



City of Hamilton
GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
AGENDA

Meeting #: 22-007
Date: April 6, 2022
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall (CC)

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1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
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- 7.3. Government Relations Strategy for the City of Hamilton (CM22005) (City Wide)
- 7.4. Ancaster Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) Revised Board of Management (PED22076) (Ward 12)

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- 10.2. Our Priorities, Our Plan: Building a Brighter Future for Hamilton (CM22006) (City Wide)
- 10.3. Environment Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant Application, 50 Green Mountain Road West, ERG-21-03 (PED22078) (Ward 9)
- 10.4. Lease Extension and Amending Agreement – Barangas On The Beach, Confederation Beach Park (PED22040) (Ward 5)

NOTE: Private & Confidential Appendix "B" to Report PED22040 can be referenced under Item 14.2.

- 10.5. Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update (LS19036(i)) City Wide)

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(Addressed on this agenda as Item 10.1 - CM22003)

14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

14.1. Closed Session Minutes - March 23, 2022

Pursuant to Section 9.1, Sub-sections (a), (c) and (i) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (a), (c) and (i) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to the security of the property of the municipality or local board; a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and, 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.

14.2. Appendix "B" to Report PED2204 - Lease Extension and Amending Agreement – Barangas On The Beach, Confederation Beach Park

Pursuant to Section 9.1, Sub-section (c) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (c) 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.

NOTE: The public portions of Report PED22040 can be referenced under Item 10.4.

14.3. Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update (LS19036(i)) City Wide)

Pursuant to Section 9.1, Sub-sections (e), (f), (i) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (e), (f), (i) 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; 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.

15. ADJOURNMENT



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 22-006

9:30 a.m.

March 23, 2022

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

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger, Deputy Mayor J. Farr (Chair)
Councillors M. Wilson, N. Nann, S. Merulla, R. Powers, 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) Revised Board of Management (PED22065) (Ward 1) (Item 7.1)

(Wilson/Nann)

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

- (a) Dao Ngyuen

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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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

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

**2. Proposed City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan (PW19008(o)) (City Wide)
(Item 8.2)**

(Eisenberger/Partridge)

That Report PW19008(o), respecting the Proposed City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan, be received.

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

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

**3. The Security of the City's Property and Personnel (PW22016) (City Wide)
(Item 8.3)**

(Eisenberger/Powers)

- (a) That the Corporate Security Office be directed to provide Council Security Orientation Training to all elected Members of Council, their administration staff and other City staff members, as may be appropriate, at the start of a new Council term and at any other time, as may be requested throughout the term of Council;
- (b) That the one-time cost of the Training Program (software and materials) estimated at \$50,000 be funded from the previously approved Capital Account PID #3722241805 - Facilities Security Program 2022;
- (c) That the Corporate Security Office be authorized and responsible to procure and coordinate 3rd party services to provide personal environment

Security Risk Assessments for Elected Members of Council (and Senior Staff on a case by case basis), if voluntarily requested to do so (once per term of Council);

- (d) That the ongoing costs of the Security Risk Assessments, as identified in Recommendation (c), estimated at \$5,000 per assessment be funded from the Capital Account PID #3722241805 - Facilities Security Program 2022 and further, with an estimated \$105,000 to be referred to the 2023 Capital Budget process for consideration;
- (e) That subsequent to completion of the Security Risk Assessment, elected Members of Council (and Senior Staff on a case by case basis) may voluntarily choose to implement some or all of the Security Risk Assessment recommendations and, upon completion of the work, will be entitled to reimbursement for the associated actual costs up to a maximum of \$8,000 (plus HST) once per Council term, with such expenses to be deemed as a taxable benefit;
- (f) That a one-time estimated amount of \$168,000 be referred to the 2023 Capital Budget to cover costs of implementing recommendation (e), and that any new Council costs incurred in 2022 be funded from Capital Account PID #3722241805 - Facilities Security Program 2022;
- (g) That for any security implementation requiring 3rd party monthly monitoring, the City of Hamilton will reimburse the Elected Official (Senior Staff on a case by case basis) for the actual cost up to a maximum of \$100 monthly (plus HST), as a taxable benefit with such costs to be funded from the Elected Official's (Senior Staff's) applicable expense budgets, with reimbursements to be applicable only during elected status (or employed status for Senior Staff);
- (h) ***That the annual operating impacts of \$53,000 be absorbed in the 2022 Public Works Department Tax Supported Operating Budget, and incorporated in the 2023 Public Works Department Tax Supported Operating Budget, and,***
- (i) ***That an additional 0.5 FTE be approved to coordinate and manage the ongoing requirements of the recommendations associated with the the security of the City's property and personnel.***

Result: MAIN MOTION, As Amended, 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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Russ Powers
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

4. Light Rail Transit (LRT) Agreements Update (PED21176(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

(Eisenberger/Farr)

- (a) That the City Manager be authorized and directed to execute the Communications Protocol for the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) project, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED21176(a), as a Schedule to the Hamilton LRT Memorandum of Understanding;
- (b) That the City Manager be given delegated authority to negotiate and execute a protocol respecting property interests to and from the City of Hamilton and any ancillary documents, in accordance with key terms set out in the Protocol respecting Property Interests to and from the City of Hamilton term sheet, attached as Appendix “B” to Report PED21176(a), in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, as a Schedule to the Hamilton LRT Memorandum of Understanding; and,
- (c) That the City Manager be given delegated authority to negotiate and execute a Governance Terms of Reference and any ancillary documents in accordance with the City of Hamilton and Metrolinx Governance Framework, attached as Appendix “C” to Report PED21176(a), in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, as a Schedule to the Hamilton LRT Memorandum of Understanding.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 1, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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
No	-	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

5. Barton Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) Proposed Budget and Schedule of Payment for 2022 (PED22041) (Ward 3) (Item 10.1)

(Nann/Pauls)

- (a) That the 2022 Operating Budget for the Barton Village Business Improvement Area (BIA), attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED22041, in the amount of \$155,978, be approved;
- (b) That the levy portion of the Operating Budget for the Barton Village Business Improvement Area in the amount of \$75,000, 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 2022 Operating Budget for the Barton Village Business Improvement Area; and,
- (d) That the following schedule of payments for 2022 Operating Budget for the Barton Village Business Improvement Area be approved:
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| (i) | March | \$37,500 |
| (ii) | June | \$37,500 |

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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
Absent	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek

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

6. Locke Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) Proposed Budget and Schedule of Payment for 2022 (PED22042) (Ward 1) (Item 10.2)

(Partridge/Pauls)

- (a) That the 2022 Operating Budget for the Locke Street Business Improvement Area (BIA), attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED22042, in the amount of \$92,500, be approved;
- (b) That the levy portion of the Operating Budget for the Locke Street Business Improvement Area in the amount of \$34,500, 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 2022 Operating Budget for the Locke Street Business Improvement Area;
- (d) That the following schedule of payments for 2022 Operating Budget for the Locke Street Business Improvement Area be approved:
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|------|-------|----------|
| (i) | March | \$17,250 |
| (ii) | June | \$17,250 |

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

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

7. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 22-002, February 8, 2022 (Item 10.3)**(Eisenberger/Pearson)****(a) Strategic Planning Working Group Update (Item 7.5)**

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

(b) Accessible Open Spaces and Parklands Working Group Update (Item 7.6)

That Aznive Mallett be appointed to the Accessible Open Spaces and Parklands Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for the remainder of the 2018 – 2022 Term of Council.

(c) Temporary Outdoor Patio Program (Item 8.1)

That Tim Nolan be authorized to delegate with James Kemp at a meeting of the Planning Committee on behalf of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to consult respecting accessibility issues related to the Outdoor Dining Districts Program.

(d) Invitation to the Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST) to attend a future meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 11.1)

WHEREAS, the Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST) is a partnership between Mental Health Workers at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton and specially-trained officers of the Hamilton Police Service to serve residents of the City of Hamilton who have serious mental health issues and who are in crisis;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That a representative from the Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST) be invited to attend a future meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to discuss the services that they provide to those with mental health issues and who are in crisis.

(e) Invitation to The Honourable David Onley, former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, to attend a future meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 11.2)

WHEREAS, as Ontario's first Lieutenant Governor with a physical disability, the Honorable David Onley adopted accessibility as the overarching theme of his mandate, defining accessibility as "that which enables people to achieve their full potential", believing that true accessibility occurs when disabled people can fully participate in the social, cultural, and economic life in Ontario; and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic has dramatically impaired the independence of people with disabilities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Honourable David Onley, former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, be invited to attend a future meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to present his views on a "Post-Pandemic World".

(f) Invitation to Sherry Caldwell of the Ontario Disability Coalition to attend a future meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 11.3)

WHEREAS, the Ontario Disability Coalition is a grassroots coalition established to be the voice of parents, caregivers, health service professionals and disabled individuals with the primary goal to advocate for health care services that a person needs to find their way towards achieving as normal a life as possible.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Sherry Caldwell of the Ontario Disability Coalition be invited to attend a future meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to present respecting issues that are negatively impacting independence and healthy life for persons with disabilities.

(g) Invitation to Sara Mayo, Geographical Information Systems Specialist, Social Planning & Research Council of Hamilton, to attend a future meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 11.4)

WHEREAS, the Social Planning & Research Council of Hamilton is a non-profit organization with a goal "To improve the quality of life for everyone in Hamilton through research, community development, community engagement, and system and service planning";

WHEREAS, it is recognized that a large proportion of individuals with disabilities in the City, live near or under the poverty line and evidence has demonstrated significant lifestyle differences across the municipality;

WHEREAS, municipal infrastructure overlaps with the Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) and the related issues of accessibility, equity and inclusion and are key elements that foster good lifestyles and opportunities for residents; and,

WHEREAS, a better understanding of how those with disabilities are impacted by not only limitations of health but limitations due to poverty, would better inform future ACPD work;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Sara Mayo, Geographical Information Systems Specialist, Social Planning & Research Council of Hamilton, be invited to attend a future meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to discuss findings of the relationship between poverty and disability across the City of Hamilton.

(h) Invitation to Rich Padulo, Founder of Treat Accessibly, to Attend the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 11.5)

WHEREAS, Rich Padulo founded Treat Accessibly in 2017 to remove barriers for children with disabilities during Halloween;

WHEREAS, the Treat Accessibly campaign has expanded to municipalities including Toronto, Brampton, Mississauga, Vaughan and Caledon; and,

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities is interested in investigating the expansion of the Treat Accessibly campaign to the City of Hamilton;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Rich Padulo, Founder of Treat Accessibly, be invited to attend a future meeting of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to discuss the Treat Accessibly campaign.

(i) **Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Request for Council to Establish an Accessibility Award Program (Item 11.6)**

WHEREAS, municipalities including the Cities of Kingston, Toronto and Brampton recognize individuals, businesses and organizations who champion accessibility with a formal Accessibility Award; and,

WHEREAS, an Accessibility Awards Program will serve to promote and encourage individuals, businesses and organizations to make improvements to the inclusion and accessibility of Hamilton and highlight their actions as an example to others;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) ***That staff be directed to review options and criteria for*** establishing an Accessibility Award Program for City of Hamilton individuals, businesses and organizations that have made significant contribution beyond legislative requirements, towards improving access for persons with disabilities in Hamilton, ***and report back to the General Issues Committee;*** and,
- (b) That representation from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be included in the development of the eligibility and award criteria as well as the selection process for the Accessibility Award Program.

(j) **Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Request for Review of the Accessible Transportation Service and the Disabled and Aged Regional Transportation Service Policy Respecting Driver Assistance to Passengers who use a Bundle Buggy (Item 11.7)**

WHEREAS, passengers of the Disabled and Aged Regional Transportation Service (DARTS) are persons with disabilities and may not have the ability to utilize public transit or have the finances to use a taxi service;

WHEREAS, a person with a disability may not have or want a companion to provide assistance or wishes to be independent and be able to shop when they wish to;

WHEREAS, accessible transportation services have an obligation to provide services that accommodate the disabilities of their passengers, which may necessitate assistance, to allow persons with disabilities to participate within the community as would all individuals, regardless of ability; and,

WHEREAS, all people need to shop, purchase and transport their purchases to their place of destination.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to review the Accessible Transportation Services and the Disabled and Aged Regional Transportation Service policy to allow DARTS drivers to assist passengers who use a bundle buggy to safely load on and off the Accessible Transportation vehicle, ***and report back to the Public Works Committee.***

(k) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Request respecting Accessible Transport related to the City's Accessible Taxicab Financial Incentive Program and Accessible Taxicab Operators in Hamilton (Item 11.8)

WHEREAS, to increase reliable on-demand transport above and beyond that provided by Disabled and Aged Regional Transportation Service (DARTS), the Accessible Taxicab Financial Incentive (ATFI) Program was initiated by the City of Hamilton in 2018, providing an additional \$5 for every trip and intending to decrease excessive wait times and no shows of Accessible Taxicabs by incentivizing the extra loading and unloading time and further travel time in between pickups;

WHEREAS, the ATFI Program initiated an audit procedure in 2019 that verified random Accessible Taxicab rides by reviewing trip camera footage with the corresponding paperwork;

WHEREAS, the 2020 audit of the ATFI Program reported decreased wait times from 1-2 hours to 10-15 minutes, a decrease of complaints and an increase in the number of Accessible Taxicabs to 40 Operators;

WHEREAS, the increase in insurance rates in 2020 impacted the Taxicab industry, making it more expensive to operate and more difficult to compete with Personal Transport Provider (PTP) Operators such as Uber and Lyft that do not have the same regulation and overhead costs, causing the removal of a large number of Taxicabs from service;

WHEREAS, the ATFI Program was temporarily suspended in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and was not continued until August 2021;

WHEREAS, despite the loss of the ATFI Program, the Accessible Taxicab Operators continued to provide service through the worst of the initial lockdown, which was made more difficult by the fact that the Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) was not picking up people with mobility devices unless they were accompanied;

WHEREAS, the length of the suspension of the ATFI Program as well as the uncertainty of its future viability contributed to the attrition of Accessible Taxicab Drivers as well as the service standards and there are currently no plans or discussions regarding paying the Accessible Taxicab Drivers retroactively or otherwise compensating for their efforts during the COVID-19 Pandemic;

WHEREAS, the number of Accessible Taxicabs on the road dropped from pre-pandemic levels of 40 Accessible Taxicabs to 15 in August 2021;

WHEREAS, the resumption of the ATFI Program in August 2021, served to increase Accessible Taxicab numbers to 20;

WHEREAS, this overall decrease in the number of Accessible Taxicabs has increased the wait time at rush hour from 10 to 15 minutes to approximately 1-2 hours, which does not constitute a reliable “on-demand” service;

WHEREAS, the cost of safely and legally putting a single Accessible Taxicab on the road is exorbitant, as the vehicles need to be new to allow for proper accessibility conversion and can cost upwards of \$75,000;

WHEREAS, proper training of personnel, licensing and insurance can total an estimated \$100,000, representing a significant investment that is solely the responsibility of the owner/operator. With the ATFI Program being put on hiatus for 16 months, there is no guarantee of return on investment and a \$5 per trip incentive seems to be inadequate;

WHEREAS, there are reports that PTP Operators are putting Accessible Vehicles on the road in other municipalities and charging an additional \$10 directly to the customer and the Taxicab Brokers have recently raised the suggestion of charging more for Accessible Taxicab rides. The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), however, clearly states that the additional cost of accessibility cannot be downloaded to the customer;

WHEREAS, the PTP Operators are not beholden to the same regulations as Taxicab Operators, as they can opt to pay \$20,000 per year in lieu of providing an accessible fleet;

WHEREAS, the Burlington Taxi Service was recently forced to stop operating due to the volatility of the Taxicab industry and should serve as a warning that the same thing could happen in the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, Taxicabs serve as an interim and emergency form of transport for people of all abilities and are an essential service for any municipality; and,

WHEREAS, the AODA states that all forms of transportation, including Taxicabs, should be fully accessible by 2025, should provide equivalent service and should not cost any more than regular service;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to:

- (a) Investigate methods of revamping or improving the Accessible Taxicab Financial Incentive Program in an effort to recruit drivers and to ensure the program's sustainability in the future, **and report back to the Planning Committee;**
- (b) Consider the feasibility of compensation to the Accessible Taxicab Operators that provided accessible service during the lockdown and the Accessible Taxicab Financial Incentive Program's suspension period, **and report back to the Planning Committee;**
- (c) Develop a pandemic contingency plan with respect to the Accessible Taxicab Financial Incentive Program's audit process to ensure continuity of service while maintaining pandemic protocols as well as the safety of the staff, **and report back to the Planning Committee;** and
- (d) Determine if Personal Transport Provider Operators that are providing Accessible Transport in the City are charging an additional fee for the service, if they have plans to provide accessible service in the future or if they are willing to pay a more proportionally equivalent annual fee to opt-out of the requirement to provide Accessible Transport, **and report back to the Planning Committee.**

(I) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities 2021 Budget (Added Item 13.4)

That remaining funds from the 2021 Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Budget be transferred to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Reserve, to the maximum allowable amount.

Result: MAIN MOTION, As Amended, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla

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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
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

**8. Hamilton and Scourge National Historic Site Single Sourcing (PED22050)
(City Wide) (Item 10.4)**

(Partridge/Danko)

That staff be directed to award a sole-source, five-year contract to ASI Group (Marine) Ltd. for the maintenance, monitoring and upgrade of radar surveillance of an exclusion zone around the Hamilton and Scourge National Historic Site shipwreck location, at a cost not to exceed \$350,000 over the life of the contract, to be funded from 720600-56202.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

9. Airport Sub-Committee Report 22-001, February 24, 2022 (Item 10.5)**(Ferguson/Danko)**

- (a) 2022 - 2023 John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport - City of Hamilton Joint Marketing Incentives (PED22063) (City Wide) (Item 10.1) (Attached hereto as Appendix "A")**

That the City of Hamilton approve and allocate \$100K, from the Airport Joint Marketing Reserve Fund No. 112217 as the City's contribution to the 2022-2023 John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport – City of Hamilton Joint Marketing Initiatives.

- (b) TradePort / City Lease Negotiation Status Update (PED19084(f)) (City Wide) (Item 14.2)**

- (i) That the direction provided to staff in closed session, respecting Report PED19084(f) - the TradePort / City Lease Negotiation Status Update, be approved; and,
- (ii) That Report PED19084(f), respecting the TradePort International Corporation / City Lease Negotiation Status Update and its appendices, remain confidential.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**10. Entertainment Venues Municipal Capital By-Law (PED18168(h)) (Ward 2)
(Item 10.6)****(Merulla/Eisenberger)**

- (a) That the lands known as the FirstOntario Centre, located at 101 York Boulevard, Hamilton, be declared a municipal capital facility operating as a sport, recreational and entertainment complex for public use, to be exempted from taxation for municipal and school purposes;
- (b) That the lands in the known as the Hamilton Convention Centre, located at 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton, be declared a municipal capital facility operating as a convention and entertainment complex for public use, to be exempted from taxation for municipal and school purposes;
- (c) That the lands in the known as the FirstOntario Concert Hall, located at 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton, be declared a municipal capital facility operating as a concert hall and entertainment complex for public use, to be exempted from taxation for municipal and school purposes;
- (d) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute Municipal Capital Facilities Agreements, and any ancillary documents, substantially in the form attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED18168(h), with such amendments deemed reasonable and necessary to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, effective on or prior to the lease commencement dates of the FirstOntario Centre, Hamilton Convention Centre, and FirstOntario Concert Hall;
- (e) That the By-law, attached as Appendix "B" to Report PED18168(h), to establish Municipal Capital Facility Designation for the FirstOntario Centre, be passed;
- (f) That the By-law, attached as Appendix "C" to Report PED18168(h), to establish Municipal Capital Facility Designation for the FirstOntario Concert Hall, be passed;
- (g) That the By-law, attached as Appendix "D" to Report PED18168(h), to establish Municipal Capital Facility Designation for the Hamilton Convention Centre, be passed;
- (h) That, upon approval by Council, staff be directed to give written notice of the following By-laws to the secretary of the school boards having jurisdiction, and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation; and,
 - (i) MCF By-law – Arena
 - (ii) MCF By-law – Concert Hall
 - (iii) MCF By-law – Convention Centre

- (i) That the Clerk be directed to give written notice of the By-law approving this staff report in respect of recommendation (d) to the Minister of Finance;
- (j) ***That staff be directed to review what, if any, portions of the agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Urban Precinct Group LP, with regard the lands known as the FirstOntario Centre, the Hamilton Convention Centre and the FirstOntario Concert Hall may be publicly released, and report back to the General Issues Committee; and,***
- (k) ***That staff be directed to report back annually on the operations of the Hamilton Urban Precinct Group LP, with regard the lands known as the FirstOntario Centre, the Hamilton Convention Centre and the FirstOntario Concert Hall, and report back to the General Issues Committee.***

Result: MAIN MOTION, As Amended, CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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

11. Active Transportation Fund (PED22082) (City Wide) (Item 10.7)

(Nann/Johnson)

- (a) That the projects listed in Appendix "A" attached to Report PED22082, be approved as the City of Hamilton's submission for consideration to Infrastructure Canada for the requested funding amount of \$4,631,000 for projects with a total project cost of \$7,725,000, in accordance with the terms and conditions associated with the National Active Transportation Fund;

- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute all necessary documentation or ancillary documents, including Funding Agreements, to receive funding under the National Active Transportation Fund with content satisfactory to the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (c) That staff be directed to prepare a supplemental report to the General Issues Committee (GIC) with the results of the project evaluations by the Government of Canada and which provides a detailed financial plan, associated capital budgets including existing recurring Council approved budgets, and an implementation plan;
- (d) That staff be authorized and directed to implement projects contained in Appendix “A” attached to Report PED22082, upon execution of a transfer payment agreement between the City of Hamilton and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities for the Government of Canada to receive funding in the National Active Transportation Fund;
- (e) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized to submit future project amendments that may be required to Infrastructure Canada and the Government of Canada provided that no amendment shall result in the City’s maximum funding share being exceeded; and,
- (f) That, where required to give effect and authorize the signing of a transfer payment agreement or amendments to the transfer payment agreement between the City of Hamilton and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities for the Government of Canada, to receive funding under the National Active Transportation Fund, one or more By-law(s) be prepared in the form satisfactory to the City Solicitor for consideration by Council.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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

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

12. LRT Sub-Committee (Item 11.1)

(Eisenberger/Ferguson)

- (a) That the Terms of Reference for the LRT Sub-Committee be amended by changing the frequency of meetings from “at the call of the Chair” to “every two months (or 6 times per year)”; and,
- (b) That membership of the LRT Sub-Committee, for the balance of the 2022 term of Council (until November 14, 2022), shall consist of the Mayor and Councillors along the B-Line corridor as well as additional Councillors that represent various interests (a representative of the mountain and the rural/suburban wards), as follows:
- (i) Mayor Fred Eisenberger (Chair, ex-officio)
 - (ii) Councillor Maureen Wilson
 - (iii) Councillor Jason Farr
 - (iv) Councillor Nrinder Nann
 - (v) Councillor Sam Merulla
 - (vi) Councillor Russ Powers
 - (vii) Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
 - (viii) Councillor J. P. Danko

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

Yes - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Absent - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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. Disposition of Agricultural Property (PED22043) (Ward 15) (Item 14.2)**(Partridge/Ferguson)**

- (a) That the City's property, identified in Appendix "A" attached to Report PED22043, be declared surplus for sale, in accordance with the City's Real Estate Portfolio Management Strategy Plan and the Sale of Land Policy By-law 14-204;
- (b) That an Offer to Purchase for the sale of the City's property, identified in Appendix "A" attached to Report PED22043, based substantially on the Major Terms and Conditions outlined in Appendix "B" attached to Report PED22043, and such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development Department, be approved and completed;
- (c) That the proceeds of the Disposition of City-Owned Agricultural Property be credited to Project ID Account No. 47702-3561850200;
- (d) That the Real Estate and Legal fees of \$64,450 be funded from Project ID Account No. 59806-3561850200 and credited to Dept. ID Account No. 59806-812036 (Real Estate – Admin Recovery);
- (e) That the net proceeds of the Disposition of City-Owned Agricultural Property be credited to Unallocated Capital Levy Reserve Account No. 108020 and after repayment of the temporary funding, identified in Appendix "E" to Report PW20065, to be directed to the Facilities Reserve Account No. 108039;
- (f) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to complete the transaction for the Disposition of City-Owned Agricultural Property, 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 deemed appropriate;
- (g) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any and all necessary documents related to the Disposition of City-Owned Agricultural Property, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (h) That Report PED22043, respecting Disposition of Agricultural Property and its appendices, remain confidential until final completion of the property transaction.

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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

Yes	-	Ward 4	Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Russ Powers
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. City Hall and Other Facilities Security Process Review (PW22015) (City Wide) (Item 14.3)

(Johnson/Eisenberger)

- (a) That Reports #01 and #02, respecting the City Hall and Other Facilities Security Process Review – November 2021, authored by V2PM Security Consultant, (attached as Private & Confidential Appendices “A” and “B” attached to Report PW22015), be received;
- (b) That the Corporate Security Action Plan – March 2022 (attached as Private & Confidential Appendix “C” to Report PW22015), be approved;
- (c) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting Report PW22015 - City Hall and Other Facilities Security Process Review, be approved;
- (d) That Report PW22015, respecting the City Hall and Other Facilities Security Process Review, including Appendices “A”, “B” and “C”, remain Confidential; and,
- (e) That the presentation provided in Closed Session, respecting Report PW22015 - City Hall and Other Facilities Security Process Review, 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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.3. Paula Kilburn, respecting Item 9 of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 22-002, respecting the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Request for Council to Establish an Accessibility Award Program
- 6.4. Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting Item 13.1 - Amendments to the Outstanding Business List - the proposed new due date for the forthcoming staff report respecting a Community Benefits Protocol Advisory Committee

This delegation request has since been withdrawn.

- 6.5. Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting Item 8.4 - Light Rail Transit (LRT) Agreements Update (PED21176(a))
- 6.6. James Kemp, respecting Item 9 of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 22-002, respecting the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Request for Council to Establish an Accessibility Award Program

(Eisenberger/VanderBeek)

That the agenda for the March 23, 2022 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as amended.

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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
Absent	-	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
Absent	-	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 16, 2022 (Item 4.1)

(Merulla/Jackson)

That the Minutes of the February 16, 2022 General Issues Committee meeting, 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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

(Johnson/Clark)

That the following delegation requests be approved to for the March 23, 2022 General Issues Committee meeting:

- (i) Kristin O'Connor, Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan, respecting Item 8.2 - Proposed City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan (PW19008(o)) (Item 6.1)
- (ii) Chris McLaughlin, Bay Area Restoration Council, respecting Item 8.2 - Proposed City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan (PW19008(o)) (Item 6.2)
- (iii) Paula Kilburn, respecting Item 9 of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 22-002, respecting the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Request for Council to Establish an Accessibility Award Program (Item 6.3)
- (iv) Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting Item 8.4 - Light Rail Transit (LRT) Agreements Update (PED21176(a)) (Item 6.5)
- (v) James Kemp, respecting Item 9 of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 22-002, respecting the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Request for Council to Establish an Accessibility Award Program (Item 6.6)

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, Deputy Mayor
 Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
 Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
 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

(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

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

Jason Thorne, General Manager, Planning and Economic Development and Director of the Emergency Operations Centre; and, Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, provided the verbal update respecting COVID-19.

(Merulla/Eisenberger)

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

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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
Absent	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeeck
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(ii) Proposed City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan (PW19008(o)) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

Cari Vanderperk, Director of Watershed Management, Hamilton Water, provided the presentation respecting Report PW19008(o) – Proposed City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan.

(Pearson/Clark)

That the presentation respecting Report PW19008(o) – Proposed City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan, be received.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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

(Eisenberger/Powers)

That consideration of Report PW19008(o) – Proposed City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan, be DEFERRED until after the delegates have been heard.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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 disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

(iii) The Security of the City's Property and Personnel (PW22016) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

Rom D'Angelo, Director, Energy, Fleet & Facilities Management, introduced the presentation, respecting Report PW22016 - The Security of the City's Property and Personnel, which was then continued by Delfina Duarte, Manager Facilities Planning & Business Solutions; and, Martin Dambeau, Corporate Security Specialist.

(Johnson/Pearson)

That the presentation, respecting Report PW22016 - The Security of the City's Property and Personnel, 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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeeck
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(Eisenberger/Jackson)

(a) That sub-section (h) to Report PW22016, respecting The Security of the City's Property and Personnel, be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following in lieu thereof:

~~(h) That the annual operating impacts of \$53,000 to fund an additional 0.5 FTE to coordinate and manage the ongoing requirements of these recommendations be included in the 2022 Public Works Department operating budget in the Corporate Security Office Dept ID #790017.~~

(h) That the annual operating impacts of \$53,000 be absorbed in the 2022 Public Works Department Tax Supported Operating Budget, and incorporated in the

2023 Public Works Department Tax Supported Operating Budget, and,

- (b) That a new sub-section (i) be added to Report PW22016, respecting The Security of the City's Property and Personnel, to read as follows:
- (i) ***That an additional 0.5 FTE be approved to coordinate and manage the ongoing requirements of the recommendations associated with the the security of the city's property and personnel.***

Result: Amendment, 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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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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

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

(iv) Light Rail Transit (LRT) Agreements Update (PED21176(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

Jason Thorne, General Manager, Planning & Economic Development will introduce the presentation respecting Report PED21176(a) - Light Rail Transit (LRT) Agreements Update, which was continued by Abdul Shaikh, Director of the LRT.

(Eisenberger/Ferguson)

That the presentation, respecting Report PED21176(a) - Light Rail Transit (LRT) Agreements Update, be received.

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

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Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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

(Eisenberger/Ferguson)

That consideration of Report PED21176(a) - Light Rail Transit (LRT) Agreements Update, be DEFERRED until after the delegates have been heard.

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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
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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

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Items 4 and 12.

(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 9)

(Jackson/Pearson)

That the 5-minute speaking limit, outlined in sub-section (6), Section 5.12 – Delegations, of the Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, be waived and the following delegations be permitted to take the appropriate time required to provide their information to Committee:

- (i) Kristin O'Connor, Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan, respecting Item 8.2 - Proposed City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan (PW19008(o)) (Item 9.1); and,
- (ii) Chris McLaughlin, Bay Area Restoration Council, respecting Item 8.2 - Proposed City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan (PW19008(o)) (Item 9.2).

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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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
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

(i) Kristin O'Connor, Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan, respecting Item 8.2 - Proposed City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan (PW19008(o)) (Item 9.1)

Kristin O'Connor, Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan, provided a PowerPoint presentation, respecting Item 8.2 - Proposed City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan.

(Wilson/Nann)

That the presentation, provided by Kristin O'Connor, Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan, respecting Item 8.2 - Proposed City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan (PW19008(o)), be received.

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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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
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

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

(ii) Chris McLaughlin, Bay Area Restoration Council, respecting Item 8.2 - Proposed City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan (PW19008(o)) (Item 9.2)

Chris McLaughlin, Bay Area Restoration Council, provided a PowerPoint presentation, respecting Item 8.2 - Proposed City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan (PW19008(o)).

(Powers/Jackson)

That the presentation provided by Chris McLaughlin, Bay Area Restoration Council, respecting Item 8.2 - Proposed City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan (PW19008(o)), be received.

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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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

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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

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

(iii) Paula Kilburn, respecting Item 9 of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 22-002, respecting the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Request for Council to Establish an Accessibility Award Program (Item 9.3)

Paula Kilburn, addressed Committee respecting Item 9 of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 22-002, respecting the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Request for Council to Establish an Accessibility Award Program.

(Jackson/Pearson)

That the presentation provided by Paula Kilburn, respecting Item 9 of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 22-002, respecting the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Request for Council to Establish an Accessibility Award Program, be received.

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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 7.

(iv) Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting Item 8.4 - Light Rail Transit (LRT) Agreements Update (PED21176(a)) (Item 9.5)

Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, addressed Committee respecting Item 8.4 - Light Rail Transit (LRT) Agreements Update (PED21176(a)).

(Danko/Clark)

That the presentation provided by Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting Item 8.4 - Light Rail Transit (LRT) Agreements Update (PED21176(a)), be received.

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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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

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

(v) James Kemp, respecting Item 9 of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 22-002, respecting the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Request for Council to Establish an Accessibility Award Program (Item 9.6)

Mr. Kemp was unable to remain at the meeting.

(Ferguson/Eisenberger)

That the General Issues Committee recess for one half hour until 2:00 p.m.

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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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

(g) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)**(i) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 22-002, February 8, 2022 (Item 10.3)****(Eisenberger/Pearson)**

- (a) That sub-section (a) to Item 9 of the Advisory Committee for persons with Disabilities Report 22-002, respecting the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Request for Council to Establish an Accessibility Award Program, ***be amended*** by adding the words "***That staff be directed to review options and criteria for establishing***"; and, "***and report back to the General Issues Committee***", to read as follows:

9. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Request for Council to Establish an Accessibility Award Program (Item 11.6)

- (a) ***That staff be directed to review options and criteria for establishing*** an Accessibility Award Program for City of Hamilton individuals, businesses and organizations that have made significant contribution beyond legislative requirements, towards improving access for persons with disabilities in Hamilton, ***and report back to the General Issues Committee***; and

- (b) That Item 10 of the Advisory Committee for persons with Disabilities Report 22-002, respecting the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Request for Review of the Accessible Transportation Service and the Disabled and Aged Regional Transportation Service Policy Respecting Driver Assistance to Passengers who use a Bundle Buggy, **be amended** by adding the words “, **and report back to the Public Works Committee**”, to read as follows:

10. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Request for Review of the Accessible Transportation Service and the Disabled and Aged Regional Transportation Service Policy Respecting Driver Assistance to Passengers who use a Bundle Buggy (Item 11.7)

That staff be directed to review the Accessible Transportation Services and the Disabled and Aged Regional Transportation Service policy to allow DARTS drivers to assist passengers who use a bundle buggy to safely load on and off the Accessible Transportation vehicle, **and report back to the Public Works Committee.**

- (c) That sub-sections (a) through (d) to Item 11 of the Advisory Committee for persons with Disabilities Report 22-002, respecting the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Request respecting Accessible Transport related to the City's Accessible Taxicab Financial Incentive Program and Accessible Taxicab Operators in Hamilton, **be amended**, by adding the words “**and report back to the Planning Committee**”, to read as follows:

11. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Request respecting Accessible Transport related to the City's Accessible Taxicab Financial Incentive Program and Accessible Taxicab Operators in Hamilton (Item 11.8)

- (a) Investigate methods of revamping or improving the Accessible Taxicab Financial Incentive Program in an effort to recruit drivers and to ensure the program's sustainability in the future, **and report back to the Planning Committee;**
- (b) Consider the feasibility of compensation to the Accessible Taxicab Operators that provided accessible service during the lockdown and the Accessible Taxicab Financial Incentive Program's

suspension period, **and report back to the Planning Committee;**

- (c) Develop a pandemic contingency plan with respect to the Accessible Taxicab Financial Incentive Program's audit process to ensure continuity of service while maintaining pandemic protocols as well as the safety of the staff, **and report back to the Planning Committee;** and,
- (d) Determine if Personal Transport Provider Operators that are providing Accessible Transport in the City are charging an additional fee for the service, if they have plans to provide accessible service in the future or if they are willing to pay a more proportionally equivalent annual fee to opt-out of the requirement to provide Accessible Transport, **and report back to the Planning Committee.**

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

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

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 7.

**(ii) Entertainment Venues Municipal Capital By-Law (PED18168(h))
(Ward 2) (Item 10.6)**

(Nann/Clark)

That Report PED18168(h), respecting the Entertainment Venues Municipal Capital By-Law, be amended by adding new sub-sections (j) and (k), to read as follows:

- (j) *That staff be directed to review what, if any, portions of the agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Urban Precinct Group LP, with regard the lands known as the FirstOntario Centre, the Hamilton Convention Centre and the FirstOntario Concert Hall may be publicly released, and report back to the General Issues Committee; and,*
- (k) *That staff be directed to report back annually on the operations of the Hamilton Urban Precinct Group LP, with regard the lands known as the FirstOntario Centre, the Hamilton Convention Centre and the FirstOntario Concert Hall, and report back to the General Issues Committee.*

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 10.

(h) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

Councillor N. Nann introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Strategic Land Acquisition Plan Along the LRT Corridor (Item 12.1)

That staff be directed to establish a strategic land acquisition plan along the LRT corridor for the purposes of planning to deliver future municipal services, including but not limited to parks, recreation, as well as, non-profit, affordable housing and report back to the General Issues Committee.

(i) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)**(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 13.1)****(Partridge/Pearson)**

That the following amendment to the General Issues Committee's Outstanding Business List, be approved:

- (i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 13.1)
 - (a) Items to be Removed (Item 13.1.a.)
 - (1) Airport Employment Growth District (AEGD) Wastewater Servicing Update and Capacity Allocation Policy (Addressed at the February 16, 2022 GIC as Item 8.4 - Report PED20040(a)) (Item a)
 - (2) Recommendations related to the Implementation of the Municipal Accommodation Tax (Addressed at the February 16, 2022 General Issues Committee as Item 10.2 - PED20009(b)) (Item b)
 - (3) Feedback on the Draft Code of Conduct for Boards and Committees (Addressed at the special GIC meeting of February 17, 2022 as Item 8.1 - Report FCS21081(a)) (Item c)
 - (4) Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee Working Group for the 2021 Grey Cup As the 2021 Grey Cup has since concluded, this matter is no longer relevant. (Item d)
 - (5) Downtown Precinct Master Agreement – Municipal Capital Facility Agreement By-Laws (Addressed on this agenda as Item 10.6 - Report PED18168(h))
 - (b) Proposed New Due Date (Item 13.1.b.)
 - (1) Community Benefits Protocol Advisory Committee
Current Due Date: March 23, 2022
Proposed New Due Date: June 15, 2022
 - (2) Protection of Privacy
Current Due Date: February 16, 2022
Proposed New Due Date: May 4, 2022

- (3) Options on How the City May Pedestrianize a Street or Collection of Streets
Current Due Date: March 23, 2022
Proposed New Due Date: April 20, 2022
- (4) Security Report on Theft and Vandalism Prevention in City Owned Spaces
Current Due Date: May 18, 2022
Proposed New Due Date: August 8, 2022
- (5) ACPD Environmental Working Group Plan
Current Due Date: March 23, 2022
Proposed New Due Date: March 22, 2023
- (6) Corporate Strategic Growth Initiatives – Annual Update
Current Due Date: March 23, 2022
Proposed New Due Date: November 30, 2022
- (7) Revenue Enhancement Opportunities at the John C. Munro International Airport
Current Due Date: March 23, 2022
Proposed New Due Date: September 21, 2022
- (8) Update on Request for Information – Downtown Parking Structure (PED16105 and PED15183)
Current Due Date: April 6, 2022
Proposed New Due Date: January 18, 2023
- (9) Public Art Master Plan
Current Due Date: June 15, 2022
Proposed New Due Date: September 21, 2022

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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 16, 2022 (Item 14.1)

(Johnson/Powers)

- (a) That the Closed Session Minutes of the February 16, 2022 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved; and,
- (b) That the Closed Session Minutes of the February 16, 2022 General Issues Committee meeting, remain confidential.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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

(Clark/Danko)

That Committee move into Closed Session to discuss Items 14.2 and 14.3, pursuant to Section 9.1, Sub-sections (a), (c) and (i) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (a), (c) and (i) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to the security of the property of the municipality or local board; a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and, 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.

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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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

(k) ADJOURNMENT (Item 14)

(Nann/Pearson)

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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,

Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator,
Office of the City Clerk



**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
(OPERATING BUDGET)
MINUTES 22-002(I)**

4:01 p.m.

Thursday, March 23, 2022

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

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger, Deputy Mayor J. Farr (Chair)
Councillors M. Wilson, N. Nann, S. Merulla, R. Powers, 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. Area Rating Review (FCS21078(b)) (City Wide) (Item 6.2)

(Eisenberger/Pearson)

- (d) That the area rating of Parkland Purchases be eliminated once the existing internal debt has been paid off;

Result: MOTION CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 3, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
No	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
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Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
No	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
No	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(Eisenberger/Pearson)

- (a) That the area rating of Sidewalk Snow Removal be eliminated in the 2023 tax year;
- (b) That the area rating of Sidewalks and Streetlighting be eliminated in a four-year phase-out period starting in the 2022 tax year;
- (c) That the area rating of Recreation be eliminated in a four-year phase-out period starting in the 2022 tax year;
- (e) That staff be directed to report back with analysis, as well as, a public consultation plan on the impacts of adjusting the area rating of the Fire Service from the existing urban / rural model to one that aligns with the three levels of service (full time / volunteer / composite) for possible implementation in the 2023 tax year;
- (f) That a transfer from the Tax Stabilization Reserve in the amount of \$1,400,000 be applied to reduce the rural fire levy in 2022.

Result: MOTION CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 1, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
No	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

**2. 2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations
(FCS22002(a)) (City Wide) (Item 6.3)**

(Eisenberger/Pearson)

- (a) Council Referred Items, Business Cases and 2023 – 2025 Multi-Year Outlook
 - (i) That the 2022 Council Referred Items in Appendix “A” attached to Report FCS22002(a), be received;

- (ii) That the 2022 Business Cases in Appendix “B”, **as amended**, attached to Report FCS22002(a), be received;
 - (iii) That the 2023 – 2025 Multi-Year Outlook in Appendix “G” attached to Report FCS22002(a), be received;
- (b) Boards and Agencies
- (i) That the Hamilton Police Services operating budget of \$183,542,540 in Appendix “D” attached to Report FCS22002(a), be approved;
 - (ii) That the City Enrichment Fund operating budget (2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “H” to Report FCS22002(a), page 29) of \$6,088,340, be approved;
 - (iii) That all other Boards and Agencies operating budgets totalling \$49,501,530 in Appendix “D” attached to Report FCS22002(a), be approved;
- (c) Planning and Economic Development Department
- (i) That the Planning and Economic Development operating budget (2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “H” to Report FCS22002(a), page 54) of \$31,304,660, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C”, **as amended**, attached to Report FCS22002(a), be approved;
- (d) Healthy and Safe Communities Department
- (i) That the Healthy and Safe Communities operating budget (2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “H” attached to Report FCS22002(a), page 74) of **\$267,685,350**, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C”, **as amended**, attached to Report FCS22002(a), be approved;
 - (ii) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or delegate, be authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City, all agreements, including all federal and provincial funding agreements and any agreements with Community Services Provider(s), as well as, any ancillary agreements, contracts, extensions and documents, associated with, or arising out of, Council’s approval of the budgets, outlined Appendix “H” attached to Report FCS22002(a), inclusive of

amendments as per Appendix “C”, **as amended**, attached to Report FCS22002(a), which also includes the authority to authorize the submission of budgets and quarterly and / or year-end reporting, as well as, the authority to make appropriate payments to community service providers, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

- (iii) That, where required for Public Health Services, the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, or delegate, or the Medical Officer of Health, or delegate, be authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City, all agreements, including all federal and provincial funding agreements, as well as, any ancillary agreements, contracts, extensions and documents, associated with or arising out of Council’s approval of the budgets outlined in Appendix “H” attached to Report FCS22002(a), inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C”, **as amended**, attached to Report FCS22002(a), and includes the authority to authorize the submission of budgets and quarterly and / or year-end reporting;

(e) Public Works Department

- (i) That the Public Works operating budget (2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “H” to Report FCS22002(a), page 98) of \$278,758,300, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C”, **as amended**, attached to Report FCS22002(a), be approved;

(f) City Manager’s Office

- (i) That the City Manager’s operating budget (2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “H” to Report FCS22002(a), page 114) of \$13,652,960, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C”, **as amended**, attached to Report FCS22002(a), be approved;

(g) Corporate Services Department

- (i) That the Corporate Services operating budget (2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “H” to Report FCS22002(a), page 128) of \$38,824,160, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C”, **as amended**, attached to Report FCS22002(a), be approved;

- (h) Legislative
 - (i) That the Legislative operating budget (2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “H” to Report FCS22002(a), page 145) of \$5,284,590, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C”, **as amended**, attached to Report FCS22002(a), be approved;

- (i) Hamilton Entertainment Facilities
 - (i) That the Hamilton Entertainment Facilities operating budget (2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “H” to Report FCS22002(a), page 152) of \$2,337,710, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C”, **as amended**, attached to Report FCS22002(a), be approved;

- (j) Corporate Financials – Expenditures / Non-Program Revenues
 - (i) That the Corporate Financials – Expenditures operating budget (2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book - Appendix “H” to Report FCS22002(a), page 146) of **\$22,338,310**, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C”, **as amended**, attached to Report FCS22002(a), be approved;
 - (ii) That the Non-Program Revenues operating budget (2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book - Appendix “H” to Report FCS22002(a), page 157) of \$51,256,190, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C”, **as amended**, attached to Report FCS22002(a), be approved;

- (k) Capital Financing
 - (i) That the Capital Financing operating budget (2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “H” to Report FCS22002(a), page 153) of \$145,688,310, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C”, **as amended**, attached to Report FCS22002(a), be approved;
 - (ii) That the Capital Financing portion of the Police Services budget (2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book – Appendix “H” to Report FCS22002(a), page 153) of \$1,269,000, inclusive of amendments as per Appendix “C”, **as amended**, attached to Report FCS22002(a), be approved;
 - (iii) That the Capital Financing portion relating to the Hamilton Public Library budget (2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget Book –

Appendix “H” to Report FCS22002(a), page 153) of \$166,000, be approved;

- (l) 2022 By-Law Authorization
 - (i) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary by-laws, for Council approval, for the purposes of establishing the tax levy;

- (m) Budgeted Complement Transfer and Extension Schedule
 - (i) That in accordance with the “Budgeted Complement Control Policy”, the requested complement transfers from one department / division / cost category to another, as outlined in Appendix “E” attached to Report FCS22002(a), be approved;

- (n) Budget Exclusions Related to Regulation 284/09
 - (i) That the budget exclusions related to Regulation 284/09 of the *Municipal Act* titled “Budget Matters – Expenses”, as per Appendix “F” attached to Report FCS22002(a), be received;

- (o) That consideration of annual contributions to the Climate Change Reserve be referred to the 2023 Tax Supported Operating Budget process.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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 1)

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

(Pearson/VanderBeek)

That the agenda for the March 23, 2022 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting, be approved, as presented.

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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
Absent	-	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
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 2)

- (i) Councillor E. Pauls declared a disqualifying interest with respect to subsection (b)(i) of Item 6.3, respecting the Hamilton Police Services 2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget portion of Report FCS22002(a) – 2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations, as her son is employed by the Hamilton Police Service.
- (ii) Councillor E. Pauls declared a disqualifying interest with respect to Item 7.1 – Living Wage Implementation Options, as her granddaughter has applied to the City of Hamilton for a summer student position.
- (iii) Councillor E. Pauls declared a disqualifying interest with respect to Item 8.1, a Motion respecting Summer Student Wage Rate, as her granddaughter has applied to the City of Hamilton for a summer student position.

- (iv) Councillor J. Farr declared a disqualifying interest with respect to Item 7.1 – Living Wage Implementation Options, as his son has applied to the City of Hamilton for a summer student position.
- (v) Councillor J. Farr declared a disqualifying interest with respect to Item 8.1, a Motion respecting Summer Student Wage Rate, as his son has applied to the City of Hamilton for a summer student position.
- (vi) Councillor S. Merulla declared a disqualifying interest with respect to Item 7.1 – Living Wage Implementation Options, as his daughter is an occasional employee with the City of Hamilton.
- (vii) Councillor S. Merulla declared a disqualifying interest with respect to Item 8.1, a Motion respecting Summer Student Wage Rate, as his daughter is an occasional employee with the City of Hamilton.

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

(i) March 3, 2022 (Item 3.1)

(Ferguson/Partridge)

That the Minutes of the March 3, 2022 meeting of the General Issues Committee, be approved, as presented.

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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
Absent	-	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
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) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Area Rating Review (FCS21078(c) (City Wide) (Item 6.1)

Brian McMullen, Director Financial Planning Administration and Policy, provided the PowerPoint presentation respecting Report FCS21078(c) – Area Rating Review, and answered questions of Committee.

(Eisenberger/Clark)

That the presentation respecting Report FCS21078(c) – Area Rating Review, be received.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
Absent	-	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

1. DEFERRAL of Report FCS21078(c), respecting the Area Rating Review

(Eisenberger/Powers)

That Report FCS21078(c), respecting the Area Rating Review, be DEFERRED to the 2022 to 2026 Council and the 2023 Tax Supported Operating Budget for further discussion.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 3, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
No	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
No	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers

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Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
No	-	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

**(ii) 2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations
(FCS22002(a)) (City Wide) (Item 6.3)**

(Ferguson/Merulla)

That consideration of Report FCS22002(a) - 2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget – Recommendations, be DEFERRED until after consideration of Items 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3.

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, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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
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

**1. Amendment to sub-section (b) to the 2022 Preliminary Budget
Proposed Amendments**

(Eisenberger/Pearson)

That sub-section (b) to the 2022 Preliminary Budget Proposed Amendments, **be amended** by deleting the words "be DEFERRED to the 2023 budget process (General Issues Committee) meeting for consideration" and by adding the words "**be reflected as a**

reduction in the 2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget", to read as follows:

(b) That the following 2022 Preliminary Budget Proposed Amendments, **be reflected as a reduction in the 2022 Tax Supported Operating Budget:**

- (i) Operating Impacts of Capital (\$1,653,800);
- (ii) PRESTO (\$381,000); and,
- (iii) Hamilton Entertainment Facilities (\$1,850,000).

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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
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

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

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 7)

(i) Living Wage Implementation Options (Item 7.1)

(Nann/Wilson)

That Living Wage Options 1, 2 and 3, as shown below, be approved:

Option 1 – School Crossing Guards

Option 1	\$17.20 per hour – Annualized Cost Impact
School Crossing Guards	\$92,840

Option 2 – Non-Union Part-Time Casual Staff

Option 2	\$17.20 per hour – 2022 Annualized Cost Impact
City of Hamilton	\$64,000
Hamilton Public Library	\$28,720
Total Cost	\$92,720

Option 3 – Non-Union Full-Time Summer Student Staff

Option 3	\$17.20 per hour – 2022 Annualized Cost Impact
City of Hamilton	\$156,570
Hamilton Public Library	0
Total Cost	\$156,570

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Conflict	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Conflict	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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
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

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

(ii) 2022 Business Case – Hamilton Paramedic Services 2022-2025 Enhancement (Ambulance) (Item 7.2)

(Clark/Eisenberger)

That the Business Case for the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, Hamilton Paramedic Service 2022 -2025 Enhancement (Ambulance), \$1,082,000 (Gross), \$541,000 (Net), with 10 FTEs, be approved.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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
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

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

(f) MOTIONS (Item 8)

(i) Summer Student Wage Rate (Item 8.1)

(Nann/Wilson)

WHEREAS the historical competitive wage rate for summer students has been 20% higher than minimum wage;

WHEREAS, the current summer student rate is \$15 per hour, which is the same as the current minimum wage;

WHEREAS, the summer student general labourers play a vital role in supporting the Operations during the period of May to September/October each year; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has been experiencing challenges in recruitment and retention of summer students due to the lack of wage competitiveness;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That summer student wage rates be increase by \$1 per hour and a \$0.965 shift premium be implemented, effective April 1st, 2022, at an annual additional cost of \$304,019, to be integrated into the annual operating budget thereafter.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 4, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Conflict	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
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No	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Absent	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
No	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

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

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)

(Clark/Johnson)

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget) be adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Absent	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Russ Powers
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
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Absent	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
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Respectfully submitted,

Jason Farr, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator,
Office of the City Clerk



Hamilton

CLEANLINESS & SECURITY IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE TASK FORCE REPORT 21-001

Thursday, December 9, 2021

9:30 a.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
S. Laurie, Community Representative
S. Sutherland, Community Representative
P. Trainor, Community Representative

Absent

With Regrets: Councillor N. Nann, C. Topp, James Street South Business District,
T Potocic, James Street North Business Merchants, A. Stajrer,
Community Representative

Also Present: J. Davis, Business Development & BIA Officer
K. Barnett, Manager, Service Delivery, Licensing & By-Law Services
K. Beaton, Manager, Planning and Economic Development
J. McCormick, Manager, Waste Collections, Environmental Services
F. Miscione, Inspector, Hamilton Police Service
D. Wright, Acting Sergeant., Hamilton Police Service

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF ITEMS:

In order to accommodate staff schedules, the following agenda items are to be moved up on the agenda to be considered following Item 4.1:

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.4 Police Update

The agenda for the December 9, 2021 meeting of the Cleanliness & Security in the Downtown Core Task Force was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) November 12, 2020 (Item 4.1)

The Minutes of the November 12, 2020, meeting of the Cleanliness & Security in the Downtown Core Task Force be approved, as presented.

(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Cleanliness and Issues at Ferguson Station (Item 10.1)

S. Braithwaite reported that issues at Ferguson Station, Hamilton, including mural tagging, pieces of trees being cut down, loitering, garbage, theft of copper wiring are negatively affecting area businesses. S. Braithwaite noted that a large soup kitchen operates at Ferguson Station on Wednesday evenings, which has been causing disruption in the area. S. Braithwaite requested that Ferguson Station be considered more of a priority asset for the City. City Economic Development staff have been kept apprised of the issues.

(ii) Encampments Update (Item 10.2)

K. Barnett reported that there is an Encampment Response Team comprised of representatives from Police, Municipal Law Enforcement, Housing, Outreach and Parks that meets daily to discuss issues related to individual encampment sites and to problem-solve to reach a successful outcome. K. Barnett detailed the challenges that occurred in addressing encampments during the July 2020 injunction and after the injunction was lifted. K. Barnett advised that staff continue to enforce the Parks By-law and address the many challenges faced by people living in encampments and to help to provide a temporary or permanent housing solution. K. Barnett also advised that approximately 50 complaints about encampments are received every week and a large amount of staff are dedicated to respectfully and compassionately achieving successful outcomes.

(iii) Graffiti Update (Item 10.3)

K. Beaton reported that there are two co-op students hired on a yearly basis dedicated to responding to graffiti within the City on private properties, City properties, parks and utilities. In Ward 2, there were 215 site visits, both

reactive and proactive, in response to graffiti. Compliance was gained for 160 properties. There are 55 files open and the compliance date extended until April 2022 due to the weather and ability to clean up. In Ward 3 there were 159 files, with compliance on 134 files.

S. Braithwaite advised that the BIA completes a bi-annual graffiti audit that is forwarded to staff. K. Beaton advised she will include the audit in the statistics.

(iv) Police Update (Item 10.4)

Inspector Miscione, Hamilton Police Service, advised that the HPS Action Team is involved with encampments in the City by assisting Municipal Law Enforcement with daily outreach in the process to attempt to find people shelter or alternative arrangements to work towards a clear out of encampments. Inspector Miscione provided an update of statistics on HPS action in Downtown Hamilton over the past two years, with aid of a presentation.

Inspector Miscione, with assistance from Acting Sergeant Wright, answered questions from Committee members.

(v) Issues at corners of Barton Street East and James Street North (Item 10.5) and Trash and Food Packaging near Community Fridge, John Street North, north of Barton Street East (Item 10.6)

S. Laurie reported increased waste, both illegally dumped items and trash due to the presence of the Community Fridge, at the corner of John Street North, north of Barton Street East. S. Braithwaite reported increased waste from residents living above downtown businesses. J. McCormick spoke about ways to attempt to mitigate waste issues including installing a waste receptacle at the location and deploying staff on a regular basis to clean and enforce.

P. Trainor reported residential waste being blown by the wind. J. McCormick advised that he will follow up at the next meeting about the enforcement of garbage being placed at the curb prior to 7 p.m. the day before collection.

(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

That there being no further business, the Cleanliness & Security in the Downtown Core Task Force adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

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

Carrie McIntosh
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk



Hamilton

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES 22-002

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Virtual Meeting

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Councillor Esther Pauls (Chair)
 Susie Braithwaite – International Village BIA
 Tracy MacKinnon – Westdale Village BIA and Stoney Creek BIA
 Cristina Geissler – Concession Street BIA
 Kerry Jarvi – Downtown Hamilton BIA
 Katie Poissant-Paul – Ancaster BIA
 Bettina Schormann – Locke Street BIA
 Susan Pennie – Waterdown BIA
 Jessica Myers – Barton Village BIA
 Maggie Burns – Ottawa Street BIA
 Lisa Anderson – Dundas BIA

Absent: Michal Cybin – King West BIA
 Bender Chug – Main West Esplanade BIA

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

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

(Jarvi/Poissant-Paul)

That the agenda for the February 8, 2022 Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) January 11, 2022 (Item 4.1)

(Geissler/Braithwaite)

That the January 11, 2022 Minutes of the Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Triaging of Business Improvement Area Requests (Item 8.1)

Anita Vidovic, Business Initiatives Coordinator addressed the Committee with information on Triaging of Business Improvement Area Requests.

(Jarvi/Braithwaite)

That the staff presentation respecting Triaging of Business Improvement Area Requests, be received.

CARRIED

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Local Commercial Areas Economic Recovery Program (Item 10.1)

Judy Lam, Manager of Commercial Districts and Small Business and Julia Davis, Business Development and BIA Officer addressed the Committee respecting the Local Commercial Areas Economic Recovery Program.

(Braithwaite/Geissler)

That the discussion respecting the Local Commercial Areas Economic Recovery Program, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Business Improvement Area Policy Templates (Item 10.2)

Susan Pennie, Waterdown BIA, addressed the Committee respecting Business Improvement Area Policy Templates.

(Anderson/Pennie)

That the discussion respecting Business Improvement Area Policy Templates, be received.

CARRIED

(f) MOTIONS (Item 11)

(i) Parking Meters Located in Business Improvement Areas During the Free Christmas Parking Program (Item 11.1)

(Braithwaite/Giessler)

WHEREAS, the holiday shopping season is an important season for businesses located in Business Improvement Areas;

WHEREAS, Business Improvement Areas that take part in the Free Christmas Parking Program rely on this benefit for their businesses to attract customers during the holiday shopping season; and,

WHEREAS, parking meters located in the Free Christmas Parking Program areas were not clearly identified for the 2021 Free Christmas Parking Program;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED:

That Parking Staff be directed to investigate ways to clearly mark all parking meters in Business Improvement Areas that take part in the Free Christmas Parking Program during the holiday shopping season (November 24 – December 24) and attend the March 22, 2022 Business Improvement Area Advisory Sub-Committee meeting with an update.

CARRIED

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

(i) Verbal Update from Julia Davis, Business Development and BIA Officer (Item 13.1)

Julia Davis thanked the Committee for sharing the link to the Business Needs and Workforce Survey. The survey will be open until Friday, February 11, 2022, so if Committee members would like to share it one more time, that would be appreciated. The results of the survey will be shared with the BIA's once it is complete.

Julia advised the Committee that at upcoming meetings there will be agenda items touching on governance expectations for this year as it is an election year for both Council and the BIA Boards.

Julia reminded the Committee that the Audit information was sent to the BIA's via email with the two options for submission dates (June or September). Each BIA should have received an email with their key dates. Julia also reminded Committee that the 2021 BIA Board Meeting minutes from each BIA should be sent to her as well.

Julia advised the Committee that there will be a report coming to the Planning Committee respecting the temporary outdoor patio program, with recommendations for it to be made a permanent program. Julia advised that Council has already waived the fees for 2022.

(Anderson/MacKinnon)

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

CARRIED

(ii) Statements by Members (Item 13.2)

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

(Pennie/Braithwaite)

That the updates from Committee Members, be received.

CARRIED

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Geissler/Anderson)

That there being no further business, the Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee be adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor E. Pauls
Chair Business Improvement Area
Advisory Committee

Angela McRae
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	April 6, 2022
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Government Relations Strategy for the City of Hamilton (CM22005) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	Morgan Stahl Director, Government Relations & Community Engagement (905) 546-2424 Ext. 2178
SUBMITTED BY:	Morgan Stahl Director, Government Relations & Community Engagement City Manager's Office
SIGNATURE:	

COUNCIL DIRECTION

As a result of the newly established Government Relations & Community Engagement division within the City Manager's Office, this report is intended to provide a strategic plan and framework for the City's future government relations activities.

This strategy will be guided by the term of Council priorities which include Climate Change, Multi-Modal Transportation, Homelessness and Affordable Housing, Equity Diversity and Inclusion, Integrated Growth and Development, Trust and Confidence in City Government, Fiscal Health and Financial Management, and promoting a Healthy, Respectful and Supportive Workplace.

INFORMATION

The goal of a government relations strategy for the City of Hamilton is to establish a strong, open, pro-active and transparent relationship between the City and its provincial, federal, municipal and advocacy partners. In addition to ongoing opportunities and challenges that require intergovernmental cooperation and participation, the pandemic has highlighted the increasing need to ensure that different orders of government have

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mutual understanding, clear communication and alignment wherever possible on shared challenges.

As all levels of government face fiscal challenges, respect and appreciation for each other's roles and responsibilities are key to ensuring important public services can be sustained in a rapidly changing environment. The intent of the government relations strategy is to ensure the City of Hamilton is uniquely positioned for funding opportunities, collaborative and strategic partnerships with our provincial and federal counterparts.

Hamilton is one of Canada's largest cities. With a population of 569,355 (based on 2021 census data) , Hamilton is home to a traditional manufacturing base, is a nerve centre of healthcare research and training, and a destination for an emerging knowledge-based economy. Hamilton is also a destination for investment in arts and culture, as well as a growing destination for families.

As the ninth-largest regional economy in Canada and the third in Ontario, Hamilton is uniquely positioned as a truly multi-modal city offering all modes of transportation, and good infrastructure for moving goods that support the city's workforce. Hamilton is the only city in Southern Ontario that offers all four modes of transportation – rail, road, air and port.

Over the next ten years, Hamilton's population is projected to grow dramatically. It is imperative that the City of Hamilton can proactively highlight our needs, opportunities and challenges are understood higher levels of government to maximize funding opportunities and promote deeper, pro-active relationships with our provincial and federal partners.

Government Relations Goals & Objectives:

In order to highlight key City of Hamilton priorities to higher levels of government, emphasis will be given to the term of Council priorities, in addition to provincial and federal priorities approved by Council.

This will be accomplished by the following:

- Further cultivating and developing meaningful relationships with political decision makers and strengthening trust with all levels of government
- Actively looking for opportunities to collaborate with provincial and federal government decision makers and the civil service through working groups, roundtables and task forces
- Utilizing forums such as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Ontario Big City Mayor's, Federation of

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Canadian Municipalities and other relevant associations advocating for similar priorities

- Promoting the City's accomplishments and increasing visibility of the City's leadership at Queen's Park and Parliament Hill
- Actively participating in policy development of interest to the City of Hamilton
- Providing support for local government announcements

Local ridings that are relevant to the strategy:

- Hamilton Centre
- Hamilton East – Stoney Creek
- Hamilton Mountain
- Hamilton West – Ancaster – Dundas
- Flamborough – Glanbrook

The City of Hamilton will work with local, provincial and national institutions and advocacy agencies, which include but not limited to:

- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus (OBCM)
- GTHA Mayor's & Chairs
- Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA)
- Hamilton Chamber of Commerce
- Stoney Creek Chamber of Commerce
- Flamborough Chamber of Commerce

In addition, the City will continue to work collectively with other Hamilton Anchor Institutions on aligned issues and best practises.

Strategy and tactics include:

- Develop a quarterly Government Relations newsletter that will be provided to members of Council
- Outreach, liaise and work collaboratively with Members of Parliament, Members of Provincial Parliament and party leaders representing Hamilton to ensure that their staff are well briefed on matters of interest to the City of Hamilton.
- Work with the Mayor and Council to engage local MPP's and MPs as champions to work with the City as an advocate within their respective caucus and Cabinet; arm them with the messages they need to effectively advocate for the City with their government colleagues

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- Outreach and liaise with government ministries and key contacts such as Deputy Ministers, Assistant Deputy Ministers and subject matter experts
- Communicate key City of Hamilton priorities that align with provincial and federal priorities (ahead of election period)
- Ensure local candidates in the five Hamilton-based ridings referenced above and major party leaders are informed of the City's priorities in the lead up and during an election writ period
- Collaborate with Hamilton Anchor Institution Leadership and community partners to support collective advocacy, policy positions and funding requests
- Pre-budget consultation and budget submissions, providing feedback to relevant ministries by submitting key priorities for the City of Hamilton
- Implement priorities approved by Council ahead of provincial and federal elections
- Work with government relations staff across municipalities to collaborate, share best practises and mobilize on issues that are aligned

Monitoring:

- Monitor activities at Queen's Park and on Parliament Hill (i.e. legislation, policy changes, changes within the civil service and emerging issues)
- Election outcomes
- Cabinet Shuffle and any ongoing changes to Cabinet
- Speech from the Throne, which generally, occurs at the beginning of each legislative session or when a new government is sworn in
- Budgets

Updates would come in the form of communication to Council or Report to General Issues Committee when required.

Key areas of advocacy include the following:

- Supportive Housing
- Tackling Poverty
- Climate Change
- Transit
- Applying a rural recovery and equity, diversity and inclusion lens to policy and funding decisions

Other areas include:

- Investment in Early Years and Child-care
- Strong economic recovery from COVID-19

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- Inclusive city building
- Investments in healthcare to address ambulance off-load delays
- Additional revenue tools for municipalities

Where necessary, staff will ensure relevant subject matter experts are included in conversations on a staff to staff level ensuring policy expertise is provided in the lead up to any advocacy positions or briefing materials being prepared for meetings between elected officials.

On a more regular basis (annually) Government Relations & Community Engagement staff will provide updated recommendations so that Council may debate and approve a list of municipal priorities for discussion with both senior levels of government.

Council may add additional areas of focus to the priority areas as they relate to specific actions to be carried out on an annual basis.

Outlining our government relations strategy and strengthening our relationships with higher levels of government will lead to a brighter, healthier and more equitable future for all Hamiltonians.

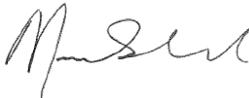
Furthermore, Council may choose to seek out subject matter expertise to make certain that we have a prominent presence in both Ottawa and Toronto, ensuring staff are actively monitoring and engaged on developing issues that could impact Hamilton. This would be done through existing Council approved resources and budget allocations for the Government Relations & Community Engagement team.

Where appropriate and where Council approval or direction is required on a particular position or policy, staff will bring this forward to the appropriate sub-committee and/or Standing Committee/General Issues Committee.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED



CITY OF HAMILTON
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Economic Development Division

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	April 6, 2022
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Ancaster Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) Revised Board of Management (PED22076) (Ward 12)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 12
PREPARED BY:	Julia Davis (905) 546-2424 Ext. 2632
SUBMITTED BY:	Norm Schleeahn Director, Economic Development Planning and Economic Development Department
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION

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

- (a) Diane Price

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Appointment of a new Director to the Ancaster Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Management

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: Not Applicable

Staffing: Not Applicable

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

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Board of Management of the Ancaster Village BIA held a meeting on February 22, 2022, at which Diane Price was appointed to the Board of Management.

Should Council adopt the recommendation in PED22076, the aforementioned nominated person would be appointed to serve on the Ancaster Village BIA Board of Management for the remainder of this term, through the end of 2022. The new Director would be replacing Melissa Sander who resigned from the Board of Management.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

Section 204 of the *Municipal Act* (the “*Act*”), together with the Procedural By-law adopted by the Board of Management (the “BIA Procedural By-law”), govern the election of Directors, Appointment of Directors by Council, and the Filling of Vacancies within a Board of Management.

Section 204(3) *Act* provides, ‘A board of management shall be composed of,

- (a) one or more directors appointed directly by the municipality; and
- (b) the remaining directors selected by a vote of the membership of the improvement area and appointed by the municipality.’

Section 204(9) of the *Act* provides, ‘Subject to subsection (9), if a vacancy occurs for any cause, the municipality may appoint a person to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term and the appointed person is not required to be a member of the improvement area.’

Article 4, Section 1 of the Procedural By-law provides, ‘All Directors of the Board of Management are appointed by City Council.

(a) The Board of Management shall consist 10 Directors (which will provide for a minimum of 3 Directors and a maximum of 20 Directors), selected by a vote of the

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Members of the BIA and then appointed as Directors by City Council. In addition, the Board of Management shall consist of the Councillor(s) of the Ward(s) in which the BIA is located, directly appointed as Directors by the City.'

Article 4, Section 3 of the Procedural By-law provides, 'Appointment to the Board In the event of a vacancy occurring on the Board of Management:

- (a) The remaining Directors may nominate for the City's consideration and appointment an individual for Directorship to fill the vacancy for the remaining portion of the term of office.
- (b) In the event that the remaining Directors no longer constitute a quorum, a meeting of the Members *shall* be called by the remaining Directors for the purpose of nominating an individual for Directorship for consideration and appointment by the City.
- (c) The Board of Management shall notify the Co-ordinator of Business Improvement Areas, Economic Development Division, Planning and Economic Development Department, as soon as any vacancy occurs and shall further notify him or her if and when a nomination is made by the remaining Directors or the Members for appointment to the Board of Management by the City.

Shortly put, pursuant to the *Act* and the Procedural By-law, Council is permitted to directly appoint the Councillor(s) of the Ward in which the BIA is located and appoint person(s) who have been selected by a vote of the BIA membership to fill a vacancy on the Board of Management. Where a vacancy occurs and the remaining Directors no longer constituting a quorum, the BIA membership is required to hold a meeting for the purpose of nominating an individual to fill the vacancy, for consideration and appointment by Council.

While the provisions of the City of Hamilton Policy respecting the Appointment of Citizens to the City's Agencies, Boards, Commissions, Advisory (Volunteer) Committees and Sub-Committees (the "Policy") restrict the filling of vacancies within 12 months of the end of the Term of Council where there are insufficient applicants on file to fill the vacancy, the Policy has no application to the filling of vacancies on a Board of Management. As outlined above, this process is within the control and responsibility of the Board itself and is governed under the *Act* and the Procedure By-law. Therefore, the Policy does not restrict Council from making the appointments being recommended by this report.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

N/A

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ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

N/A

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

N/A

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

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APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

N/A



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CITY OF HAMILTON

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	April 6, 2022
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Economic Development Action Plan - Communications (CM22003) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	Matthew Grant (905) 546-2424 Ext. 1012
SUBMITTED BY:	Matthew Grant Director, Communications & Strategic Initiatives City Manager's Office
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the recommendations associated with the communications and public education campaign for Economic Development Action Plan, as outlined in Appendix "A" attached to Report CM22003, be approved; and,
- (b) That the matter respecting the Economic Development Action Plan be considered complete and be removed from the General Issues Committee's Outstanding Business List.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On October 20, 2021, the City's Economic Development and Tourism and Culture divisions presented the City's updated Economic Development Action Plan that will guide the City's Economic Development efforts over the next five years.

As part of their decision to adopt the Action Plan, Council directed staff to report back to the GIC Committee with recommendations on how best to share the 2021-2025 Economic Development Action Plan with the community at large, in the most effective way.

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As part of these efforts, the Economic Development and Tourism and Culture divisions worked closely with the Communications and Strategic Initiatives division to develop a communications strategy to accommodate as many information preferences held by Hamiltonians as possible.

The divisions recommend a story-based approach to make the information available. This approach involves creating a limited number of stories that give context to the Plan's purpose, goals and strategies.

In addition to the development and distribution of targeted content on various channels – web, social media, print and video – staff are recommending the plan itself be made available at customer service locations and on the City's website.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: Costs for creation and distribution of materials is approximately \$30,000 to be funded from Economic Development Investment Reserve Account No. 112221

Staffing: Approximately 20 to 30 hours of staff time is required for planning and development of content including text, video, and graphics.

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Economic Development Division and the Tourism and Culture Division jointly led the creation of 2021-2025 Economic Development Action Plan (EDAP). Building on the 2016-2020 Economic Development Action Plan, the new Plan articulates stakeholder-validated opportunities and priorities for the next five years.

The EDAP has been designed to be a City-wide document that is visionary, representative, concise, and action-oriented. The Plan is aligned to the City of Hamilton's 2016-2025 Strategic Plan and its seven Priorities and the Term of Council Priorities. It primarily focuses on the Economic Prosperity and Growth priority of the City's 2016-2025 Strategic Plan by leveraging our local economy's existing capacity and strengths and pursuing Initiatives and Actions to stimulate or facilitate growth.

The EDAP identifies 77 Actions to be completed over the next five years and Annual Performance Indicators and Stretch Targets that will help quantify the impacts of the Plan.

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The document has been informed by extensive stakeholder consultation, research, surveys, and improved understanding and consideration of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion and Climate Change.

The EDAP has identified six priorities for the next five years, which are:

- Facilitating a Skilled and Adaptable Workforce;
- Enhancing Digital Infrastructure and Services;
- Growing Business and Investments;
- Moving Goods and People;
- Revitalizing Priority Areas and Placemaking; and,
- Building Transformational Projects.

The plan was presented to member of the GIC committee in October of 2021. In addition to adopting the plan, the GIC committee directed staff to explore the best ways to make the contents of the plan widely available to the community at large, in the most effective way.

Between November of 2021 and March 2022, staff have developed stories that give context to the Economic Development Action Plan, its goals and purpose and have developed recommended plans for distribution.

If endorsed by Council, EDAP content will be released in two phases, including an initial phase in April 2022 to raise awareness about the plan itself, followed by ongoing efforts on the Plan's progress over time.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

N/A

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

The recommendations in this report draw from information gathered from ongoing data analysis by the Communications Division as well as from data collected in the most recent citizen survey which highlighted how different segments of the Hamilton community (in this case broken down by age group) prefer to receive updates from the City.

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ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

As demonstrated by the City's most recent Our City Survey, different groups in Hamilton receive information in different ways.

The Survey identified that Hamiltonians have numerous preferences on how they like to receive information from the City.

The survey indicates:

- most residents, approximately 55%, prefer to learn about City initiatives from local television stations or newspapers. That figure rises to nearly 70% when looking exclusively at the preferences of seniors
- internet search engines and the city's website represented the second highest area of preference at approximately 48% and was heavily favoured by adults aged 25 to 54
- social media was the stated preference of 30% of citizens, but reached nearly 70% when focusing on citizens aged 18 to 24

In order to provide different segments of the Hamilton population with the opportunity to learn about the Economic Development Action Plan, the City will need to take a multi-platform approach, including efforts on print and digital platforms.

This will require the effort to be supported through the City's owned channels, including web, social and information at physical locations, as well as in paid media. High level details of actions to be taken are included in Appendix A.

Initial efforts to raise awareness about the plan would take place in April 2022.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

N/A

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Hamiltonians have a high level of trust and confidence in their City government.

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Appendix "A" to Report CM22003

Economic Development Action Plan - Communications

Overview

In line with Council direction, the City’s Communications Division has developed a high-level communications strategy to support the Economic Development Division to raise awareness about the City Economic Development Action Plan.

The communications plan around the EDAP is informed by the information preferences highlighted through the most recent Citizens Survey. The survey highlighted information preferences of citizens and can be broken down by age demographic – to ensure there is a wide variety of opportunities available for people to receive the information in line with their preferences.

The strategies outlined in the EDAP are being highlighted through several shorter stories designed to highlight the importance and proposed impact of the strategy in an easily consumable way for citizens who may not regularly access this type of City information. If endorsed by Council, it is anticipated that the awareness campaign would begin in April 2022.

The strategy includes both owned (non-paid) and advertising (paid) efforts, detailed below.

Owned Media Efforts, costs of which are mainly staff time, include:

- A comprehensive landing page on the City's website provides historical details and context of the EDAP, the plan itself, and 18 news stories designed to make the plan relevant to a resident audience.
- Sharing stories and EDAP content on all multiple city social media channels
- Shareable content can be delivered directly to stakeholders electronically and is shareable through email, social media, and print.
- Tailored video and graphic content for use on City social media channels.

Paid for awareness-raising opportunities, at the cost of approximately \$35,000, to be funded from the Economic Development Investment Reserve Account No. 112221, to cover production and distribution of print materials, recommended include:

- A hard-copy media insert will provide a full listing of the summary stories in a news format and is distributed to print media consumers across the municipality within the news media publications they have signed up for.
- Provision of print copies of the EDAP summary stories at numerous City customer service desks.

Longer-Term Efforts to promote the plan:

- City communications staff will also aim to provide ongoing updates on the plan as recommendations in the plan are actioned. These efforts will primarily include media and social media efforts to raise awareness as the plan's implementation progresses.



**CITY OF HAMILTON
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
Government & Community Relations**

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	April 6, 2022
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Our Priorities, Our Plan: Building a Brighter Future for Hamilton (CM22006) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	Morgan Stahl (905) 546-2424 Ext. 2178
SUBMITTED BY:	Morgan Stahl Director, Government Relations & Community Engagement City Manager's Office
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the proposed City of Hamilton priorities, as outlined below, be approved in advance of the June 2, 2022 provincial election:
- (i) Supportive Housing;
 - (ii) Strong Economic Recovery and Prosperity post-COVID-19;
 - (iii) Investing in Child Care and Early Years;
 - (iv) Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation; and,
 - (v) Commitment to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; and,
- (b) That staff be directed to provide relevant supplementary materials to the Mayor and Council that will support election related advocacy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2022 Ontario general election will be held on or before June 2, 2022. On October 5, 2020, in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, Members of Provincial Parliament voted unanimously in favour of a motion stating that the government would not call an election prior to the fixed election date in 2022. As a result, staff have prepared a list of election

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priorities that support this term of Council's priorities and the Mayor's Economic Recovery Task Force. The recommended priorities are also consistent with key priorities outlined by the Ontario Big City Mayor's Caucus and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. Staff have consulted with other municipalities to ensure alignment on shared advocacy positions and where appropriate, to work together in advocating for common goals and objectives that can be mutually beneficial.

Standard practice has been for Council to develop a set of priorities in advance of provincial or federal elections to ensure that local candidates, relevant policy and platform teams and party leaders understand Hamilton's unique needs and high-level priorities.

The priorities also provide important information for the new incoming (or re-elected) government to develop their mandate and funding decisions based on election commitments during local consultation. Prior to past provincial and federal elections being called, City staff have prepared election priority list documents to ensure that candidates and prospective local members of a new government understand what the City's priorities are and the supporting rationale.

As reference, this approach is consistent with past Council motions and reports, including Hamilton's Federal Election Priorities (CM19007) (City Wide) brought forward to Council on September 11, 2019 ahead of the October 2019 Federal Election, as well as Hamilton's Federal Election Priorities 2021 (CM21010) (City Wide).

The provincial priorities strategy outlined in the analysis section sets out a five-point list. It also requests that political parties and local candidates commit to fulfilling all five commitments to share the City's vision for a brighter, bolder and more prosperous future for all Hamiltonians.

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

In order to prepare this report, staff consulted internally with the Cities Senior Leadership, as well as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Ontario Big City Mayor's Caucus. Previous council reports such as Hamilton's Federal Election Priorities (CM19007 and CM19006(g)), Term of Council Priorities and other forms of Council direction were also used to inform this report.

The City of Hamilton priorities are in alignment with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 2022 Provincial Election Strategy: Advancing Ontario's Prosperity

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(referenced in Appendix A) and the Ontario Big City Mayor's priorities outlined in the letter to the leader (attached in Appendix B).

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Given that the COVID-19 pandemic response and health crisis remain our greatest priority locally and that the economy has not yet made a full recovery, the provincial priorities are closely tied to ensuring a strong recovery and shared prosperity as we emerge from COVID-19.

The City's government relations priorities shifted quickly from 2020 onwards as the health crisis and intergovernmental relations between the municipality, province and the federal government became more integral than ever. As such, staff used previous Council adopted priorities (CM19007) and (CM19004) as foundational documents to adapt priorities for the upcoming provincial election.

More information regarding the proposed priorities has been identified here:

1. Supportive housing and ensuring our most vulnerable have access to health and human services

Addressing the economic impact of COVID-19 on vulnerable populations by providing significant and sustainable supports for individuals experiencing homelessness.

- Sustainable provincial funding for health and social service supports required to house chronically homeless individuals with complex co-occurring health needs
- Encourage provincial and federal governments to work together across health and human services with municipalities towards an integrated *whole of government* approach
- Ensuring there is a single, coordinated strategy that will provide funding both for critical support services (health, mental health, social services) and infrastructure (capital, building, costs of physical units)

2. Strong economic recovery and prosperity post-COVID-19

Investment in critical social and physical infrastructure to support economic development and continued support for workers, businesses and the healthcare system recovering from COVID-19.

As we look to a post-COVID-19 recovery plan, we have identified the need for enhanced support over a minimum of one to two years, to transition from COVID-19 emergency supports to a more responsive, resilient sustainable system that includes:

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- Continued support for small businesses, non-profit organizations and charities that have provided services to Hamiltonians and navigated the effects of significant closures
- Investments in healthcare to address emergency health services modernization and issues such as lengthy ambulance off-load delays, healthy equity, access to care and the need for innovative models that improve care
- Permanent and predictable funding opportunities that give municipalities flexibility to offer enhanced services such as the Social Services Relief Fund

New and existing funding tools must be:

- Long-term and predictable - so we can plan ahead, reduce duplication or waste
- Flexible - so local expertise can identify what solutions come first
- Efficient and accountable - less bureaucracy, more focus on outcomes

3. Investing in Child Care and Early Years

Ontario remains the only province in the country without a National Child Care agreement. Like many other cities in Ontario, families in Hamilton struggle with accessing child care and managing the high fees required to maintain care. Adopting a National Child Care Plan will provide families in Hamilton with access to affordable child care and support increased labour market participation, especially for women and people of colour.

- Encourage Ontario to reach an agreement with the federal government on a National Child Care Plan deal, which is essential to Hamilton's economic recovery
- The child care and early years sector continues to experience recruitment and retention challenges. A high-quality child care and early years system requires a comprehensive human resources workforce strategy, including fair compensation for early childhood educators
- Adopting a National Child Care Plan will provide families in Hamilton with access to affordable child care and support increased labour market participation, especially for women and equity seeking communities.

4. Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation

Municipalities are on the front lines of climate change adaptation, as the level of government with the most direct contact with residents. Municipalities play a role in setting policy for approvals, but are limited in scope and authority, and need the support of higher levels of government to set policy direction and funding that will ensure climate change adaptation actions are undertaken.

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- Committed partnership, financial support and acknowledgment between municipal and provincial government to address climate change and propose innovative, locally focused solutions
- Ensuring that environmental legislation and Environmental Compliance Approvals provide flexibility for municipalities to gradually improve environmental performance over time without creating barriers to development
- Investing in green jobs and infrastructure

5. Commitment to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Equity, Diversity, Inclusion has been identified as a key priority for the City of Hamilton, through the term of Council priorities. The City is committed to creating and nurturing a city that is welcoming and inclusive to ensure that equity-seeking communities feel safe, supported and have an enhanced sense of belonging through strengthening community capacity and inclusive engagement opportunities.

- Meaningful, ongoing support for marginalized communities that have been impacted by hate and racism and playing an active role in helping to amplify the voices of those from equity-seeking communities
- Supporting funding for technology education programs for all ages will bolster digital literacy, training, promote digital equity and ensure municipal digital infrastructure projects are eligible for infrastructure funding
- Providing a rural lens to major policy and funding decisions is imperative at all levels of government. When we prioritize investment in our rural areas, we invest in our people

Following Council's approval of a priority list, staff will develop communications materials that will serve as support for the City in advance of candidate meetings. The priorities list will be supplemented by a summary document, with more comprehensive materials also developed to inform the varying policy teams for each party.

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 residents to be involved in their community.

Economic Prosperity and Growth

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

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Healthy and Safe Communities

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

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 ATTACHED

Appendix “A” to Report CM22006 – Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)’s 2022 Provincial Election Strategy

Appendix “B” to Report CM22006 – Ontario Big City Mayor’s Priorities, Letter to the Leader

AMO's 2022 Provincial Election Strategy



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AMO's 2022 Provincial Election Strategy:

Advancing Ontario's Prosperity

As the 2022 provincial election approaches, municipal governments in Ontario have a strong and clear message for all political parties: our success is foundational to the success of Ontario.

Municipalities in Ontario work tirelessly and effectively to safeguard the people of Ontario and the social, cultural and economic life of our province – and never more so than during this time on the frontlines of the global pandemic.

Municipalities have shown that when governments work together, as taxpayers expect them to, we can overcome serious obstacles and accomplish positive change. Looking ahead, we are eager to work in partnership with a provincial government that is committed to creating opportunity across every part of Ontario.

AMO's election strategy provides the foundation for the next four years of provincial-municipal cooperation and accountability. It is objectively non-partisan, broadly focused, attainable within the provincial sphere of influence, and reflects sector-wide priorities.

The strategy sets out an eight-point plan and asks all Ontario political parties to commit to fulfilling all eight commitments and to share in AMO's vision for economic recovery, prosperity, and increased opportunity:

1. Commit to a **provincial-municipal fiscal framework** that is stable, sustainable and affordable for property taxpayers.
2. Acknowledge and support municipal governments as key partners in Ontario's **economic recovery and future prosperity**.
3. Commit to a comprehensive and integrated response to the environmental, social and economic impacts of **climate change**.
4. Make **social infrastructure, infrastructure and transit investments** that build sustainable and competitive communities and support broader participation in the economy.
5. Invest in **broadband and connectivity** to expand opportunity, access and economic participation in every part of Ontario.
6. Adequately fund the municipally delivered provincial **health and human services** that underpin the social and economic wellbeing of Ontarians.
7. Implement an integrated response to **mental health and addictions**.
8. Work with municipalities on innovative approaches to increase the supply of **affordable housing**.

ON FINANCE

1

Commit to a provincial-municipal fiscal framework that is stable, sustainable and affordable for property taxpayers.

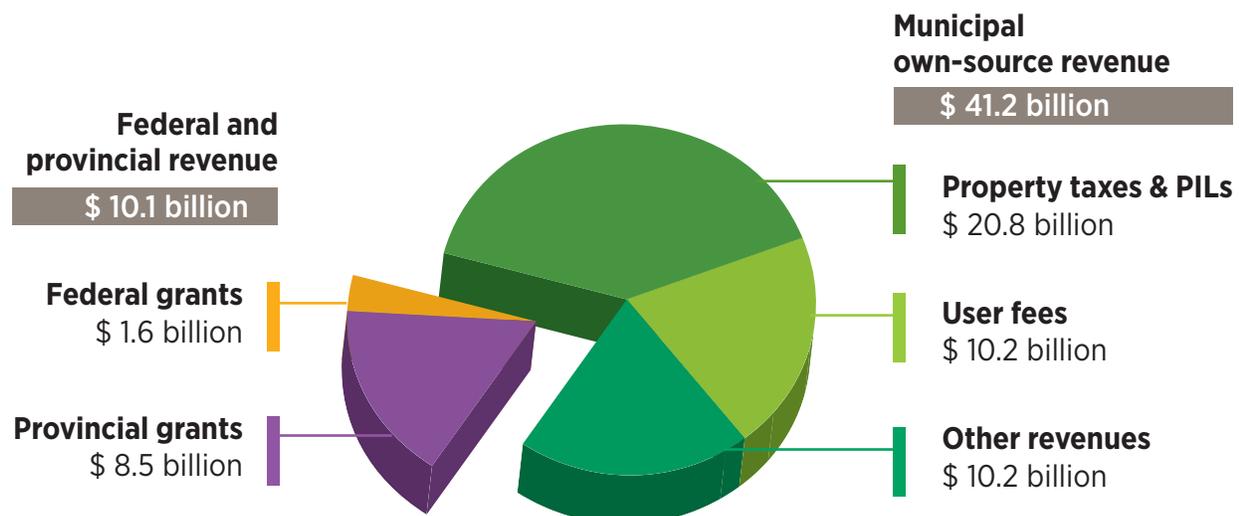
Municipal governments provide the services that people and businesses rely on most, accounting for more than \$50 billion a year in direct investment in Ontario's economy.

Municipal councils participate in Ontario's economy as an accountable order of government. We are the only part of the broader public sector that relies primarily on own-source revenue – more than \$41 billion a year. That investment comes mainly from commercial, industrial, and residential property taxes and user fees for municipal services.

Municipalities in Ontario also receive about \$10 billion per year from the federal and provincial governments to deliver an array of cost-shared provincial health and human services, and to offset regional economic disparity.

The last formal review of provincial-municipal fiscal framework was AMO's Provincial Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review (PMFSDR), completed in 2008. As a result, municipalities save about \$2 billion a year, which is reinvested in municipal infrastructure.

Municipal governments rely primarily on own-source revenue



Source: MMAH 2017 Financial Information Returns

ON ECONOMY

2

Acknowledge and support municipal governments as key partners in Ontario's economic recovery and future prosperity.

COVID-19 has demonstrated what can be accomplished when the Province works with municipal governments to serve the people of Ontario.

Over the next four years, a sustained provincial-municipal partnership can drive economic recovery, and renewed prosperity and opportunity across Ontario.

Local economies are the foundation of the Ontario economy. Municipalities guide local economic development, invest in services and develop policies that support prosperity. This includes the infrastructure and services essential to a well-functioning and competitive economy.

Municipalities are committed to expanding opportunity to people who have had limited access to Ontario's prosperity. We want to work with a provincial government that shares this commitment.

ON CLIMATE CHANGE

3

Commit to a comprehensive and integrated response to the environmental, social and economic impacts of climate change.

The impacts of climate change, including severe weather, threaten our economies, our infrastructure, and the socio-economic fabric of our communities. Addressing and adapting to rapidly escalating climate challenges requires global, national, provincial and local action.

Ontario's social and geographical landscape ranges from vulnerable permafrost and productive agricultural lands to small towns and big cities threatened by flooding and other weather conditions. Our infrastructure, ranging from energy distribution and safe drinking water to transportation and transit, is at risk. These perils are interconnected with economic risk and have a disproportionate effect on marginalized communities.

The fundamental shift in understanding the impact of climate change also brings opportunity. Few jurisdictions have the capacity of Ontario to capitalize on the opportunity. Ontario is prosperous, highly educated, innovative, and resourceful, and has demonstrated success in multi-lateral collaboration in the face of adversity. Capitalizing on these opportunities means leveraging municipal know-how and local innovation.

Municipalities understand the magnitude of the challenge and their responsibilities on the frontline of climate change, delivering innovative and sustainable services that our businesses and residents depend upon most. Responding effectively to climate change will require a committed partnership and resources, including financial support from Ontario to deliver the meaningful change our communities need.

ON INFRASTRUCTURE

4

Invest in social infrastructure, infrastructure and transit that build sustainable and competitive communities and support broader participation in the economy.

Social infrastructure refers to the resources and services in the community that help residents participate in the economy, provide the foundations for education and learning, and support the effective use of healthcare resources, so people can thrive. It includes an array of municipal services including childcare, long-term care, public health and paramedicine, all of which are co-funded by municipalities and the Province.

Physical infrastructure includes services to property such as roads and bridges and water and wastewater systems, as well as transit and many other tangible assets.

In Ontario, municipal governments own and operate infrastructure assets worth nearly half a trillion dollars – requiring regular maintenance, modernization and reinvestment.

Investing in infrastructure and transit is a major source of economic stimulus in the short-term with long-lasting financial benefits by improving productivity, reducing gridlock and attracting businesses. It is an investment that pays major dividends for the province and communities alike.

ON BROADBAND

5

Invest in broadband and connectivity to expand opportunity, access and economic participation in every part of Ontario.

Economic prosperity and access to economic opportunity depend on access to broadband internet and cellular connectivity. Canada and Ontario are responding with major investment intended to expand coverage to all parts of Ontario. Municipalities have been key partners in securing much needed investment and implementing expanded services.

The pandemic has demonstrated that high-speed internet access is an essential service, as a platform for healthcare, education, commerce, culture, entrepreneurship, innovation and many other aspects of daily life.

Equitable access expands opportunity to remote and rural communities, and to people excluded from economic participation because of social, economic and other barriers.

Just as it is an essential service, it is an essential component of Ontario's future prosperity.

ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

6

Adequately fund the municipally delivered provincial health and human services that underpin the social and economic wellbeing of Ontarians.

Municipalities in Ontario deliver and cost-share a broad array of provincial health and human services. These include public health, childcare, social assistance, paramedic services, long-term care, social housing and services for people who are homeless. Under current provincial-municipal cost sharing arrangements, the net costs to municipalities of delivering these services is about \$3 billion a year. Any reductions in provincial funding for these services, or increased costs of the services, will be shouldered by property taxpayers.

Where municipalities contribute financially to provincial services, a corresponding role in planning, coordinating, and governing those services is an essential element of accountability and success.

Social Determinants of Health

Social determinants of health are those factors in life that contribute to (determine) people's physical and mental health. They include education, access to recreation, healthy food, and preventative medicine and many other socio-economic factors.

Almost all the services provided by municipalities in Ontario fit that definition. In fact, of the more than \$50 billion a year that municipalities invest in the communities across Ontario, more than \$40 billion is invested in the social determinants of health. Municipalities are making important proactive investments that reduce pressure on the provincial healthcare system.

ON MENTAL HEALTH

7

Implement an integrated response to mental health and addictions.

Issues of mental health and addiction consistently top the list of concerns expressed by AMO members – in particular, the lack of an integrated and comprehensive response to mental health in terms of services, supports, prevention and equitable access.

Municipal councils deal with the affects of community mental health and addictions in the context of the services they provide and as employers. Addressing mental health is essential to the social and economic development of our communities.

Mental health and addictions have a significant impact on municipal health and human services such as paramedicine, public health and housing services. They also have a unique impact on our police and fire services.

AMO consistently advocates for a “whole of government” response to mental health, and a comprehensive and integrated provincial response to mental health and addictions in all our communities, regardless of location.

ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

8

Work with municipalities on innovative approaches to increase the supply of affordable housing.

Lack of affordable housing is a national crisis, and it is a problem in every part of Ontario. Housing is in short supply. Home ownership is out of reach for many. Rents are too high relative to incomes. In addition to its human costs, endemic homelessness results in astronomical costs to our health care and emergency services systems.

All three orders of government and our partners in the private, non-profit, and co-operative housing sectors have the capacity, ingenuity and resources needed to undertake a comprehensive response to affordable housing and homelessness. AMO is looking to the Government of Ontario to lead, champion and support this critically important work.

Municipal governments are a key partner to the Government of Ontario, investing more than \$50 billion in the Ontario economy. Municipal services and infrastructure are essential to the social, cultural and economic well-being of the province. AMO seeks to work collaboratively with provincial government partners to create opportunity across every part of Ontario. We are asking all political parties to sign on to AMO's eight-point plan to advance Ontario's prosperity and to share in AMO's vision for economic recovery, prosperity, and increased opportunity.



Mike Schreiner
MPP, Guelph
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February 16, 2022

Dear MPP Schreiner,

When Ontarians chose their municipal and provincial representatives in 2018, no one was expecting a global pandemic to disrupt our progress. Now, as we prepare for elections in 2022, the electorate will judge us on how we responded to the pandemic and our plans for the future.

Ontario is one of the best places in the world to live, work and raise a family. Ontario cities benefit from good health care, strong public education systems and a healthy environment. Ontario's Big City Mayors represent the 29 largest communities in Ontario. Together, we have worked in partnership with the Ontario and Federal governments, our business leaders, and our community organizations to keep our residents safe throughout the pandemic.

Below are five areas that OBCM believes are essential to ensuring a strong post-pandemic recovery for Ontario. OBCM is committed to working together with the Ontario Government to continue making progress in these priority areas.

Housing

Housing prices are rising rapidly across the province. Supply has fallen behind the demand created by our growing economy, our growing population, and the demand for a variety of housing options. Rents and prices have risen so quickly that the only way to make significant progress is by the provincial and federal governments using their full range of powers to make housing more affordable. We believe this requires the Federal and Provincial governments to use economic tools – such as taxing and spending powers – to make a material difference in the cost of housing, and to support the construction of more attainable housing types, such as purpose-built rental housing.

Further, the housing crisis is felt disproportionately by lower income Ontarians and is making homelessness worse. We owe it to those in our communities who need help to make much larger investments in social and supportive housing. We look forward to discussing how to create more affordable housing and build sustainable communities.



Mental Health

OBCM recently developed a policy paper encouraging the province to ramp up implementation efforts of its [Roadmap to Wellness](#) plan. To date, the plan is largely unfunded. Without a comprehensive mental health regime, Ontario municipalities will continue to face increased emergency service costs that put pressure on first responders and other front line community services. OBCM is also seeking provincial support in its efforts to encourage the federal government to decriminalize the possession of certain controlled substances. The criminalization of mental health and addictions exacerbates the challenges our communities face, we need a public health rather than enforcement response in our communities to succeed.

Climate Change

Ontario is a leader in emission reductions. The province and municipalities are well placed to transition to net-zero and many cities have developed and need assistance to deliver community energy plans. With an increasing federal carbon tax, Ontario can champion the transition to net-zero for municipal transit operators, home heating and industry. As we move deeper into decarbonization, a shared approach to reducing emissions in the building, energy, and transportation sectors will be essential.

OBCM pledges to be a partner in championing the transition to net-zero to help grow our economy. OBCM will have a more detailed climate change policy paper released later this Spring.

Supporting Municipal Services

Municipal services are relied upon by residents and businesses. They form a base for our prosperity and well-being. OBCM municipalities have benefited from uploads, support to make services more efficient and infrastructure investments from provincial governments over the last decade. Safe Restart Funding has allowed municipalities to continue to deliver essential services such as public transit despite the revenue challenges of COVID. Nevertheless, reforming federalism to ensure sustainable funding for municipalities to address today's challenges remains both a necessity and an opportunity.

Building Back from COVID

The support provided to small businesses and municipalities helped protect the municipal property tax base and municipal budgets that would have otherwise faced drastic cuts from reduced transit and recreation revenues. The pre-COVID status quo should not be the measurement for success. OBCM encourages the province to maintain policy flexibility for pandemic-era initiatives such as restaurant sales, tourism support, and public space improvements that will help small businesses increase revenues into the future. Further, it's clear that labour shortages are limiting the Ontario economy. Reducing barriers to employment, through investments such as subsidized childcare, needs to be a key priority.

OBCM Mayors have brought forward policy proposals throughout the last year that will help advance provincial government priorities. From Indigenous partnership best practices to support to make childcare more affordable for Ontario families, OBCM is ready to work with our provincial partners to make an impact in the lives of all Ontarians.



We look forward to hearing from you and working with you as you develop and communicate your plans to Ontarians.

Sincerely,



Jeff Lehman
Mayor of Barrie
Chair of Ontario's Big City Mayors

See Appendix Below



Appendix: OBCM Policy Motions

Affordable Broadband internet

Ontario's Big City Mayors call on the Federal Cabinet, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and ISED Minister Francois-Phillippe Champagne to overrule the CRTC's reversal and immediately implement the evidence-based 2019 Rates Order.

That OBCM write letters to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Industry, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities asking for their support in this matter.

Childcare Plan

OBCM also passed a motion calling on the provincial government to reach an agreement on the \$10 per day federal childcare plan to support the economy and reduce household expenses for Ontarians.

Ontario's strong fiscal management throughout the pandemic creates the opportunity to implement this economy strengthening social program. The OBCM caucus urges the provincial government to join the seven other provinces who have reached agreements in providing quality affordable childcare to families.

Childcare has been unaffordable and inaccessible to families across the province long before the pandemic began. The pandemic compounded this equity issue and resulted in more women exiting the workforce to care for their children.

Ensuring Ontarians have access to affordable childcare will remove a financial burden from families and help kick start economic recovery.

Municipal Code of Conduct

Whereas currently the Municipal Act 2001, provides limited actions towards Members of Council who have violated their respective Council Codes of Conduct; and

Whereas there have been several examples in Ontario of Members of Council acting with deliberate and total disregard for any of the principles and values outlined in their respective Council Code of Conduct and the workplace policies proclaimed by Council; and

Whereas AMO has adopted a four-point position that includes allowing a judicial removal of a Member of Council at the recommendation of a municipal Integrity Commissioner in instances of egregious or repeated violations of a Council Code of a Conduct;

Therefore, be it resolved that OBCM takes the position that there be stronger consequences for flagrant violations of a Council Code of Conduct by a Member of Council, including but not limited to removal of office; and

Be it further resolved that OBCM write to the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Honourable Jill Dunlop, Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues seeking revisions to the Municipal Act, 2001 that would provide for the vacating of the seat of a member of council who has been found on clear and



convincing evidence to have committed serious misconduct, including any definitions necessary for the implementation of such a provision; and

Be it further resolved that these revisions consider allowing a Council or a municipal Integrity Commissioner to refer a Code of Conduct Violator to the court for a judicial hearing or an arm's length, non-political third party to address the potential removal from office of a Member of Council, similar to the current process with respect to attest relating to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

Provincial Offences Act - Unpaid Fines

The caucus agreed to work together to share information on the status of unpaid POA fines in their respective communities and continue working to advocate for improved tools for collection of unpaid fines for discussion at the next OBCM meeting.

Provincial/Federal Subsidy for Summer Day Camps

OBCM endorsed the idea of a federal/provincial subsidy for day camps if public health conditions allow and indicated their willingness to collaborate on a program to ensure its success.



CITY OF HAMILTON
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Economic Development Division

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	April 6, 2022
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Environment Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant Application, 50 Green Mountain Road West, ERG-21-03 (PED22078) (Ward 9)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 9
PREPARED BY:	Karol Murillo (905) 546-2424 Ext. 7859
SUBMITTED BY:	Norm Schleeahn Director, Economic Development
SIGNATURE:	Planning and Economic Development Department 

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant Application - ERG-21-03 submitted by NHDG (Green Mountain) Inc., owner of the property at 50 Green Mountain Road West, for an ERASE Redevelopment Grant not to exceed \$5,256 M, the actual cost of the remediation over a maximum of ten 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 effect Recommendation (a) of Report PED22078, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (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.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant Application was submitted by NHDG (Green Mountain) Inc., the owner of the property located at 50 Green Mountain Road West, Hamilton. A Phase One Environmental Site Assessment (ESA), was undertaken in 2014 to determine if there were Potentially Contaminating Activities on the site that could result in an Area of Potential Environmental Concern (APEC).

The site was defined as approximately 4.0 ha (9.88 ac) and is located approximately 230 meters west of the intersection of Upper Centennial Parkway and Green Mountain Road West with four (4) buildings on the site. The four (4) buildings on site include a telecommunications building on the central north portion, a west garage, an east garage with an addition to the south and an administrative/financial building. The remaining southeast portion of the site has various telecommunications equipment.

The Phase One ESA revealed that the historical on-site operations were considered a potential contaminating activity that may have resulted in an APEC and associated contaminants of potential concern (CPC) at the site. The site was historically occupied by an orchard and for agricultural purposes. The presence of a former landfill and uses ranging from auto body shops, garages, a paint shop, gasoline storage tanks resulted in contaminated surface soils.

Subsequently, a Phase Two ESA was completed in 2018. The Phase Two ESA included the collection of groundwater samples from existing monitoring wells and soil samples. The result confirmed evidence confirming several APECs related to select metals, petroleum hydrocarbons (PHCs), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAHs) and OC Pesticides.

The grant application is for \$5,256 M in eligible environmental site remediation, and the abatement and removal of designated substances and hazardous materials. The proposed redevelopment of the site, for which Site Plan approval has been granted, is for 189 residential townhouses.

Project construction costs are estimated at \$26,670,735. It is estimated that the proposed development will increase the property assessment from the pre-development value of \$3,465 M (RT – Residential) to approximately \$62 M (RT – Residential). This will increase total annual property taxes generated by this property from \$38,327 to \$687,823 an increase of approximately \$649,497. The municipal portion of this increase is \$559,655 of which 80% or approximately \$447,724. Based on the estimated eligible costs provided by the applicant, the maximum grant would not exceed \$447,724 over a period of 10 annual payments.

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Existing Conditions – 50 Green Mountain Road West

Source:maps.google.ca

Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 7

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: As per the ERASE Redevelopment Grant Program (RGP), the City will provide the applicant with a grant equivalent to 80% of the increase in municipal taxes up to the total eligible cost figure of \$5,256 M. Based on an annual grant amount of \$447,724 the ten-year grant will be reached by year ten when it reaches the maximum grant amount of \$4,477,240. The City will realize the full tax increase after year ten.

The City will retain 20% of the municipal tax increment estimated at \$111,931 a year for ten years. These monies will be deposited into the Brownfield Pilot Project Account – Project No. 3620155102 - to be used by the City for its Municipal Acquisition and Partnership Program. This Program, as approved in the ERASE Community Improvement Plan (CIP), involves the City acquiring key Brownfield sites, cleaning up and redeveloping property it already owns, or participating in public/private partnerships to redevelop Brownfield properties

Staffing: Applications and loan/grant payments under the ERASE RGP are processed by the Economic Development Division and Taxation Division. There are no additional staffing requirements.

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Legal: The provision of the ERASE RGP is authorized in the ERASE CIP which was adopted and approved in 2001 and the expansion of the original plan in 2005, 2010 and 2018 under Section 28 of the *Planning Act*. The ERASE Redevelopment Agreement will specify the obligations of the City and the applicant and will be prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

50 Green Mountain Road West (“the site”) is approximately 4.0 ha (9.88 ac) located in a primarily residential and commercial area in Stoney Creek. The site is located approximately 230 meters west of the intersection of Upper Centennial Parkway and Green Mountain Road West with single detached dwellings to the north and east and regional facility to the south. The site contains four (4) buildings including a telecommunications building on the central north portion, a west garage, an east garage with an addition to the south and an administrative/financial building. A cell tower, several satellite dishes, telecommunication trailers and storage shipping containers are located on the remaining part of the southeast portion of the site.

A Phase One ESA was undertaken in 2014 to determine if there were Potential Contaminating Activities on the site that could result in an APEC. The Phase One ESA revealed that the historical on-site operations (e.g. leachate from landfills, spillage from decommissioned storage tanks) were considered a potential contaminating activity that may have resulted in an APEC.

The result of a subsequent Phase One ESA conducted in 2018, identified Potentially Contaminating Activities (PCA) and corresponding APECs and associated contaminants of potential concern (CPC) related to the following:

- Large stockpile of fill materials and surficial soils reported across the site;
- Former landfill and active landfill to the south;
- Handling of gasoline and associated products stored in fixed tanks;
- Former usage of site as an orchard and agricultural purposes; and,
- Various autobody shops, garage, paint shop and decommissioned storage tanks.

As a result, a Phase Two ESA was required to further assess APECs and investigate the site’s soil and groundwater conditions before a Record of Site Condition could be filed. The Phase Two ESA, completed in 2018, was prepared and informed six boreholes on the site, three of which were installed as groundwater monitoring wells. The result confirmed that the site’s soil and groundwater did not meet the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (“the ministry”) Table 7 Site Condition Standards (SCS) for residential/parkland/institutional land uses in accordance with Ontario

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Regulation 153/04 for several APECs related to select metals, PHCs, VOCs, PAHs and OC Pesticides. As a result, remediation of the site's soil/groundwater was needed. To accomplish the removal of the groundwater and soil contamination, a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) was developed based on the results of the Phase Two ESA of the site. The preferred remedial action plan will involve a risk assessment approach which will include risk management measures, remedial excavations to remove the contaminated soil to be conveyed offsite to licensed facilities for disposal and treatment. The contaminated soil is estimated at 29,550 m³ or 59,100 tonnes. The results of the soil remediation activities will be observed and documented in an excess soil management plan.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

Urban Hamilton Official Plan

The subject lands are municipally known as 50 Green Mountain Road West and located within "Neighbourhoods" on Schedule "E" – Urban Land Use Designations of the Urban Hamilton Official Plan. This designation is intended to accommodate a full range of residential dwelling types and densities to which the proposed development complies.

Hamilton Zoning By-law No. 05-200

Under the City of Hamilton Zoning By-Law No. 05-200, the subject property is zoned Multiple Residential (Holding) "RM3-65 (H)" Zone and permits a variety of uses including maisonettes, townhouses, and apartment dwellings.

The proposed use of the property is permitted subject to any associated regulations of the Hamilton Zoning By-Law No. 05-200.

Site Plan Control Application

The site is subject to Site Plan Control. At the time of this writing of this Report, the proposed development has received conditional Site Plan approval.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Staff from the Taxation Division, Corporate Services Department and Legal Services Division, Corporate Services Department, were consulted and the advice received is incorporated into this Report.

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ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Potential estimated costs, as submitted by the applicant, which may be eligible under the ERG Program based on the site's location within Area 1 – Rest of Urban Area of the ERASE Community Improvement Project Area (CIPA) include the following:

- \$3,546 M for on-site removal of fill from site and landfill disposal of designated substances/hazardous materials;
- \$1,305 M for costs associated for trucking and transport from clean fill site, place and compact imported material costs; and,
- \$405 K reflecting environmental inspection costs, monitoring, risk assessment, groundwater treatment and removal, and RSC submission costs.

In total, estimated eligible costs are \$5,256 M. Invoicing and associated documentation for said costs will be the subject of an audit by staff to ensure eligibility and compliance with the parameters of the ERG program.

The following is an overview of pre and post development property assessments and associated taxes which have informed the estimated potential grant and the grant payment period contained in this report:

Grant Level:		80%
Total Eligible Costs (Maximum):	\$	5,256 M
Pre-project CVA: (RT – Residential)	\$	3,465 M Year: 2021
**Estimated Municipal Levy:	\$	33,025
**Estimated Education Levy:	\$	5,301
**Estimated Pre-project Property Taxes	\$	38,326
*Estimated Post-project CVA: (RT – Residential)	\$	62,185 M
Total Estimated Ten-Year Grant (Maximum):	\$	4,477,240
**Estimated Municipal Levy:	\$	592,680
**Estimated Education Levy:	\$	95,143
**Estimated Post-Project Property Taxes:	\$	687,823

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*The actual roll number(s), assessed values, tax classification(s) and value partitioning (where applicable) to be determined by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

**2021 tax rates used for calculation of estimated pre and post-development property taxes.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

The grant application meets the eligibility criteria and requirements of the program. In the event the project is not considered for the program, the application should be referred to staff for further information on possible financial or legal implications.

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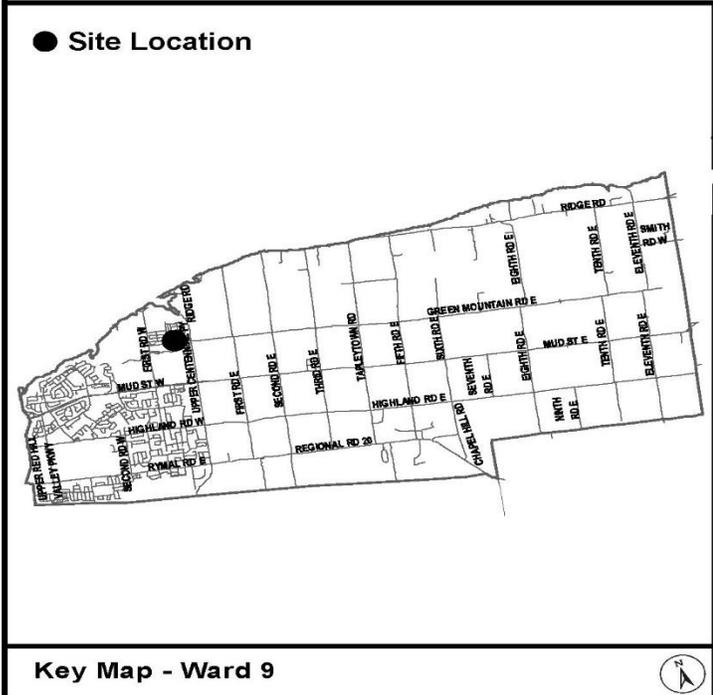
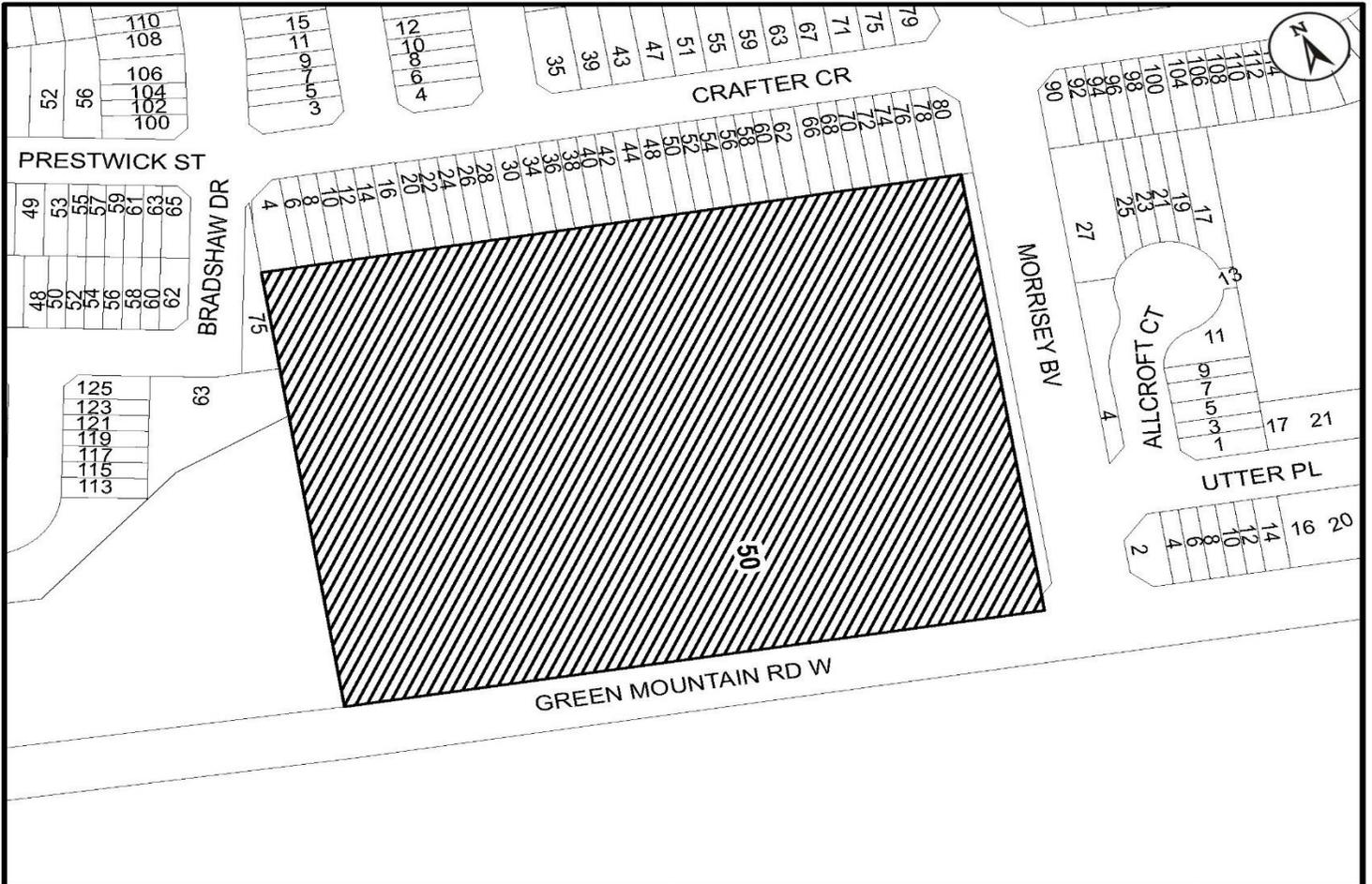
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APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix “A” to Report PED22078 - Location Map



<h2 style="margin: 0;">Location Map</h2>		 Hamilton
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT		
File Name/Number: ERG-21-03	Date: March 1, 2022	
Appendix "A"	Scale: N.T.S	Planner/Technician: KM/VS
<p>Subject Property</p> <p> 50 Green Mountain Road West, Stoney Creek</p>		



CITY OF HAMILTON
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Economic Development Division

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	April 6, 2022
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Lease Extension and Amending Agreement – Barangas On The Beach, Confederation Beach Park (PED22040) (Ward 5)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 5
PREPARED BY:	David McCullagh (905) 546-2424 Ext. 1647
SUBMITTED BY:	Norm Schleeahn Director, Economic Development Planning and Economic Development Department
SIGNATURE:	

Discussion of this Confidential Appendix “B” to Report PED22040 in closed session is subject to the following requirement(s) of the City of Hamilton’s Procedural By-law and the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*:

- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of property for City or a local board purpose.

RATIONALE FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

Appendix “B” to Report PED22040 proposes a real estate transaction, and therefore it is appropriate to address in-camera, pursuant to the *Ontario Municipal Act*.

RATIONALE FOR MAINTAINING CONFIDENTIALITY

Appendix “B” to Report PED22040 is to remain Confidential as real estate transactions involve commercially confidential information and the outcome of negotiations, pending approval of Council.

RECOMMENDATION (CLOSED SESSION)

None.

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RECOMMENDATION (OPEN SESSION)

- (a) That a Lease Extension and Amending Agreement between the City of Hamilton (Lessor) and Barangas Inc. c.o.b. as Barangas On The Beach (Lessee), for the subject premises located as identified in Appendix “A” to Report PED22040 and based substantially on the terms and conditions outlined in Appendix “B” to Report PED22040, and such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department, be approved and entered into by the City of Hamilton;
- (b) That all rental proceeds from the Lease Extension and Amending Agreement - Barangas On The Beach continue to be received by Hamilton Conservation Authority and deposited to Confederation Beach Park Commercial Business account;
- (c) That all costs related to the Lease Extension and Amending Agreement - Barangas On The Beach, including the real estate and legal costs of \$27.5 K, be authorized to be paid by Hamilton Conservation Authority and funded from Confederation Beach Park Commercial Business account and credited to Dept. ID Account No. 55778-812036 (Real Estate – Admin Recovery);
- (d) That the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development Department or designate, acting on behalf of the Lessor, be authorized to administer the Lease and Lease Extension and Amending Agreement - Barangas On The Beach and provide any requisite consents, approvals, and notices related to the Lease and Lease Extension and Amending Agreement;
- (e) That the City Solicitor be authorized to amend and waive terms and conditions on such terms as considered reasonable to complete the leasing transaction, respecting the Lease Extension and Amending Agreement - Barangas On The Beach;
- (f) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Lease Extension and Amending Agreement - Barangas On The Beach, or such other form and all other necessary associated documents with all such documents to be in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (g) That Appendix “B” to Report PED22040, respecting Lease Extension and Amending Agreement – Barangas On The Beach, Confederation Beach Park, remain confidential and not be released as a public document.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since 1993, the owners of Barangas On The Beach have been operating a successful restaurant in Confederation Beach Park under a lease with the City. In August 2018, Council directed staff to commence early lease renewal negotiations with the Lessee, based on the understanding that the Tenant intends to make a significant investment towards improvements into the Leased Premises.

This Report seeks approval to finalize a negotiated Lease Extension and Amending Agreement that is consistent with the direction approved by Council.

Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 5

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: Transaction as outlined in Appendix “B” to Report PED22040 attached;

All rental proceeds from the Lease Extension and Amending Agreement with Barangas Inc. c.o.b. as Barangas On The Beach (Lessee) will continue to be received by Hamilton Conservation Authority and deposited to Confederation Beach Park Commercial Business account.

All costs related to this Lease Extension and Amending Agreement with Barangas Inc. c.o.b. as Barangas On The Beach (Lessee), including the real estate and legal costs of \$27.5 K, will be paid by Hamilton Conservation Authority and funded from Confederation Beach Park Commercial Business account and credited to Dept. ID Account No. 55778-812036 (Real Estate – Admin Recovery).

Staffing: N/A

Legal: Legal Services will be required to assist in the preparation of the contemplated Lease Extension and Amending Agreement and any necessary documents required to complete this leasing transaction.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

In 1993 “Barangas” (as the Lessee has been commonly known) spent approximately \$2M to convert a former schoolhouse into a beach front restaurant and has been continuously occupying and operating seasonally between May to October each year, at its current location at Confederation Beach Park since that time. In 1993, Barangas was given a 15-year Lease term.

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In 2008 a Lease Renewal Agreement was negotiated and signed by Barangas and Hamilton Region Conservation Authority (HRCA), however, the Lease Renewal Agreement was never submitted for approval or execution by the City. Although unsigned by the City, the HRCA and Barangas had maintained the tenancy by operating under the assumption that the 2008 Lease Renewal Agreement was in place and had been tacitly accepted as the City had not objected to its terms and this ongoing tenancy.

Rectifying this 2008 oversight, Council on April 11, 2012, in approving General Issues Committee Report 12-008 Item No. 5.4, approved Joint Report PW12020/PED1249 authorizing the completion and entering into the current Lease agreement retroactively with Barangas for a further 15-year term commencing May 1, 2008, and expiring April 30, 2023 for their continued occupancy and operation from these leased premises.

At its meeting of August 17, 2018, Council approved Item 7.13, which in respect of this Report PED22040, provided direction to staff as follows:

That staff of the Corporate Real Estate Office of the Planning and Economic Development Department, be authorized and directed to commence early negotiations with the Tenant, based on the identified primary purpose for these negotiations being the Tenant's intent of making further investment into the Leased Premises, which negotiations may include, in addition to the salient business terms of a new Agreement and the Tenant's continued leasehold interest, any other terms and conditions deemed relative to the Tenant's continued occupancy and its continued success from the Leased Premises, and report back to the General Issues Committee.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

Portfolio Management Strategy – Real Estate Management Plan

City Council, at its meeting of November 24, 2004, adopted the City's Portfolio Management Strategy Plan, which established a formalized process to be consistently applied across all areas of the City to guide the management of the City's real property.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

- Hamilton Region Conservation Authority, as manager of Confederation Beach Park for the City;
- Public Works, Parks and Cemeteries Department;
- Corporate Services Department, Legal and Risk Management Services Division; and,
- Financial Planning Administration and Policy Division.

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ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

During the term of its tenancy, Barangas has maintained a successful business in this location and has developed a market niche, with its lakeside venue, as a destination point at Confederation Beach Park. The owners of Barangas had expressed its desire to commence earlier negotiations towards obtaining a further term of its leasehold interest in the premises for the primary purpose of its making further capital investment into the leased premises through completing significant and substantial renovations and improvements, at its expense, towards maintaining a visually fresh image, and remaining operationally efficient and competitive.

The recommendations in this report are consistent with the approved master plan for Confederation Beach Park which includes maintaining this dining option as located within Confederation Beach Park.

The terms and conditions outlined in confidential Appendix “B” to Report PED22040 attached are deemed fair, reasonable and at market value by the Chief Corporate Real Estate Officer.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

The subject Lease Extension and Amending Agreement as recommended is a requirement for the continued occupancy and operation of Barangas from this location. Not approving a lease extension at the subject location would necessitate their needing either close or to relocate its business to another location.

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

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APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix “A” – Location, Identification of Building Areas and Floor Pan

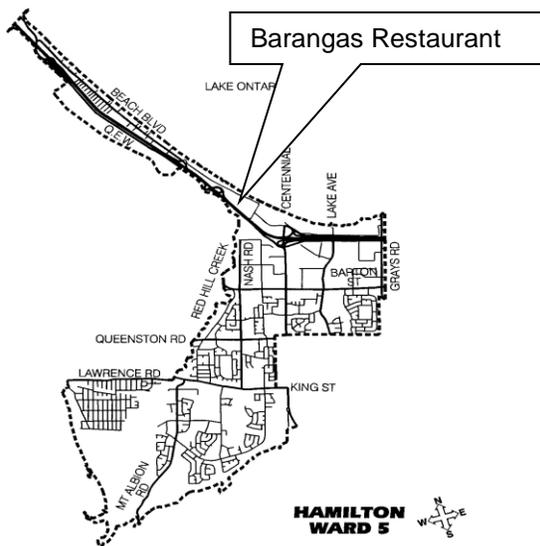
Appendix “B” – Confidential Major Terms and Conditions

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KEY MAP



LOCATION, IDENTIFICATION OF BUILDING AREAS, PATIO AND PARKING

Barangas Restaurant
Confederation Beach Park
(WARD 5)
Planning and Economic Development Department
Corporate Real Estate Office

LEGEND



SUBJECT RENTABLE PORTION

SCALE
NOT TO SCALE

DATE
2022-03-29

REFERENCE FILE NO: **2011-062**



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	April 6, 2022
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update (LS19036(i)) City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	Eli Lederman and Delna Contractor, Lenczner Slaght LLP Patricia D'Souza, Solicitor (905) 546-2424 Ext. 4637
SUBMITTED BY:	Ron Sabo, Acting City Solicitor, Legal & Risk Management Services
SIGNATURE:	

COUNCIL DIRECTION

On April 24, 2019 Council directed staff to provide regular updates on the costs to date of the Judicial Inquiry, to be paid from the Tax Stabilization Reserve.

This report provides both an update on the status of the Inquiry from the City's legal representatives at Lenczner Slaght LLP and the costs to date of the Inquiry.

INFORMATION

The costs of the Inquiry to date are outlined in the following chart, representing external legal fees for the Commissioner, external legal fees for the City, including Deloitte services for data hosting, reviewing and producing documents and other associated expenses, including digitizing paper files, and website hosting. These expenses are being funded from the Tax Stabilization reserve.

To February 28, 2022	
City's Expenses (e.g. data collection)	\$ 97,001.39
City's External Legal Counsel	\$ 4,619,832.75
Commission Counsel	\$ 7,290,701.68
Other Expenses (e.g. consultants)	\$ 1,196,226.79
Total	\$ 13,203,762.61

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In early 2019, the City of Hamilton received information regarding a 2013 friction report related to the Red Hill Valley Parkway.

On April 24, 2019, the City passed a resolution pursuant to s. 274 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* requesting the Chief Justice of Ontario to appoint a Superior Court judge to investigate matters related to the disclosure of the friction report.

The Honourable Mr. Justice Herman J. Wilton-Siegel was appointed to preside over the Inquiry in May 2019. The Commissioner has retained Robert Centa of Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP to act as counsel to the Commission. The City has retained Eli Lederman and Delna Contractor of Lenczner Slaght LLP to act as counsel to the City in the Inquiry.

There are six overlapping stages to this judicial inquiry:

- 1) Logistics and Staff: the Commissioner hires staff necessary to conduct the inquiry, including lawyers, a communications officer and a chief administration officer, and obtains office space from which to conduct the inquiry.
- 2) Collecting Documents: Counsel to the City obtains and reviews data (documents, emails, reports, etc.) that are in the City's possession and may be relevant to the work of the inquiry. The relevant data is processed and provided to Commission Counsel in an agreed upon electronic format.
- 3) Interviewing Witnesses: individuals that may have knowledge or information relevant to the work of the inquiry will be interviewed first by Counsel to the City and then by the Commissioner and his Counsel.
- 4) Standing: the Commissioner established a process through which members of the public applied to participate in the inquiry and to receive funding from the City. The Commissioner issued a decision with respect to standing and funding on February 12, 2020.
- 5) The Hearing: the Commissioner will hold a public hearing where key witnesses will be examined.
- 6) The Report: the Commissioner will draft a report at the conclusion of the public hearing, which will include a description of the evidence and the Commissioner's findings and conclusions.

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STATUS OF THE INQUIRY***Interviews Conducted by Commission Counsel***

Commission Counsel has completed nearly 50 interviews totalling approximately 300 hours of interview time. Commission Counsel wishes to interview two additional witnesses and seeks additional time to complete the interviews of two previously interviewed witnesses. We expect that these interviews will be completed in the Q2 of 2022.

Additional Document Production & Inquiry Database

On November 18, 2020, Commission Counsel gave the participants access to a database consisting of documents obtained by Commission Counsel from the participants to the Inquiry and other entities (the “**Inquiry Database**”). To date, the Inquiry Database contains approximately 126,000 documents, which include over 72,000 documents produced by the City.

The City continues to respond to requests from Commission Counsel for additional documents or information, some of which arose in response to information obtained through the witness interview process. It is expected that additional documents will be included in the Inquiry Database.

Overview Document

Based upon the documents obtained from the participants to the Inquiry, Commission Counsel has prepared an Overview Document, which will be used at the Public Hearing as a guiding document. It contains a summary of the documents relevant to the issues in the Inquiry, as determined by Commission Counsel.

The Overview Document contains ten chapters and spans from the design and construction of the Red Hill Valley Parkway (“**RHVP**”) to the resurfacing of the RHVP in 2019.

Public Hearing

We expect that phase one of the Public Hearing will commence in the second quarter of 2022. We understand that Commission Counsel will announce the start date of the Public Hearing.

Cost Implications

In December 2022, Council was advised that, based on costs incurred and the estimates provided by Commission Counsel and the City’s external counsel, the estimated cost of the Inquiry is between \$18 and \$20 million. Based on the costs

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incurred since December 2021 to date, the City can continue to expect the costs of the Inquiry to fall between \$18 and \$20 million.

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

General Issues : April 6, 2022

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN.....

SECONDED BY MAYOR / COUNCILLOR

Strategic Land Acquisition Plan Along the Hamilton LRT Corridor

That staff be directed to establish a strategic land acquisition plan along the Hamilton LRT corridor for the purposes of planning to deliver future municipal services, including but not limited to parks, recreation, as well as, non-profit, affordable housing and report back to the General Issues Committee.