequisite for the submission. Contact information for a staff person who can answer questions regarding the collection will be provided.

The collection of personal information will be limited to that information necessary for the administration of the online memorial.

The submission form will also contain a statement that the City of Hamilton's website policies including the Privacy Policy, Terms of Use, Acceptable Use Agreement, Disclaimer, and Photo Submission Agreement will be applicable to the online submission as these policies contain disclaimers and indemnities in favour of the City and provide a license and waiver of moral rights relating to any content (including photos) submitted.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS/LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

The *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990* permits the disclosure of personal information that is specifically collected for the purpose of creating a record available to the general public. Protection of personal

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health information is required in accordance with the *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004*.

Ensure that the terms under current Hamilton.ca agreements are applicable to the submissions made for this project as they contain important disclaimers, indemnities, etc. as well as the granting of licenses and waiver of moral rights, etc. relating to any content (including photos) submitted.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION**Internal consultations**

Consultation for this report was received from:

- Cemeteries Marketing & Family Services Coordinator, Public Works
- Manager, Corporate Records and Freedom of Information
- Public Health Privacy Officer
- Solicitors from Legal & Risk Management Services

External sources

- Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario
 - [Fact Sheet: What is Personal Information?](#) [Professional guideline]
 - [Transparency, Privacy and the Internet: Municipal Balancing Acts](#) [Paper]

Benchmarking

Comparative organizations have been examined to determine the methods, processes, resourcing and scope of implementing a public virtual memorial tool.

- www.nationalcovidmemorial.in
- <https://neimpact.org/memorial>
- <https://projects.thecity.nyc/covid-19-deaths>

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Projects undertaken by other organizations have allocated considerable resources and infrastructure to support the volume, depth and breadth of information they post. For example: editorial teams, researchers to authenticate information, panel of advisors, partnerships with community organizations etc.

The City's proposed solution does not contemplate the resources used by other organizations and proposes to develop a memorial within existing resources. This approach requires:

- No additional cost and can be scaled to implement future COVID storytelling

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initiatives

- Less staff manual management of content. Limiting the collection of data to name, date, photo reduces the depth of review, writing and editing of submissions
- No ongoing site moderation needed to review interactive posts and contributions from the commenting community
- Participation in the initiative is on a strictly voluntary basis by families. Consent of the submitter will be obtained for the collection, use and disclosure of personal information gathered for the purpose of creating a record to be available to the general public.
- City staff will not be verifying or validating the cause of death was due to COVID-19.

The City's proposed solution balances the need to protect the privacy of our community members and being able to plan and operate this service online.

The proposed solution considers the definition of personal information in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)* and the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)* (the acts) as:

- Recorded information (i.e. digital photographs)
- it is about the individual in a personal capacity; that is, it reveals something of a personal nature about the individual, and
- it is reasonable to expect that an individual can be identified from the information (either alone or by combining it with other information)
- A name by itself is not personal information. A name is personal information if it appears with other personal information relating to the individual or where the disclosure of the name would reveal other personal information about the individual.
- Information about an individual is not personal information if they have been dead for more than thirty years

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

If the desire is for a more robust, two-way communication solution, a vendor managed

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digital tool from the funeral and memorials industry can be considered for implementation.

If this is the preferred approach, City staff could be directed to prepare and issue a competitive procurement process in accordance with the City's Procurement Policy for potential suppliers to competitively estimate a stand-alone, vendor hosted and managed, enterprise level software/service solution to determine exact costs.

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.

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

N/A



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	April 7, 2021
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Building Transit Faster Act, 2020 (LS21013/PED21091) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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SUBMITTED BY: SIGNATURE:	Jason Thorne General Manager Planning and Economic Development Department 

COUNCIL DIRECTION

None.

INFORMATION

On March 8, 2021, the Ministry of Transportation (“**MTO**”) proposed that the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) project be added as a priority transit project under the *Building Transit Faster Act, 2020* (the “**Act**”), by way of regulation. The regulation defines the LRT line as “extending east from McMaster University”. If the Hamilton LRT is added as a priority project, the MTO and Metrolinx could use many of the measures under the Act to expedite construction of the Hamilton LRT.

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Currently, the following are already identified as “priority transit projects” under the Act:

- the Ontario Line,
- the Scarborough Subway Extension,
- the Yonge North Subway Extension; and
- the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension.

For the City of Hamilton (the “**City**”), adoption of the Hamilton LRT as a “priority transit project” under the Act would have the most impact, for the City and its residents, in the following areas, which are discussed further below:

- (1) Municipal road, water and sewer services;
- (2) Temporary access for due diligence work;
- (3) Clearance of obstructions; and,
- (4) Development Control through a Provincial permitting system.

As a general comment, the Act addresses various matters that are typically dealt with through a series of agreements between the Province, the project proponent, and the other parties such as the municipalities or utilities (e.g. Master Agreement, Project Agreement, Easement Agreements, Utilities Agreements). By prescribing timelines and provincial authorities, the Act seeks to eliminate the significant risk to the Province with respect to the timing of these agreements.

The proposed regulation is open for comment until April 23, 2021.

It is important to note that the Building Transit Faster Act already received Royal Assent in June 2020 and is now law. Additionally, placing the Hamilton LRT on the list of “priority transit projects” under the Act does not obligate the Province to construct the project.

Municipal Service and Right of Way Access

The Act provides the Minister the authority to develop a municipal service and right of way access order with respect to:

- (a) the use, occupation, modification or temporary closure of a municipal highway or municipal right of way; and,
- (b) the use of, access to, or modification of infrastructure that is, related to sewage works, water works or fire hydrants under municipal ownership or control and municipal services related to that infrastructure.

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The Act requires notice and consultation with the municipality prior to the issuance of such an order, and states that “Metrolinx and the municipality shall enter reasonably promptly into negotiations to agree on terms for the municipal service and right of way access”.

If, in the Minister’s opinion, Metrolinx and the municipality will not be able to agree on terms for the municipal service and right of way access even though Metrolinx made reasonable efforts to reach an agreement, the Minister may at any time develop a municipal service and right of way access order. The order can include terms and conditions such as measures to mitigate the impact on the public, provision of resources and compensation to address the impact on the municipality, measures to address potential municipal liability, and technical standards that must be met to support the municipal service and right of way access.

Temporary Access for Preview Inspections

The Act allows Metrolinx to conduct preview inspections “for the purpose of carrying out due diligence in planning and constructing a priority transit project”. This would allow the Province to enter a property (but not a dwelling) “that is at least partly either on transit corridor land or within 30 metres of transit corridor land”, make records of the property and surrounding area, and conduct tests. The Act sets out provisions for providing notice, for seeking to establish mutually convenient times, or if no mutually convenient time can be found, to undertake the inspection during business hours.

Obstruction Removal

The Act gives Metrolinx the powers of “obstruction removal” and “danger inspection and elimination”. These powers allow the Province to inspect and remove any obstruction within 30 metres of the transit corridor, including obstructions inside a building. There are, however, some exceptions to these powers. It cannot be exercised, for example, in a dwelling. The Act states that a structure “does not include the removal of a building, road or utility infrastructure, but does include the removal of part of a building.”

The Act states that “the Minister shall attempt to enter into negotiations, and negotiate in good faith, to reach an agreement on how to carry out the work” but provides that if negotiation fails and agreement has not been reached within 30 days, “the Minister may carry out an obstruction removal.”

For the City, there is a foreseeable impact on trees and other landscaping, as some tree removal was already identified as necessary under the 2017 Environmental Project Report. Under the Act, the Province is required to plant replacement trees in accordance with the applicable municipal by-laws. The Province cannot circumvent the requirement to replace trees without amending the Act.

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For private property owners, the Act requires compensation for any damages that may occur resulting from the work and for the Province to “make reasonable efforts to restore the property to its conditions prior to the work”. If agreement cannot be reached as to compensation, the Act allows either party to appeal to the LPAT.

For municipalities and local boards, the Act states that “the Minister may compensate the owner for any damages resulting from the work, but does not have to” and the Act further states that “if the Minister compensates the owner, the Minister shall decide the quantum of compensation and may provide only partial compensation”.

Development Control and Provincial Permitting

Currently, land use on the Hamilton LRT corridor is regulated through the City’s Official Plan and Zoning By-law, and the corridor is also under Site Plan Control, which requires Site Plan Approval for most developments. While the Act does not repeal or replace these powers, the Act creates an additional provincial permitting and development control regime in and around the transit corridor.

Under the Act a Ministerial permit would be required to:

- build, alter or place a building, other structure or road, or conduct excavation or dewatering, on or under transit corridor land, or land within 30 metres of transit corridor land; and
- build, alter or place utility infrastructure that would require grading or excavation on or under, transit corridor land, or land within 10 metres of transit corridor land.

There are certain exceptions, such as emergency work (e.g. a burst City pipe). In addition, work does not need a permit if that work got all legally required approvals before the land was designated as transit corridor land; however, the Minister may, by notice to the work’s proponent, impose a requirement that, if the work is not completed during the period ending on the day that is six months after the day that the notice was served, the work needs a permit after that time, unless an alternative approach is negotiated.

The Minister may attach terms and conditions to a permit, or change such terms and conditions, at the Minister’s discretion at any time. And the Minister may cancel a permit at the Minister’s discretion at any time.

The Act does not provide significant detail about how the permit system would work. It only states that the “Minister may establish a review process with respect to permits” and that the “Minister may set fees for the review process”.

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A provincial land use permitting process through the MTO has existed for many years around 400-series highways. For highways, an MTO land use permit is considered applicable law under the Ontario Building Code and must therefore be received prior to issuance of a Building Permit. The City typically makes the obtaining of such a permit from MTO a condition of the Site Plan Approval process. Typically, the MTO requires information and bases its issuance of a permit around considerations such as the impact a given development would have on traffic flows, queuing impacts, etc. on the 400-series highway. The Act does not explicitly repeal or replace the City's authority over the corridor with respect to permits or municipal consents, such as those for road cuts, water services or sewer services.

The stated purpose of the Act is to prioritize transit projects, and it is foreseeable that the Hamilton LRT project construction schedule would be prioritized over the construction schedule of other development along the Hamilton LRT corridor. At the time of the introduction of the Act, the Ontario Home Builders Association indicated to the Province that, while it is generally supportive of the Act and is also not necessarily opposed to the concept of permits to improve communication and alignment of construction processes, they had a number of areas of concerns/questions. These generally related to uncertainties around permit timelines, submission expectations, application fees, and risk on construction due to the potential for permits to be revoked and the stated prioritization for the transit project.

Expropriations and Hearing of Necessity

The Act allows the Province to expropriate land without the need for a hearing of necessity. The purpose of a hearing of necessity is to confirm the necessity of the expropriation. It does not impact valuation.

Bill 197, the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020, has already eliminated hearings of necessity for any expropriation made under the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act, which governs the construction of provincial highways by the Ministry of Transportation. Bill 197 also eliminated hearings of necessity for the construction of transit stations on specified priority transit lines and on lands declared by the Province as transit-oriented community lands.

It is important to note that the Province already has the power under the Expropriations Act to dispense with a Hearing of Necessity where "it considers it necessary or expedient in the public interest to do so."

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Utility Relocation

The Act states that “Metrolinx may by notice require a utility company to take up, remove or change the location of the utility company’s utility infrastructure if, in the opinion of Metrolinx, it is necessary for a priority transit project”. The Act sets out requirements with respect to notice and timelines, and at default is set at 60 days after the notice is served. The utility company may apply to a judge of the Superior Court of Justice for an order altering the date specified in the notice to a later date. Metrolinx and the utility company may agree on the apportionment of the actual cost of the work, but if no agreement is reached, Metrolinx must bear the actual cost of the work.

Enforcement

The Act sets out various measures to enforce the provisions of the Act, including the power to issue a Stop Work Order, Administrative Penalties, and court orders.

Impacts on Completed Environmental Assessments

The Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) 2017 Environmental Project Report (“EPR”) Addendum is unchanged and remains in force.

The EPR Addendum was submitted to what is now the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, following Council approval of PED17056 in April 2017 and remains in effect. The 2017 EPR Addendum was completed to update previous Environmental Assessments (EA) to reflect changes to alignments and other project elements. The approved alignment option extends from McMaster to Eastgate Square via the Main/King/Queenston Road corridors. The Hamilton LRT 2017 EPR Addendum was conducted following Ontario Regulation 231/08, the Transit Project Assessment.

The primary purpose of the Environmental Project Report was to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with the Hamilton LRT project, identify measures to mitigate those impacts, and to develop systems to monitor the progress of implementing those mitigation measures. As it is primarily intended to accelerate timelines, reduce project delivery risk, and enable stronger partnerships in respect of the delivery of transit projects that have been approved under an EA process, the Act does not replace or negate any previously established environmental commitments.

One implication of the Act on the EA process is that the Act relies on the identification of a well-defined transit corridor (e.g. several provisions are tied to being within 30 metres of the transit corridor). If the transit corridor remains per the approved EPR, then the corridor definition is clear. If there are changes to the alignment of the corridor then follow-on environmental approvals may be required to establish the transit corridor.

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Summary

By adding the Hamilton LRT to the list of priority projects, the regulation would confer on Metrolinx the same powers with respect to the Hamilton LRT that it currently possesses with the four other priority transit projects located in Toronto and York Region, as identified in the Building Transit Faster Act. The Act requires good faith negotiations with the City for a number of key elements of the Hamilton LRT, including use of the City's roads, water systems and sewer systems. It does, however, confer powers on the Province and Metrolinx to proceed with construction of the Hamilton project, if negotiated agreement cannot be reached in a timely manner.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

None.

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