



City of Hamilton
CLEANLINESS AND SECURITY IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE TASK
FORCE
AGENDA

Meeting #: 21-001
Date: December 9, 2021
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall

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**CLEANLINESS & SECURITY IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE TASK FORCE
MINUTES 20-001**

Thursday, November 12, 2020

1:00 p.m.

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

Present: Councillor J. Farr (Chair)

S. Braithwaite (Vice-Chair), International Village BIA
K. Jarvi, Downtown BIA
C. Topp, James Street South Business District
S. Laurie, Community Representative
A. Stajrer, Community Representative
S. Sutherland, Community Representative
P. Trainor, Community Representative

Absent
With Regrets: Councillor N. Nann – Personal
T. Potocic, James Street North Business Merchants

Also Present: J. Davis, Business Development & BIA Officer
K. Barnett, Manager, Service Delivery, Licensing & By-Law Services
J. McCormick, Manager, Waste Collections, Environmental Services

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)

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

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

8.4 Enforcement Progress of Littering By-law, Focused on Cigarette Butts

(Jarvi/Braithwaite)

That the agenda for the November 12, 2020 meeting of the Cleanliness & Security in the Downtown Core Task Force be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)**(i) October 29, 2019 (Item 3.1)****(Laurie/Sutherland)**

That the Minutes of the October 29, 2019 meeting of the Cleanliness & Security in the Downtown Core Task Force be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)**(i) COVID-19 Update (Item 8.1)**

Paul Johnson, Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Director, provided the Committee with an update respecting COVID-19.

(Braithwaite/Trainor)

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

CARRIED

(ii) Graffiti Management Strategy Update (Item 8.2)

Kelly Barnett, Manager, Service Delivery, Licensing & By-Law Services, provided the Committee with an update respecting the Graffiti Management Strategy.

Limited graffiti efforts have taken place since early 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Licensing & By-Law Services staff were redeployed to COVID-19 efforts, prioritizing the enforcement of provincial orders and regulations and municipal by-laws related to COVID-19 and immediate health and safety issues. The co-op students hired under the Municipal Law Enforcement Division for proactive graffiti enforcement and community engagement departed in March 2020. A regular Municipal Law Enforcement officer was assigned to start back on graffiti enforcement in May 2020. New graffiti co-op student officers will commence training on January 4, 2021. These student officers will conduct both reactive and proactive investigations, continue with the victim assistance program, assist with the backlog of outstanding work, search for additional graffiti wall sites and spread education and awareness in relation to graffiti crimes.

(Braithwaite/Laurie)

That the verbal update, respecting the Graffiti Management Strategy, be received.

CARRIED

(Laurie/Sutherland)

That Added Item 8.4, respecting the Enforcement Progress of Littering By-law, Focused on Cigarette Butts, be moved up on the agenda to be considered at this time.

CARRIED**(iii) Enforcement Progress of Littering By-law, Focused on Cigarette Butts (Added Item 8.4)**

Kelly Barnett, Manager, Service Delivery, Licensing & By-Law Services, addressed the Committee respecting the Enforcement Progress of Littering By-law, Focused on Cigarette Butts.

Hamilton City Council, at its meeting held on September 26, 2018, approved Item 24 of Planning Committee Report 18-014, which referred consideration of employing a part time Municipal Law Enforcement Officer dedicated solely to enforcing cigarette butt litter on a one-year pilot program, to the 2019 Budget process. The direction also stipulated that the pilot program should immediately follow a nine-month cigarette butt litter awareness campaign being organized by the Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee. During the 2019 Budget process, it was decided not to move forward with funding for the pilot project because the awareness campaign was delayed. The commencement of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020 has left no capacity for Licensing & By-Law Services staff to move forward with cigarette butt litter initiatives.

Joel McCormick, Manager, Waste Collections, was also present and assisted in answering questions of Committee on this matter.

The Waste Collections section purchased new equipment, known as a Glutton, in spring 2020 to assist with urban litter collection. The Glutton is a battery powered vacuum cleaner used in the downtown area to clean up small pieces of litter, like cigarette butts. Since the Gluttons have been in use, there has been an improvement in the cleanliness of the streets, particularly in relation to a reduction in the amount of cigarette butts on the ground. Many of the waste receptacles in Hamilton's downtown core have also been wrapped with a bright pink sticker to encourage smokers to butt out in ashtrays located on the top of the receptacle.

(Lauri/Trainor)

That the verbal update, respecting the Enforcement Progress of Littering By-law, Focused on Cigarette Butts, be received.

CARRIED**(iv) Police Update (Item 8.3)**

The representative from Hamilton Police Service was not present when called upon.

(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)

(Sutherland/Jarvi)

That there being no further business, the Cleanliness & Security in the Downtown Core Task Force be adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor J. Farr
Chair, Cleanliness & Security in the
Downtown Core Task Force

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