



City of Hamilton
GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
ADDENDUM

Meeting #: 20-011
Date: August 10, 2020
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall

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4. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- *4.3. Added Requests regarding the Commonwealth Games (for the August 10, 2020 GIC):
 - *4.3.a. Sue Prestedge
 - *4.3.b. Lincoln Cole
 - *4.3.c. Anthony Macaluso
 - *4.3.d. Amanda Wolters
 - *4.3.e. Cindy Gangaram, Board Chair - Environment Hamilton
 - *4.3.f. Simon Farbrother, Former City Manager for Edmonton and Member of the Board of Directors for Commonwealth Sport Canada
 - *4.3.g. Reverend Donald F. MacVicar, Founder of the Inner City Outreach Ministry and the Eva Rothwell Centre

- *4.3.h. Chance Cordon
- *4.4. Added Requests regarding the Defunding of Hamilton Police Services (for the September 9, 2020 GIC):
 - *4.4.a. James Cairns
 - *4.4.b. Maddie Brockbank
 - *4.4.c. Jacqueline Cantar
 - *4.4.d. Abedar Kamgari
 - *4.4.e. Adrian Underhill
 - *4.4.f. Alex Kerner
 - *4.4.g. Ashley Letts
 - *4.4.h. Atlas Ditomasso
 - *4.4.i. Brett Klassen
 - *4.4.j. Elisabetta Paiano
 - *4.4.k. Emily Meilleur
 - *4.4.l. Emma Barrette
 - *4.4.m. Eshan Merali
 - *4.4.n. Hannah McDonald
 - *4.4.o. Hiva Nematollahi
 - *4.4.p. Hollie Pocsai, White Elephant
 - *4.4.q. Jessica Clegg and Connor Bennett
 - *4.4.r. Kalya Whitney
 - *4.4.s. Kinsey Robinson
 - *4.4.t. Laura Howden

- *4.4.u. Lauren Ecker
- *4.4.v. Lisa Wang
- *4.4.w. Mariel Rutherford
- *4.4.x. Marissa Gilmote
- *4.4.y. Matt Steski
- *4.4.z. Meir Gorodskoy
- *4.4.aa. Rick Roberts
- *4.4.ab. Suzanne Nyage
- *4.4.ac. Amani Williams
- *4.4.ad. Guiliana Frontini
- *4.4.ae. Rachel Cuthill
- *4.4.af. Shanice Bowrin

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- *5.4. Correspondence from Laurie Neilson respecting the Commonwealth Games
Recommendation: Be received.
- *5.5. Bill 197 Guidance Materials for Electronic Meetings and Council Proxies
Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 9.3.
- *5.6. Added Communications respecting the Commonwealth Games
Recommendation: Be received.
 - *5.6.a. Victoria Riddell
 - *5.6.b. Shannon Graszat
 - *5.6.c. Angela Dinello
 - *5.6.d. Bonnie Gould

- *5.6.e. Dan Jelly
 - *5.6.f. Deann McGlinchey
 - *5.6.g. Frances Murray
 - *5.6.h. Ian Borsuk
- Note: Copy of the petition has not been received by the Clerk's Office.
- *5.6.i. Janis Topp
 - *5.6.j. Joy Johnson
 - *5.6.k. Naomi Frederick
 - *5.6.l. Ryan McGreal
 - *5.6.m. Scott Fairly

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 9.1. Tim Hortons Field - End Guard Anchor Repair/Replacement (PW20039(a)) (City Wide)
 - *9.1.a. Tim Hortons Field - End Guard Anchor Repair/Replacement (PW20039(b)) (City Wide)

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

- *11.1. ResidentialMunicipal Relief Assistance Program for Basement Flooding for the Heavy RainEvent of August 3, 2020 (Ward 1)

13. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

- *13.4. Encampment Litigation Update (LS20023) (City Wide)

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, as amended; and, Section 239(2), Sub-sections (e) and (f) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; and, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 - 3:17pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Sue Prestedge

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: in support of Hamilton Commonwealth Bid 2026

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 - 3:37 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Lincoln Cole

Name of Organization: Provincial Youth Outreach Worker

Contact Number:

Email Address: yow.lincoln@wesley.ca

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request:

Commonwealth Games Hamilton 100

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Thursday, August 6, 2020 - 8:49 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Anthony Macaluso

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Commonwealth Games

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 9:05 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Amanda Wolters

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Provide support for the Hamilton 2026 Commonwealth Games bid. Having worked for the City on the 2015 Pan Am Games, I am confident that bringing these Games to Hamilton will be a huge benefit to the City.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 10:39am

Name of Individual: Cindy Gangaram - Board Chair

Name of Organization: Environment Hamilton

Contact Number: 905-522-7588

Email Address: cindygangaram@gmail.com

Mailing Address:

Environment Hamilton

22 Wilson Street, Suite 4

Hamilton ON, L8R 1C5

Reason(s) for delegation request:

This request is to give a live webex delegation regarding Item 7.1 - Hamilton 2026 Commonwealth Games bid.

*NB that a copy of our formal statement will be shared with the clerk after the presentation is given.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 10:50 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Simon Farbrother, Former City Manager for the City of Edmonton during the 2022 Bid for the Commonwealth Games, and a Board member of Commonwealth Sport Canada.

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: To speak to the commonwealth games bid

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 10:54 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Rev Donald F MacVicar

Name of Organization: Founder of the Inner City Outreach Ministry and the Eva Rothwell Centre

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: To offer words of support and encouragement to the presentation for the Commonwealth Games 2026 bid.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 11:51am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Chance Cordon

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: I would like to speak on behalf of the community to voice an opinion on the commonwealth games. I would like to express my concern on this possible investment and explain why I think we should invest in our community.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Thursday, August 6, 2020 - 4:11 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: James Cairns

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Supporting the campaign to cut HPS budget by 20%

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Thursday, August 6, 2020 - 4:32 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Maddie Brockbank

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Submitted a prerecorded video to support the coalition urging city council to defund the HPS

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Thursday, August 6, 2020 - 8:02 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Jacqueline Cantar

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Defunding Hamilton
Police Services

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 12:32 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Abedar Kamgari

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Defunding the Hamilton Police Services, and Reinvesting in our communities

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 11:57 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Adrian Underhill

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Defunding the Police & Barton Prison hunger strike

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 10:18 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Alex Kerner

Name of Organization: Spring Magazine

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Defund the Police

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 12:05 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Ashley Letts

Name of Organization: Microbac Laboratories

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Address the issue of defunding police in Hamilton.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 9:45 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Atlas Ditommaso

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: To present my reasons why I believe the Hamilton police should be defunded.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 10:18 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Brett Klassen

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Defunding the police is a public health issue.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 12:26 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Elisabetta Paiano

Name of Organization: N/A

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: I would like to give my reasons for why the city should cut the Hamilton Police Services budget by 20% and allocate said funds to other services across the city.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Thursday, August 6, 2020 - 4:18 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Emily Meilleur-Rivers

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: I am submitting a pre-recorded video (indicated by the last item on this form as a "formal\presentation") calling for the defunding of the Hamilton Police Services.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 11:18 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Emma Barrette

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Wish to speak regarding the calls to defund the police services

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 11:34 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Eshan Merali

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Support call to defund Hamilton Police Services

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 11:56 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Hannah MacDonald

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Calling for the City of Hamilton to defund the Hamilton Police by 20% and reinvest those funds into the community.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 10:05 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Hiva Nematollahi

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Advocating for the redistribution of funds from the HPS budget to social services and the Hamilton community.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 10:34 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Hollie Pocsai

Name of Organization: White Elephant

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: To voice concerns over
policing budget

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 11:50 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Jessica Glegg and Connor Bennett

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: To support the HWDSB Kids Need Help organization's demands to defund the Hamilton Police Service.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 10:59 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Kayla Whitney

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Defund the Police

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 11:44 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Kinsey Robertson

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: speak regarding defunding hamilton police

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 10:22 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Laura Howden

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Video sent to clerk by email re: defunding of police

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 10:32 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Lauren Ecker

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Defund the HPS

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 11:46 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Lisa Wang

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: I want to voice my opinion about the city budget, especially in regards to the budget for Hamilton Police Services

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 10:35 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Mariel Rutherford

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Defund the Hamilton Police Services and reinvest in our communities

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 10:43 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Marisa Gilmore

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Demanding the defunding of the Hamilton police services immediately

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 9:06 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Matt Steski

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Speaking in favor of defunding Hamilton Police Services.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 12:01pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Meir Gorodskoy

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: In support of the demand to defund the HPS

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 10:30 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Rick Roberts

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: I want to speak in support of defunding the police.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 1:27 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Susanne Nyaga`

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Play pre-recorded video in support of the call to defund the Hamilton Police Services and reinvest into the needs of the people of the City of Hamilton.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 11:20 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Amani Williams

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Defund Hamilton police immediately and reallocate the funds into our community who desperately need it

Will you be requesting funds from the City? Yes

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 11:22 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Giuliana Frontini

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: re: defunding police

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 11:21 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Rachel Cuthill

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: To speak in support of a budget reduction for the Hamilton Police Service

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Friday, August 7, 2020 - 11:33 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Shanice Bowrin

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Submitted a video on why I believe the HPS needs to be defunded.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

From: Laurie Nielsen
Sent: August 5, 2020 8:39 AM
To: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>
Subject: RE: 2026 Commonwealth Games

Dear Mayor Eisenberger,

I am sincerely hoping that we can count on your vote to not support a bid for the 2016 Commonwealth Games when council votes on August 10th. I have heard that no other city wants to bid on them. Are they smarter than us?


We have greater priorities than these games, to name only a few: our debt from COVID-19 (\$60 million), homelessness crisis, wait list of more than 5,000 for social housing, fallout (lawsuit) from the RHVP cover-up, Cootes spill cover-up, etc. We don't have the expected \$1 billion cost to hold these games. When has a cost estimate ever gone *down*?

After last night's downpour I know that I don't have the money to spare paying for these games through increased taxes. I need to get my downspouts disconnected. We all need to do our part in not contributing to the overflow of the city's CSO tanks. Infrastructure work like this is a higher priority than these games!! The city should be offering financial help to residents who cannot afford to do this work on their own.

Please vote no to the 2026 games.

Thank you.

Laurie Nielsen

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22 July 2020

Dear CAO and Clerk:

I am writing to inform you of recent changes to the Municipal Act, 2001 to provide municipalities with new permissive authority.

The Government has made changes to expand the authority for municipalities to amend their procedure by-law to provide that electronic participation in open and closed municipal meetings may count towards quorum beyond times when an emergency declaration is in place. Extending the ability for municipalities to hold electronic meetings responds to feedback we have heard from municipalities that the ability to participate electronically in municipal meetings during the past months has been beneficial to continue the important work that municipalities do and has led to increased engagement with members of the public.

In addition, the Government has also passed changes to the legislation to give municipalities the authority to amend their procedure by-law to allow members of council who are unable to attend a meeting to appoint a proxyholder to act on their behalf, subject to certain limitations.

For more information on these amendments, please see the attached information sheets.

Both of these initiatives are optional, and it is up to your municipality to decide whether to provide for electronic participation in meetings and/or proxy appointments and what arrangements are suitable for your municipality.

If you have questions regarding these new provisions, please let me know.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Aly N. Alibhai".

Aly N. Alibhai
Regional Director, Municipal Services Office – Central Region
aly.alibhai@ontario.ca

Proxy Voting for Municipal Council Members

July 2020

This document is intended to give a summary of complex matters. It does not include all details and does not take into account local facts and circumstances. This document refers to or reflects laws and practices that are subject to change. Municipalities are responsible for making local decisions that are in compliance with the law such as applicable statutes and regulations. This document applies only to those municipalities whose meeting rules are governed by the Municipal Act, 2001.

This document, as well as any links or information from other sources referred to in it, should not be relied upon, including as a substitute for specialized legal or other professional advice in connection with any particular matter. The user is solely responsible for any use or application of this document.

Overview

The province is providing municipalities with the flexibility to choose to allow proxy votes for municipal council members who are absent. This power helps ensure continuing representation of constituents' interests on municipal councils when a member is unable to attend in person due to, for example, illness, a leave of absence, or the need to practice physical distancing.

Municipalities that wish to allow proxy voting must amend their procedure bylaws to allow a member of council to appoint another member of the same council to act in their place when they are absent.

Optional and Flexible

Allowing proxy voting is optional and it is up to each municipality to determine whether to allow proxies for council and under what circumstances. If a municipal council chooses to allow proxy voting, it is up to each member to decide whether they wish to appoint a member of that council as a proxy or not if they are to be absent.

Municipalities have the flexibility to determine the scope and extent of proxy appointments including, for example, any local rules or limitations, the process for appointing or revoking a proxy, and how proxyholders may participate in meetings. Municipalities may wish to consider:

- how proxies may be established and revoked;
- circumstances where proxies may or may not be used; and
- how a proxyholder may participate in a meeting including voting, speaking, or asking questions on behalf of the appointing member.

If a municipality chooses to allow proxy voting, it would be the role of the municipal clerk to establish a process for appointing and revoking proxies. Municipalities may also wish to consider addressing proxy voting in their code of conduct or other local policies to help ensure that votes are appropriately cast and that the local process is followed.

Once a proxy has been appointed, the appointing member could revoke the proxy using the process established by the municipal clerk.

Limitations

Limits to the proxy appointment process are set out in legislation. These include:

- A proxyholder cannot be appointed unless they are a member of the same council as the appointing member:
 - For upper-tiers, this means that a proxyholder has to be a member of the same upper-tier council as the appointee, regardless of lower-tier membership;

- A member cannot act as a proxyholder for more than one other member of council at a time;
- An appointed proxy is not counted when determining if a quorum is present;
- A member appointing a proxy shall notify the municipal clerk of the appointment in accordance with a local process established by the clerk; and
- When a recorded vote is taken, the clerk shall record the name and vote of every proxyholder and the name of the member of council for whom the proxyholder is acting.

Council member absence rules still apply. This means that a member's seat would become vacant if they are absent from the meetings of council for three successive months without being authorized to do so by a resolution of council.

Accountability and Transparency

Members appointing proxies or acting as proxyholders are required to follow existing accountability and transparency requirements. For example, a member may not appoint a proxy or serve as a proxyholder on a matter in which they have a pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*. Municipalities may also want to consider transparency measures such as:

- communicating to the public who has appointed a proxy and who is serving as a proxy;
- publishing meeting agendas in advance so that proxies can be appointed, if needed, and potential conflicts of interest can be identified; and
- allowing members to participate electronically when not able to attend meetings in person rather than appointing a proxy.

For more information about existing accountability and transparency requirements, including the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, codes of conduct and the role of the local integrity commissioner, please see the [Municipal Councillor's Guide](#).

Contact

If you have questions regarding how these new provisions may impact your municipality, contact your local Municipal Services Office with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

- **Central Municipal Services Office**
Telephone: 416-585-6226 or 1-800-668-0230
- **Eastern Municipal Services Office**
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Additional Resources

- Municipal Act, 2001: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/01m25>
- The Ontario Municipal Councillor's Guide: <https://www.ontario.ca/document/ontario-municipal-councillors-guide-2018>

Electronic Participation in Municipal Meetings

July 2020

This document is intended to give a summary of complex matters. It does not include all details and does not take into account local facts and circumstances. This document refers to or reflects laws and practices that are subject to change. Municipalities are responsible for making local decisions that are in compliance with the law such as applicable statutes and regulations. This document applies only to those municipalities whose meeting rules are governed by the Municipal Act, 2001.

This document replaces previous guidance released in March 2020 regarding electronic participation in municipal meetings during emergencies.

This document, as well as any links or information from other sources referred to in it, should not be relied upon, including as a substitute for specialized legal or other professional advice in connection with any particular matter. The user is solely responsible for any use or application of this document.

Overview

The province has made changes to the *Municipal Act* to allow members of councils, committees and certain local boards who participate in open and closed meetings electronically to be counted for purposes of quorum (the minimum number of members needed to conduct business at a meeting).

These provisions are optional. Municipalities continue to have the flexibility to determine if they wish to use these provisions and incorporate them in their individual procedure bylaws.

Municipalities may wish to review their procedure bylaws to determine whether to allow members to participate in meetings electronically, and whether to take advantage of the new provisions based on their local needs and circumstances.

What a municipality can do

A municipality can choose to hold a special meeting to amend their procedure bylaw to allow electronic participation. During this special meeting, members participating electronically can be counted for the purposes of quorum.

Municipal councils, committees and boards can choose to amend their procedure bylaws to:

- allow the use of electronic participation at meetings
- state whether members can participate in both open meeting and closed meetings
- state whether members participating electronically count towards quorum

It is up to municipalities to determine:

- whether to use these provisions
- the method of electronic participation
- the extent to which members can participate electronically (for example, it is up to municipalities to decide whether all council members participate electronically or whether some still participate when physically present in council chambers)

Technology to use for electronic meetings

Municipalities, their boards and committees can choose the technology best suited to their local circumstances so:

- their members can participate electronically in decision-making
- meetings can be open and accessible to the public

Municipalities may want to engage with peers who have electronic participation in place to find out about best practices as they revise their procedure bylaws. Some municipalities may choose to use teleconferences while others may use video conferencing.

Open meeting requirements

If a municipality chooses to amend their procedure bylaw to allow people to participate electronically, meetings would still be required to follow existing meeting rules, including that the municipality:

- provides notice of meetings to the public
- maintains meeting minutes
- continues to hold meetings open to the public ([subject to certain exceptions](#))

The *Municipal Act* [specifies requirements for open meetings](#) to ensure that municipal business is conducted transparently, and with access for and in view of the public. There are limited circumstances under the *Municipal Act* when municipal meetings can be conducted in closed session.

Rules for local boards

Local boards subject to the meeting rules in the *Municipal Act* include:

- municipal service boards
- transportation commissions
- boards of health
- planning boards
- many other local boards and bodies

Some local boards may not be covered. For example, police services, library and school boards have different rules about their meetings, which are found in other legislation.

Municipalities are best positioned to determine whether a local entity is considered a local board. If in doubt whether a local entity is covered under these rules, municipalities can seek independent legal advice regarding the status of local entities and whether these new provisions would apply to them.

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From: Victoria Riddell
Sent: August 6, 2020 4:30 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Commonwealth Games Bid

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

I am writing to you today to express my concern for the 2026 Commonwealth Games Bid our fair city is hoping to make. To host this event would cost our city hundreds of millions of dollars (in addition to taxpayer dollars) that we can surely spend on bettering our own city for the long term than a 2-week flash in the pan.

As you know, our city has a wait list of over 5000 people for social housing assistance, we are facing a housing and homelessness crisis. Hamilton's money would be far better spent helping our own citizens than hosting these games that will likely go over budget and under attended.

Now is not the time for Hamilton to be spending on something like this, especially coming out of (and likely heading back into!) a pandemic and quarantine.

I would appreciate your consideration in the fight to not spend Hamilton's money on this event.

Thank you for reading,
Victoria Riddell

From: Shannon Graszat

Sent: August 6, 2020 8:20 AM

To: Farr, Jason <Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Merulla, Sam <Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca>; Collins, Chad <Chad.Collins@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Pearson, Maria <Maria.Pearson@hamilton.ca>; Johnson, Brenda <Brenda.Johnson@hamilton.ca>; Ferguson, Lloyd <Lloyd.Ferguson@hamilton.ca>; VanderBeek, Arlene <Arlene.VanderBeek@hamilton.ca>; Whitehead, Terry <Terry.Whitehead@hamilton.ca>; Partridge, Judi <Judi.Partridge@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Commonwealth Games Bid

Hello Mayor Eisenberger, Councillors and all others in favour of the Commonwealth Games Bid,

I am writing to you today as a Ward 2 constituent and asking that this be included in Monday's Agenda as correspondence.

I was extremely disheartened to see that Hamilton has decided to go ahead with the Commonwealth Games bid. Not only do I believe that this is gross negligence on the part of the City, I believe there are many better ways we can spend the money, including a current situation that my Ward 2 councillor Jason Farr(cc'ed) recently commented on, which is the homeless encampments currently within our City. This is a prime example of a few problems (homelessness, affordable housing) that the City could instead divert funds to instead of a very short event that will have little to no positive impact on our City and it's residents. I strongly urge you to reconsider your bid as we look to recover from Covid deficits, and as we see no other cities putting forward bids at this time because of their forward thinking to the larger picture of where we currently stand.

In addition to this, I could name dozens of other better ways to spend the money that would instead benefit our residents(Infrastructure, social housing, fixing potholes, etc). I urge you to strongly consider voting NO to an event that will likely cost us hundreds of millions of dollars and very surely to go over budget at that. Historically it has been shown that the burden of these games will impact the taxpayers negatively.

To even consider this during this pandemic is dangerous and I implore you to vote NO in regards to Hamilton bidding on hosting the Commonwealth Games.

Thank you.

Shannon Graszat

From: Angela DN
Sent: August 6, 2020 5:04 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Aug 10 council meeting

Hello,
Please include the following for the Aug 10 council meeting:

Dear Mayor & Councilors

I'm writing regarding using Hamilton municipal dollars to fund a Commonwealth Games bid. I can't believe this discussion is happening in the middle of a pandemic when people are without jobs, without homes and without food. This is irresponsible, not only of Council but of the business elites (e.g. Carmen's) behind this bid.

This money could be better spent on the multitude of other projects in Hamilton that desperately need attention - building affordable housing, fixing our aging infrastructure - including the wastewater treatment plant, sewer system and roads, supporting local businesses who are recovering from the pandemic, providing a liveable wage to municipal employees, supporting mental health resources, enhancing our library system, etc.

If the idea is to spend money on sport & fitness, how about we spend this money on enhancing sport and recreational facilities as well as our outdoor greenspaces? This would benefit all in Hamilton, rather than an elite group of people. Further, by investing in these spaces, we are investing in kids thus putting action towards making Hamilton 'the best place to raise a child' which could potentially grow homegrown talent who could then participate on the world stage in years to come.

Let's invest in the people of Hamilton.
Angela

From: Bonnie <bonnie.leigh.gould@gmail.com>

Sent: August 5, 2020 5:50 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Commonwealth Games

Good Evening,

I am emailing you as a resident of Hamilton to let you know that I do not support the bid for the Commonwealth Games. Now is not the time to be investing in this opportunity that can be put towards fixing other problems such as the state of the water systems and the recent spill.

I would also like to request that the council meeting on August 10th be broadcast via live video, for accountability purposes and transparency in the decision being made.

Thanks,
Bonnie Gould

From: Dan Jelly
Sent: August 7, 2020 11:46 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Commonwealth Games Bid

Please add the following correspondence to the August 10th GIC meeting:

Dear members of Council,

The part that bothers me most about this insultingly-timed Commonwealth Games Bid is that we're already going to have to go hat-in-hand to upper levels of government for serious help over the next several years. While other cities will be asking for money for housing, mass transit, road repairs, flood and storm mitigation and public health shortfalls due to the pandemic, are we actually going to ask for \$800 million for an 11 day party? However you view Hamilton's priorities, these games are not where we should be focusing our limited slice of Provincial and Federal dollars. To ask for this money now (or perhaps ever) would be shameful and embarrassing. We would deserve to get laughed out of the room.

Every time one of these bids comes along, promises are made and promises are broken. Housing gets built and then much of it gets sold off to cover cost overruns. Venues are left with legacy costs and repair bills due to hasty construction. It's always the municipality that ends up holding the bill. The (perpetual, ongoing) Pan Am Stadium fiasco would seem to be an appropriate local example. Our \$3.3 Billion infrastructure deficit and unexpected COVID-19 shortfalls would seem to indicate that we can't afford this, and we all know it's magical thinking that this will somehow not impact the tax levy.

So why are we here? Why is so much time being spent even considering this? I've yet to meet a single Hamiltonian who supports this, apart from those few already-wealthy people who stand to make money from the Commonwealth Games. I can tell they're wealthy because some of them have made some fairly large donations to many of your electoral campaigns over the years.

Perhaps I've answered my own question.

Thanks for reading,
Dan Jelly

From: Deann McGlinchey

Sent: August 7, 2020 12:05 PM

To: Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Farr, Jason <Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Merulla, Sam <Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca>; Collins, Chad <Chad.Collins@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Pearson, Maria <Maria.Pearson@hamilton.ca>; Johnson, Brenda <Brenda.Johnson@hamilton.ca>; Ferguson, Lloyd <Lloyd.Ferguson@hamilton.ca>; VanderBeek, Arlene <Arlene.VanderBeek@hamilton.ca>; Whitehead, Terry <Terry.Whitehead@hamilton.ca>; Partridge, Judi <Judi.Partridge@hamilton.ca>; Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>

Cc: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: City of Hamilton Bid for 2026 Commonwealth Games

Mr. Mayor and Members of Hamilton City Council,

I'm writing to you today to express my concerns regarding the 2026 Commonwealth Games. While I am a Hamilton Tiger-Cats Season's Ticket holder, and I consider myself to be a life-long sports fan, I cannot support Council's bid for the 2026 Games. In fact, I am using my voice to beg you to not move forward with this bid.

I was born and raised in this City and have always been proud to be a Hamiltonian. I have lived in Ward 2 for the last 15 years and watched with pride as our downtown has seen a resurgence. But with this progress has come a lot of hardship for many of our residents, especially those who would be considered most vulnerable and in need our love and support. The Commonwealth Games would take precious financial resources desperately needed to care for our community.

Recent statistics suggest that the 2026 Commonwealth Games would come with a \$1B price tag. This is unacceptable at the best of times. And in the midst of a Pandemic, we are most definitely in the worst of times. COVID-19 has left the City with a \$60M budget shortfall.

The growth in our beautiful City in recent years has led to an increased demand in all sectors, which includes a \$3.3B Infrastructure Deficit.

But most alarming and of great concern is the housing and homelessness crisis. A waitlist of 5000+ for social housing is beyond unacceptable. Those of us who have are responsible to fight and provide for those who have not.

As a lifelong resident, and someone who has voted in every single municipal, provincial and federal election, I must insist that you not proceed with a bid for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

Thank you for your time.

Ms. Deann McGlinchey

From: Frances Murray

Sent: August 6, 2020 8:27 PM

To: Farr, Jason <Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca>; Eisenberger, Fred <Fred.Eisenberger@hamilton.ca>

Cc: Paparella, Stephanie <Stephanie.Paparella@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Commonwealth Games

Please count me as a “no” vote for Hamilton as a bid city for the 2026 (or 2030) Commonwealth Games. We have many other pressing and important priorities for our limited public funds.

A recent example was illustrated by the heavy storm and flooding that occurred on Tuesday, August 4. Our infrastructure is not up to the challenges brought on by climate change.

We have so many local issues: Infrastructure, homelessness, poverty, inadequate transit, I cannot understand why city council is considering this proposal by a group who only stands to profit from a city sporting event. The amenities that may remain after spending \$100 - \$300 million are not worth the investment for a two-week event.

Please consider the future of our city before voting on this proposal.

Frances Murray

Dear Mayor and members of Council,

As of writing this delegation on the morning of August 7th, the petition hosted on Change.org [“Tell Hamilton Council: “No public money for Commonwealth Games!”](#) has received precisely 1,203 signatures - with that number certain to grow over the weekend. I will gladly provide the full list of the signatures to Councillor’s and the Mayor’s offices - however I do not wish to deny any individuals who sign the petition prior to the August 10th GIC to be excluded from it.

I welcome you all, as I am sure you have, to read some of the comments left by signatories as well as the various arguments made in the press and on social media by Hamiltonians that supports the key demand of the petition which reads clearly: “By signing this petition you are telling Hamilton City Council NO to any more public dollars or resources going towards the 2026 Commonwealth Games bid.”

I ask you all to please listen to the demand of these 1,200+ (and growing) individuals and to not dedicate any public dollars or resources towards the 2026 Commonwealth Games bid. There are simply more important things to dedicate staff time and public resources towards. I want to stress that this petition was worded to include a demand for no further staff time being dedicated to this proposal - further study on this issue should not be a priority of the City of Hamilton.

Thank you for your consideration, and I hope the priorities of Council will align with the necessities of Hamiltonians.

- Ian Borsuk, Ward 1 resident

From: David & Janis Topp
Sent: August 6, 2020 10:00 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Commonwealth Games

Mayor and Members of Council,

There is nothing from our past involvement in 'games', or in what I have read re the affect in hosting games on other cities, that makes me in any way support the City of Hamilton hosting the Commonwealth Games.

It does appear cities and even countries are not seeing benefit to these type of events but do recognize the significant financial hit, be it in kind, land or cash.

My vote is for council to vote no.

Janis Topp

Hamilton

-----Forwarded message -----

From: **Joy Johnson**

Date: Wed, Aug 5, 2020 at 7:45 AM

Subject: 2026 Commonwealth Games

To: mayor@hamilton.ca <mayor@hamilton.ca>, tom.jackson@hamilton.ca <tom.jackson@hamilton.ca>

Gentlemen,

I'm reaching out to you today to share in the voices of this city who are crying out in opposition to our city potentially hosting the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

A huge proportion of our citizens aren't able to receive social support, there are too many who are homeless and living below the poverty line. Our infrastructure is in great need of repair and TLC. We've been hit hard by a global pandemic and will most likely still be focusing on recovery in 2026. We also need to focus on reallocating funds from the police to groups and health services that will better keep our citizens safe from absolute power.

As a taxpayer and Hamiltonian by birth, my desire would be for future funds be put back into the city, but not through the LRT initiative. Investing in Hamiltonian's mental, physical, emotional health, funding research and innovations and bringing down housing/rental costs will all be more beneficial than paying for an 11-day event which most citizens will not attend.

I encourage you both, and our other leaders, to use wisdom and discernment with Hamilton's time and money. Please do what is best for those in the greatest need.

Thank you,

Joy Johnson

From: Naomi Frederick
Sent: August 7, 2020 9:49 AM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: message for council on Aug 10

Hello

Please include the following message to council for the Monday August 10 2020 meeting:

1. I am opposed to using ANY public money for the Commonwealth Games. I believe and know councillors are smart enough to know that this money is desperately needed elsewhere in the city e.g. providing affordable housing, providing food to those who need it, supporting local businesses and people who are impacted by Covid. I can't believe this is even a discussion item
2. Defund the police
 - a. Again, money is needed elsewhere. I support diverting at least 20% of the police budget to sectors that actually help prevent crime - mental health centres, safe-injection sites, affordable housing, job creation - and sectors that support survivors of crime, namely sexual assault centres
 - b. Police budget transparency - We need to revamp how the police budget is approved which includes a public itemized budget & public consultations
 - c. Listen to BIPOC voices. They have done the labour for you already. We don't need more reports; we have their voices and lived experiences.

Thank you for your time.
Naomi

-----Original Message-----

From: Ryan McGreal <editor@raisethehammer.org>

Sent: August 7, 2020 11:26 AM

To: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Farr, Jason <Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Merulla, Sam <Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca>; Collins, Chad <Chad.Collins@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Ward 8 Office <ward8@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Pearson, Maria <Maria.Pearson@hamilton.ca>; Johnson, Brenda <Brenda.Johnson@hamilton.ca>; Ferguson, Lloyd <Lloyd.Ferguson@hamilton.ca>; VanderBeek, Arlene <Arlene.VanderBeek@hamilton.ca>; Whitehead, Terry <Terry.Whitehead@hamilton.ca>; Partridge, Judi <Judi.Partridge@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Written Statement on Commonwealth Games Bid

Dear Council,

There has never been a more urgent time to think, decide and act strategically when it comes to Hamilton's priorities.

More than ever before, we need:

- Stable, secure, supported housing for people living in homelessness;
- Expanded social and mental health services for vulnerable members of our community;
- Transformative public investment in rapid transit, local transit and inclusive transportation infrastructure to improve accessibility and reduce automobile reliance;
- A new approach to civic infrastructure to build resilience against increasing extreme weather events caused by global warming; and
- A new compact with Black, Indigenous, racialized and queer-identified communities that acknowledges pervasive, ongoing systemic discrimination in social services, policing, economic opportunity and community empowerment.

These urgent needs are cast into even sharper relief by the novel coronavirus pandemic, a global health crisis that has shone a bright, unforgiving light on our longstanding collective failure to protect the most vulnerable members of our community.

The Commonwealth Games would be a nice-to-have event if we were meeting our urgent, essential functions as a municipality. But we're not meeting them. We're

nowhere close to meeting them, and any money we allocate into the Games bid will do nothing to move us closer to meeting them.

Seeking the Commonwealth Games bid now, while the city is in the grip of a generational crisis, is akin to fiddling while Rome burns. It would be both morally repugnant and fiscally reckless.

Please say NO to the Commonwealth Games bid and focus your attention on the urgent housing, transportation, climate and equity and inclusion priorities that demand meaningful action.

Sincerely,

Ryan McGreal

From: Scott Fairley
Sent: August 7, 2020 10:28 AM
To: Farr, Jason <Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca>
Cc: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Commonwealth Games, Funding for existing sports

Dear Cllr. Farr,

I am writing to formally object to Hamilton bidding on the Commonwealth Games. I am also proposing an alternative.

There is no shortage of evidence that hosting events such as the Olympics or Commonwealth Games rarely benefits the host city. Facilities fall into disuse and disrepair, and cost overruns are the rule and not the exception. At best, it would offer a one-time economic boost that would not offset the costs of hosting and maintaining legacy facilities.

However, if the City believes that promoting amateur sports is a priority, I believe there is a viable alternative in our existing amateur athletic competitions. The Around the Bay road race is one of the oldest of it's kind, and a fraction of the funds that would go towards the Commonwealth Games would have a lasting impact on an event that annually brings in thousands of people to our hotels, restaurants, bars, and shops. Likewise, the Road2Hope Marathon has a reputation as a fast course and reliably brings thousands to our city. Other races around the city and our trails are also worthy of support, namely the Boxing Day 10-miler, the Happy Trails racing series, the Ancaster Mill race, the Paris to Ancaster bike race, and the Sulfur Springs 100 trail race. I would be happy to provide more information about local races and events if you like.

Ultimately, I would love to see Hamilton embrace these events like Boston does for it's Marathon, which as any Hamilton runner will remind you, hasn't been around as long as Around the Bay.

As these would require minimal financial support to both offset their losses from Covid-19 cancellations and to realize their potential as events that Hamilton can embrace as a unique part of our amateur sports culture in an ongoing way.


Ultimately, I feel that the choice between providing support for one event with no guaranteed economic benefit and several events with proven economic benefits and the potential for growth should be easy. I hope you feel the same way.

Regards,

Scott Fairley
Ward 2 Resident



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	August 10, 2020
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Tim Hortons Field – End Guard Anchor Repair/Replacement (PW20039(b)) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	Rob Gatto (905) 546-2424 Ext. 5448 Janet Warner (905) 546-2424 Ext. 7044
SUBMITTED BY:	Rom D'Angelo Director, Energy, Fleet and Facilities Management Public Works Department
SIGNATURE:	

COUNCIL DIRECTION

At the July 6th, 2020 General Issues Committee, staff submitted a report titled Tim Hortons Field-End Guard Anchor Repair/Replacement, PW20039(a) which made the following recommendations:

- (a) That staff be directed to repair and/or replace the perimeter end guards that surround the upper bowl of the east and west stands, along with the north and south upper-lower end guards of Tim Hortons Field at an upset limit of \$1.1 million;
- (b) That Facilities Management use existing Capital Budget WIP'S through appropriation to fund this work by reprioritizing existing projects for the current year.

Council deferred the report for 30 days and directed staff to request an on-site review with both Infrastructure Ontario and the contractor Ontario Sports Solutions.

INFORMATION

Staff sent a letter of invitation to Infrastructure Ontario to come onsite at Tim Hortons Field to inspect the end guard conditions. IO responded that they do not have the technical expertise to comment, and IO extended the invitation to the contractor to

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OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

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attend the stadium, which Ontario Sports Solution has accepted. Staff will coordinate a schedule site visit to complete an inspection with the contractor in the near future.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Not applicable.

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

General Issues Committee: August 10, 2020

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. WILSON.....

Residential Municipal Relief Assistance Program for Basement Flooding for the Heavy Rain Event of August 3, 2020 (Ward 1)

- (a) That for the purpose of invoking the Residential Relief Assistance Program for Basement Flooding, City Council declare the heavy rain event of August 3, 2020, as a “Disaster” for all affected properties within Ward 1 in the City of Hamilton;
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- (c) That the Eligibility Criteria for the Residential Municipal Disaster Relief Assistance Program as previously approved in report FCS06007 be applied;
- (d) That the costs associated with these claims be funded from the Storm Sewer Reserve 108010; and,
- (e) That staff be authorized, if necessary, to retain an independent adjusting service for the administration of claims under the Residential Municipal Disaster Relief Assistance Program and that these administrative costs be funded from the Storm Sewer Reserve 108010.

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

General Issues Committee: August 10, 2020

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. WILSON.....

SECONDED BY MAYOR/COUNCILLOR.....

Residential Municipal Relief Assistance Program for Basement Flooding for the Heavy Rain Event of August 3, 2020 (Ward 1)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting the Residential Municipal Relief Assistance Program for Basement Flooding for the Heavy Rain Event of August 3, 2020 (Ward 1).

CITY OF HAMILTON

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