



City of Hamilton
GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
ADDENDUM

Meeting #: 23-010
Date: March 22, 2023
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Angela McRae, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 5987

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- *5.1 Correspondence from Tys Theijnsmeijer, Head of Natural Areas, Royal Botanical Gardens, respecting Item 9.5 - Chedoke Creek Order – Remediation Update

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 9.5.

- *5.2 Correspondence from Greg Dunnett, President and CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting Item 11.2 - 2023 Temporary Outdoor Patio Program Fees

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 11.2

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- *6.3 James Kemp, respecting Item 11.2 2023 Temporary Outdoor Patio Program Fees (For today's meeting) (Virtually)

- *6.4 Adan Amer and Lucia Iannantuono, Hamilton 350, respecting item 10.3 Gas Tax Transfer funding agreement (For today's meeting) (In-Person)

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

- *12.1 Stairs at Grant Boulevard, Hamilton (Ward 13)

- *12.2 Securing Canada's \$1 Billion Investment in a Strengthened Freshwater Action Plan

14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL***14.4 Privileged Solicitor-Client Encampment Litigation (LS20023(f)) (City Wide)**

Pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-sections (e), (f) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (e), (f) and (k) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and, a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.



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March 21, 2023

Re: Chedoke Creek Order – Remediation Update – GIC Agenda Item 9.5 March 22 2023

Hamilton City Council – GIC Committee

The Royal Botanical Gardens is pleased to continue to support the intended dredge work and provide access to the property as per the renewed agreement with the City of Hamilton.

In terms of the shorter-term condition of the creek waters and sediment we are noting our concern pertaining to timelines. The spill to be remediated was originally stopped in July 2018, but continues to be delayed for cleanup. We also highlight that Chedoke Creek discharges directly to the waterfront area and continues to be a highly polluted creek in need of shorter-term remediation measures beyond existing signage. Existing water quality conditions at the creek mouth for rain events and baseflow conditions are highlighted in the following examples. For larger rain events associated with combined sewers, at the largest CSO tank (Main King) overflows occurred 4 times in 2022, with the largest event about 58 million liters of water and lasting almost 24 hours (Feb 23, 2023). For perspective this is equivalent to filling the entire associated inlet area of Cootes Paradise Marsh completely with CSO water during typical summer water levels (i.e. from the marsh outlet at the Fishway back to Kay Drage Park). In addition, multiple uncontrolled CSOs continue to exist on this creek. For baseflow conditions (dry conditions) ongoing monitoring of surface water quality at the creek mouth continues to illustrate variable and problematic water quality conditions including phosphorus levels averaging about 10 times provincial guidelines for aquatic life (Station CC-SW3 Hamilton Surface Water Samples -ongoing online information). We emphasize that the local communities, First Nations, and Royal Botanical Gardens desire to have a healthy waterfront and environmental protection area and acknowledge the challenges associated with achieving this end goal.

We are fully supportive of the work to date and ongoing processes to establish long-term Chedoke Creek water quality remediation. We also recognize that this historically based situation is an example of why the Hamilton Harbour Area of Concern and associated funding processes were first established. We look forward to continued collaboration to restore reasonable water conditions to this region with all partners.

Thank you and we look forward to continued progress with the remediation.

Tys Theijsmeijer

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March 22, 2023

Re: Item 11.2 – 2023 Temporary Outdoor Patio Program Fees

As President & CEO of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, I have the privilege of speaking for our nearly 1,000 member organizations that employ over 75,000 people in our community, including dozens of local hospitality and restaurant establishments. I would like to take this opportunity to express our support for Councillor McMeekin's Motion, "2023 Temporary Outdoor Patio Program Fees," and recommend its endorsement by the General Issues Committee.

It is no secret that the hospitality sector has endured significant economic hardships over the past several years and continues to experience lingering impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. From the revolving operating restrictions, to the ongoing supply chain related cost increases, to the significant labour shift that saw thousands of hospitality workers seek employment in new sectors, our hospitality economy has weathered a unique storm and requires ongoing tailored supports to boost business and business confidence.

In response to this specific need and in recognizing the importance to the vibrancy and vitality of our community, the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce has created a specific membership class for hospitality sector organizations. This class only charges an introductory member rate to join the Chamber to help create and leverage new business opportunities for them and their employees, while simultaneously providing them significantly discounted access to Chambers Insurance Plan, that provides comprehensive benefits coverage to over 30,000 organizations nationwide. We strongly believe in supporting our hospitality and restaurant members through the unique economic challenges they continue to face.

The success of the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program is evidenced enough by Council's decision in 2022 to make the program permanent and moreover by the significant participation in the program that has seen well over 150 local hospitality and restaurant organizations register since the program began in 2020. It is also noted, however, that the administration and set-up costs associated with the program are significant and can potentially otherwise compromise a successful revenue stream.

The Motion as presented will help offset a generous portion of these costs, roughly to the tune of \$1,400 per establishment. This is a significant and positive investment in our community that will not only help Hamilton's hospitality sector by cutting administrative red tape, but also to create economic opportunity and jobs for Hamiltonians. For comparison's sake, the City of Toronto's CaféTO program in 2021 generated \$206M in economic activity, served approximately 5 million customers at 940 participating



organizations, and analyses estimate that approximately 36% of all restaurant sales during that period were from the CaféTO program ([2021 CaféTO Economic Benefits Study](#)). While operating at a smaller scale, one can clearly see the parallel positive economic impact of the City of Hamilton's Temporary Outdoor Patio Program locally.

Looking to the past, we can recall on the rejuvenated vibrancy that this program brought to our community at a very challenging time. For so long North America has yearned for the outdoor dining districts and open-air patios of Europe, and we have taken positive steps towards realizing this vision for our community. Looking to the future, let's continue this new tradition of transforming our public spaces during the short spring and summer seasons we have in Canada where Hamiltonians of all ages can enjoy their community in unique ways. Moreover, let's continue this tradition of creating new opportunities for restauranteurs and other entrepreneurs in our community to bring Hamilton to life with their partners at the municipality.

In closing, the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce would like to express its support for the motion as drafted and believe that this is a productive investment into Hamilton's hospitality industry that will generate significant social and economic returns.

Regards,

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Greg Dunnett
President & CEO

Submitted on Fri, 03/17/2023 - 11:52

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Committee Requested

Committee
General Issues Committee

Will you be delegating in-person or virtually?
Virtually

Will you be delegating via a pre-recorded video?
No

Requestor Information

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James Kemp

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Reason(s) for delegation request
2023 Temporary Outdoor Patio Program Fees and an idea to improve their accessibility and safety for pedestrians using the bypasses.

Will you be requesting funds from the City?
No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?
No

Submitted on Tue, 03/21/2023 - 09:50

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Committee Requested

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General Issues Committee

Will you be delegating in-person or virtually?

In-person

Will you be delegating via a pre-recorded video?

No

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Adan Amer and Lucia Iannantuono

Hamilton 350

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Reason(s) for delegation request

Request to delegate to GIC on March 22nd regarding agenda item 10.3 Gas Tax Transfer funding agreement. Will be presenting on behalf of organizations Hamilton350 and the Hamilton Chapter of Council of Canadians with Lucia Iannantuono. Purpose of the presentation is to request council to consider allocating Gas Tax funding for HSR fare reduction, and at the very least to prevent further fare increases scheduled for Sep 1, 2023.

Will you be requesting funds from the City?

No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?

Yes

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

General Issues Committee: March 22, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR A. WILSON.....

Stairs at Grant Boulevard, Hamilton (Ward 13)

WHEREAS, historically residents living in the University Gardens Neighbourhood accessed the trail system, parking lot and active transportation routes to McMaster University via a set of stairs on Hamilton Conservation Authority Lands at Grant Boulevard;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Conservation Authority, in their review of the stairs determined that the stairs were in poor condition and unsafe, and therefore removed the stairs and upgraded the trail to provide an alternative route in the area;

WHEREAS, residents of the neighbourhood desire the stairs to be reinstated as the shortest route to the paths connecting to McMaster University;

WHEREAS, the land on which the stairs were constructed is owned by the Hamilton Conservation Authority; and

WHEREAS, the provision of active transportation routes provides benefit to the city by encouraging residents to walk or bike to their destination, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing health and wellness.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Corporate Real Estate Office staff be authorized and directed to negotiate the requisite agreement(s) between the City and the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) to permit the City to design, construct and maintain a new set of stairs on HCA property located at the end of Grant Boulevard, and report back to General Issues Committee for approval;
- (b) That Public Works staff be directed to determine the budget and work required to design, construct (capital) and maintain (operating) a new set of stairs on Hamilton Conservation Authority property located at the end of Grant Boulevard, and report back to General Issues Committee for approval.

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MOVED BY COUNCILLOR A. WILSON.....

Securing Canada’s \$1 Billion Investment in a Strengthened Freshwater Action Plan

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton, as a member of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, supports: protecting source water, planning for climate change impacts and shoreline resilience, ensuring safe and affordable water services for all our residents, and building up a sustainable blue economy in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin;

WHEREAS, ensuring healthy communities and a strong economy for Canadians depend on securing Canada’s source water, which includes addressing water quality issues, contaminants and pollution, supporting biodiversity and reversing wetland and fish and wildlife habitat loss and improving community knowledge to empower citizens to safeguard this essential resource;

WHEREAS, a Freshwater Action Plan and the Great Lakes Protection Initiative it supported were first announced in the 2017 Canadian federal budget with a \$44.84 million investment over five years;

WHEREAS, the Freshwater Action Plan has combined science and action to address priorities in the Great Lakes such as preventing toxic and nuisance algae, enhancing the resilience of coastal wetlands in the Great Lakes, restoring Great Lakes Areas of Concern and supporting Canada’s commitments under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, among other priorities;

WHEREAS, a commitment was made by the Liberal Party of Canada in the 2021 federal election to strengthen the Freshwater Action Plan with an historic investment of \$1 billion over ten years to restore and protect large lakes and river systems starting with the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin;

WHEREAS, the federal government only committed \$19.6 million in funding in the 2022 Budget for the Freshwater Action Plan, falling short of the aforementioned commitment.

WHEREAS, the United States has invested \$1.8 billion in the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) since 2017 and will see accelerated funding with the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*;

WHEREAS, a 2018 University of Michigan study shows that for every dollar of federal spending on GLRI projects between 2010 and 2016, yielded \$3.35 in additional economic activity;

WHEREAS, nearly half of Canada's population lives in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin, a region that will continue to see accelerated growth, resulting in greater land and resource use pressures that will further contribute to water availability and quality issues;

WHEREAS, the [Stockholm Resilience Centre](#) recently identified the importance of wetlands as carbon sinks and fresh water's role in climate mitigation;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Collaborative outlined 30 recommendations to Environment and Climate Change Canada as part of a ten-year, \$2.2 billion [Action Plan 2020-2030 to protect the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence](#) (Action Plan 2020-2030), addressing shoreline erosion, outdated infrastructure, invasive species, exposure to toxins and beach contamination, following an 18-month consultation with First Nations, NGOs, academics and other experts;

WHEREAS, the recommendations outlined in Action Plan 2020-2030 should serve as the basis of programming for strengthened federal action in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin through its strengthened Freshwater Action Plan;

WHEREAS, the newly established Canada Water Agency should play a role in accelerating the rollout of funding made available through a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan;

WHEREAS, Freshwater Action Plan funding should largely be directed to community groups, local governments and First Nations to ensure that investments made will have the biggest local impact and empower action at the local level, rather than being held back for federal administration and operations;

WHEREAS, it is critical to implement a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan, including accelerating a \$1 billion over five years, and to creating a Canada Water Agency to consolidate and coordinate federal water efforts and support provinces and territories in addressing systemic issues impacting the viability of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin and the communities dependent upon the region's source water;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton calls on the federal government to commit \$1 billion in funding over five years for a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan in Budget 2023;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton calls on the federal government to guide its Freshwater Action Plan funding to implement recommendations in the Action Plan 2020-2030;
- (c) That the City of Hamilton calls on the federal government to direct priority funding under the strengthened Freshwater Action Plan to projects in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin;
- (d) That the City of Hamilton calls on the federal government to make municipalities eligible for future funding in programs announced under the strengthened Freshwater Action Plan; and,
- (e) That the City of Hamilton directs its staff to submit this resolution to the federal Deputy Prime-Minister and Minister of Finance; the Minister of Environment and Climate Change; the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change (responsible for the Canada Water Agency), and local Member of Parliament.