



City of Hamilton

HAMILTON CYCLING COMMITTEE REVISED

Meeting #: 23-004

Date: April 5, 2023

Time: 5:45 p.m.

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Josip Kafadar, Project Manager, Roadway Safety

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HAMILTON CYCLING COMMITTEE (HCyC) MINUTES

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

5:45 p.m.

Room 264, 2nd Floor, City Hall

Hybrid Meeting

Present: Chair: Chris Ritsma
Vice-Chair: William Oates
Members: Kate Berry, Jane Jamnik, Ann McKay, Kevin Vander Meulen, Cora Muis, Sharon Gibbons

Absent with

Regrets: Jeff Axisa, Dan van den Beukel, Cathy Sutherland, Christine Yachouh, Roman Caruk, Jessica Merolli, Gary Rogerson, Marko Maric

Also Present: Evan Nopper, Active Transportation Technologist, Sustainable Mobility
Danny Pimentel, Project Manager, Active Transportation
Peter Topalovic, Program Manager, Sustainable Mobility
Bakir Fayad, Project Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Engineering

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

C. Ritsma recited a land acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Berry/Jamnik)

That the agenda of the March 1, 2023 meeting of the Hamilton Cycling Committee be approved.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- (i) **Hamilton Cycling Committee Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2023
(Item 4.1)**

(Muis/McKay)

That the minutes of the February 1, 2023 meeting of the Hamilton Cycling Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- (i) **5.1 Bicycles Yield at Stop Signs (Idaho Stop) - Citizen Committee
Report (Item 5.1)**

Roadway Safety has concerns with regarding this motion and would like the opportunity to speak to the committee before it goes to the Public Works Committee. A representative from Roadway Safety will attend the April Cycling Advisory Committee meeting to discuss their concerns with the group.

(Berry/Muis)

That the Communication item be received.

CARRIED

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS

- (i) **2023 Ontario Bike Summit - Cycling Connects (Item 6.1)**

Janet O'Connell, Managing Director, Share the Road Cycling Coalition
Eleanor McMahon, Founder and Board Member, Share the Road Cycling Coalition

J. O'Connell and E. McMahon informed committee members of the upcoming 2023 Ontario Bike Summit, which will be in Hamilton.

Members asked questions about the event and how to attend or if there are opportunities to volunteer or do presentations/bicycle tours.

(Muis/Better)

That the delegation from Ontario Bike Summit - Hamilton 2023, be received.

CARRIED

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**(McKay/Muis)**

That the Discussion items be received

(i) Planning and Project Updates

Members asked questions about the progress of various projects. Staff gave updates on projects, if applicable.

Staff to reach out to Landscape and Architectural Services to arrange for a possible presenter to come and discuss the Pipeline Trail Project.

(ii) Inverness Ave Feasibility Plan

D. Pimentel updated the group on the planned cycling facilities on Inverness Ave E.

Members asked questions regarding the type infrastructure and provided comments/ideas on how to improve the concept.

(iii) Charlton-MacNab Feasibility Plan

D. Pimentel updated the group on the planned cycling facilities on Charlton-MacNab.

Members asked questions regarding the future connections to this infrastructure and data collection.

Staff informed the members on the future planned connections, as well as the data collection process.

(iv) 2023 Cycling Master Plan Acceleration Report

The acceleration of the Cycling Master Plan was approved by council at the February Budget Meeting. This document can be reviewed online.

Staff to email the members a website link to the report, should they wish to review it.

(v) Hamilton Cycling Committee Budget Expenses

Members discussed the purchasing of tickets for the Ontario Bike Summit and the possibility for discounted tickets for volunteering.

Members discussed passing a motion to purchase tickets for the 2-day event.

CARRIED

(vi) Hamilton Cycling Committee Member Resignation

Three committee members have submitted their resignation.

A motion will be brought forward to the March 20, 2022 Public Works Committee meeting, which will include a request in changes to quorum requirements going forward.

Members who have resigned, will be replaced once the new committee has been formed.

(Muis/Berry)

That resignations be accepted and a request for quorum adjustments be submitted.

CARRIED

8. MOTIONS

(i) Hamilton Cycling Committee Budget Expenses (Added Item 8.1)

(Berry/Vander Meulen)

That the Committee spend up to \$1500.00 to purchase tickets to the Ontario Bike Summit.

CARRIED

(ii) Hamilton Cycling Committee Member Resignation (Added Item 8.2)

(Muis/Berry)

(a) That the letters of resignation from of the Hamilton Cycling Advisory Committee, and attached hereto, be received; and

(b) That the membership number of the Hamilton Cycling Advisory Committee be adjusted accordingly in order to obtain quorum.

CARRIED

(iii) Returning to Virtual Meetings Only (Added Item 8.3)

(Jamnik/Berry)

That the committee meet virtually until a new committee is formed.

CARRIED

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

(Jamnik/Muis)

That the following items remain as Notice of Motion:

- 9.1** Bay Street North
- 9.2** Bicycle Friendly Streets
- 9.3** Bicycle Orientated Corridor
- 9.4** Cycling Plan and Budgetary Items
- 9.5** James Street Complete Streets

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

(Muis/Jamnik)

That, there be no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ritsma
Chair, Hamilton Cycling Committee

Evan Nopper
Active Transportation Technologist, Active Transportation
Planning & Economic Development

Pipe-line Trail: Update from Landscape Architectural Services

The Master Plan

The Pipeline Trail is located on a 6 km long easement that was established between 1856 – 1859 to protect the infrastructure that conveys drinking water from Woodward Avenue to a reservoir at the escarpment. The Pipeline Trail Master Plan was completed in 2015 after extensive public engagement and consultation with stakeholders. The Master Plan provides a framework for the reconstruction and renovation of existing trail segments, the extension of the trail into undeveloped areas, and possible future linkages. Master Plan initiatives (capital projects) are implemented according to their level of priority and as funding becomes available.

Completed Projects

The Geraldine Copps Parkette was built in 2017 on the Pipeline Trail east of Kenilworth Avenue North. This location represents the border between the Homeside and Crown Point Neighbourhoods and was identified as a hub for community gathering in the Master Plan. The parkette comprises a paved seating area with sun shelter and a bike rack, shade trees and a book-exchange kiosk.

The Crown Point Parkette, at the corner of Roxborough Avenue and Huxley Avenue North, was renovated in 2019 after community members requested a playground that was accessible for children with limited mobility. The existing play structure was replaced with a variety of ground-based play components spread throughout the parkette that provide opportunities for active and social gross-motor play, quiet time and sensory play.

The Pipeline Trail runs through Andrew Warburton Memorial Park from Britannia Avenue to Tragina Avenue North. When the park was renovated in 2022 to replace aging amenities, the multi-use trail was realigned to provide a more direct route through the park, trail lighting was replaced, vehicular control measures were added, trail-side seating was provided and a new drinking fountain and bike rack were installed.


Upcoming Projects

We are planning to build a new section of the Pipeline Trail at the north-east end of the Pipeline Easement to connect Brampton Street to Grace Avenue. Construction of the new asphalt multi-use trail will include new road crossings with P-gates, new paved seating areas with bike racks, new orientation trailhead signs and route markers, new solar lighting and tree planting. Construction timing is dependent on resolution of encroachments on City land.

The origin point of the Pipeline Trail is currently difficult to find so we are planning to design a new landmark parkette at the corner of Main Street East and Ottawa Street North to celebrate the start of the multi-use trail. The “Gateway Parkette” will likely include removal of the existing billboard, enhancement of the existing bus stop on Main Street East, reconfiguration of the existing municipal parking lot and vehicular access to the alley, a new gateway feature that could incorporate public art, a new orientation trailhead sign, a new paved seating area with bike rack, some green space (trees and grass) and new solar lighting. This project will include public engagement. Construction timing is dependent on approvals and coordination with other City projects in the area.



COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	March 27, 2023
SUBJECT:	Launch of the Commercial E-Scooter Pilot Program (Wards 1, 2, 3 and 13)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Wards 1, 2, 3 and 13
SUBMITTED BY:	Brian Hollingworth Director, Transportation Planning and Parking Planning and Economic Development Department
SIGNATURE:	

The Commercial E-Scooter Pilot Program Framework was approved by City Council on August 13, 2021 (Report PED20134(b)). The Program Framework allows an operator to deploy e-scooters for an initial one-year term, with up to three, one-year extensions at the City's discretion. Bird Canada was selected as the commercial e-scooter operator through a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

Staff have been working with Bird Canada to prepare for the pilot program launch since the last Communication Update in December 2022. This has included a local demonstration that has confirmed that the devices and mobile application meet the requirements contained in the Program Framework, as well as the receipt of the initial funds from the operator, including the security deposit. Bird Canada has also secured a local warehouse and hired the necessary staff to operate and maintain the system. Staff are of the opinion that all the conditions have been met to launch the system.

Commercial E-Scooter Launch Event

Bird Canada, and the City, will host a launch event on **April 3, 2023, at 12:30 p.m., in the City Hall Forecourt**. The event will include, remarks from the City and Bird Canada, information on the system, and a demonstration of the devices.

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

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

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Launch Plan

E-Scooters will begin to be deployed on April 3, 2023 in accordance with the Program Framework. A representative photo of the device is shown in Appendix “A” attached to this Communication.

The initial launch will cover the Hamilton Bike Share service area within Wards 1, 2, 3 and 13 (“the core service area”). Bird Canada will initially deploy 150 e-scooters and, in the following weeks, will begin to ramp up to the maximum permitted 350 devices in the core service area. The additional devices will be added when high compliance with the rules and regulations exist. For comparison, the Hamilton Bike Share system operates 825 pedal bikes within the same service area.

Staff will work with the operator during the launch phase to make sure that the Program Framework is complied with. The Vendor can apply to expand the service area in the future, which will be subject to City approval.

Complaints About Misparked Devices

Bird Canada has committed to addressing any misparked device or other complaints within 30 minutes, shorter than the 60 minutes in the Framework. Anyone can submit a complaint through three channels that will be monitored 24-hours a day, seven days a week:

- Directly through the app;
- Email at hello@bird.co; and,
- Phone at 1-800-205-2442.

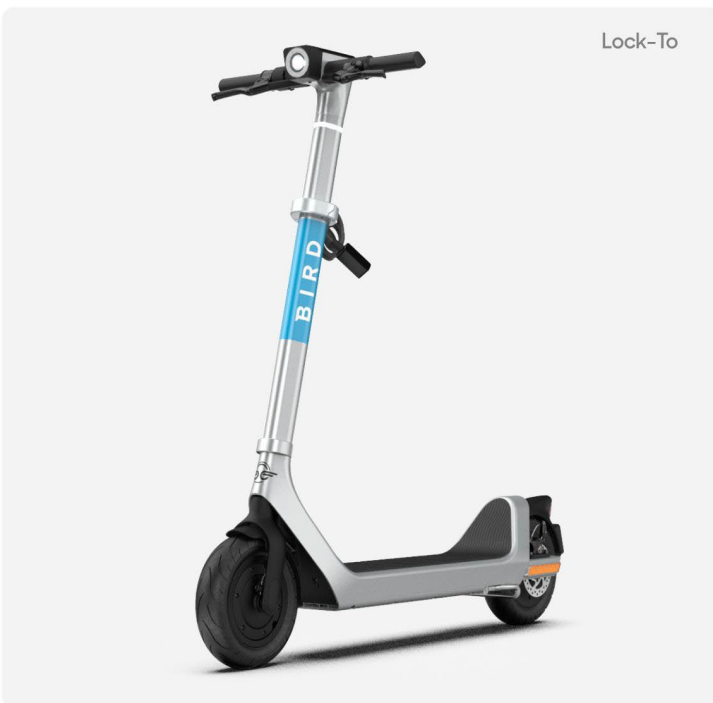
The City has received a \$15 K security bond that will be used to recoup any costs the City may incur removing or relocating devices should Bird Canada not respond within the required timeframe. The bond will be replenished should it reach \$5 K.

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact Peter Topalovic, Program Manager – Sustainable Mobility at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 5129 or by email at Peter.Topalovic@hamilton.ca.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix “A” - Photo of Bird Canada Version 3 E-Scooter, including “lock-to” mechanism

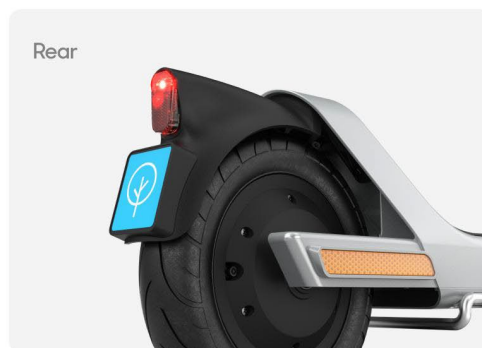
Photo of Bird Canada Version 3 E-Scooter, including "lock-to" mechanism



Lock-To



On-Scooter display



Rear



Handlebars



Kickstand



Side View

CITY OF HAMILTON

**PROCEDURAL HANDBOOK
FOR CITIZEN APPOINTEES
TO CITY OF HAMILTON
LOCAL BOARDS**

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Welcome

On behalf of the City of Hamilton, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment to one of the City's local boards. As a member, you play an important role in shaping City policies, by-laws, and contribute to improving the quality of life within the City of Hamilton. You'll also participate as part of a local board and as a team, working to ensure the local board's mandate and goals are advanced.

In accepting your appointment, you are committing to serving your local board to the best of your abilities. For meetings, we ask that you read and review your meeting agenda materials to ensure the discussion is informed and considers all perspectives. When your local board is working on events or special projects, a willingness to pitch in is encouraged to ensure the work is distributed equitably, and the task is set up for success.

The purpose of this guide is to provide you with an introduction to the City of Hamilton and a foundation on how local boards work. Upon that foundation, and through your experience at meetings and interactions with your fellow local board members, you will build an understanding of the City of Hamilton's governance system. In addition to the fundamentals, we'll also include links or copies of pertinent legislation or City policies/by-laws which establishes the framework in which these local boards exist.

The Office of the City Clerk is your primary contact at the City of Hamilton, and we are here to assist you throughout your experience as a resource. Please reach out if you have any questions, or concerns.

Welcome to the team! We hope you have a rewarding experience as a City of Hamilton local board member.

Thank you,

Andrea Holland
City Clerk for the City of Hamilton

City of Hamilton Land Acknowledgement

The City of Hamilton is situated upon the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. We further acknowledge that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Today, the City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and we recognize that we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers.

Why is a Land Acknowledgment important?

Land acknowledgments are essential in moving forward on a path to reconciliation. Land acknowledgments are influenced by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action in acknowledging the first occupants of this land. Land acknowledgments are also important in educating the broader public on the significance of the relationship between Indigenous Peoples and their territories.

When do we use a Land Acknowledgment?

Land Acknowledgment's are normally used at the beginning of events, meetings, lectures and other public events. We must acknowledge the land we live, work and play on as it's essential in the path to reconciliation as well as developing respectful and meaningful relationships with the local First Nations surrounding Hamilton.

The City of Hamilton at a Glance

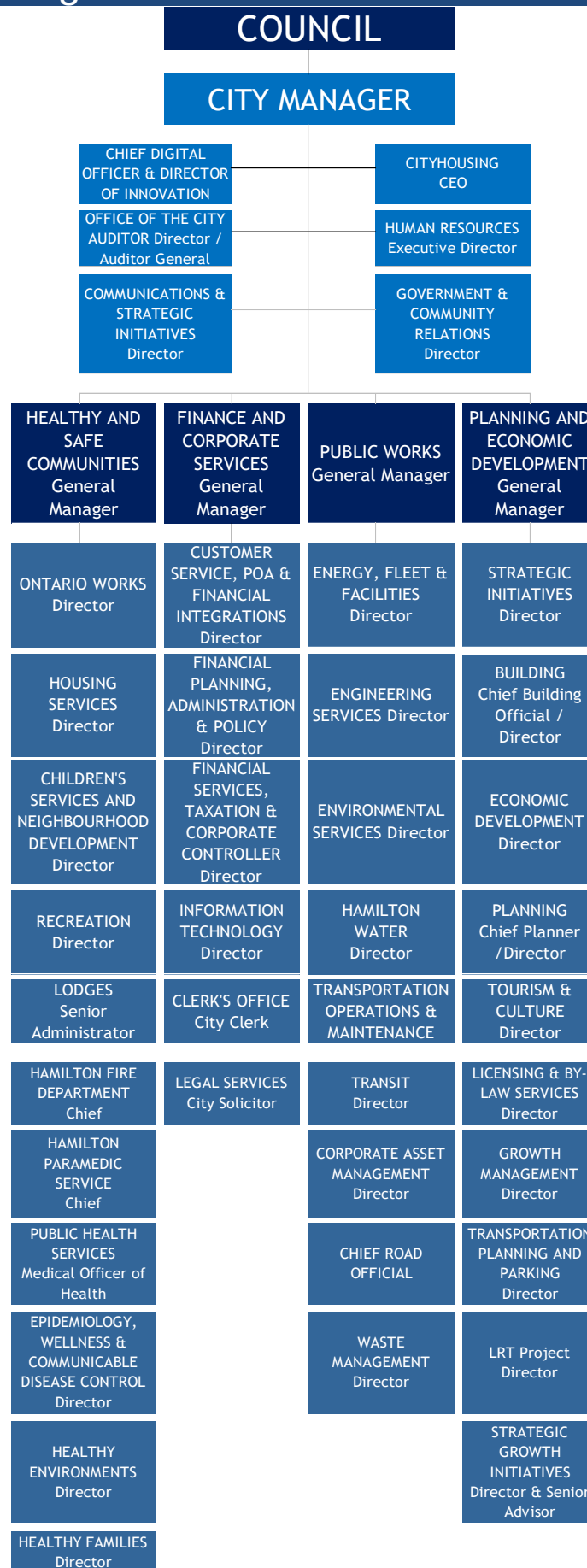
Through your work as a member of a local board, you are also supporting the work of the City of Hamilton. This section provides you with a snapshot of the City of Hamilton and its operations. If you wish to learn more about the City, resources are available by way of <https://www.hamilton.ca/>.

The City of Hamilton is a diverse city, providing municipal services to more than 500,000 residents.

The City of Hamilton is committed to achieving excellence in public service through ongoing efforts to continuously improve and evolve corporate strategies and processes. By focusing on Strategy and Performance Excellence, we commit to:

- understand what's happening externally in the city, internally at the City and elsewhere that may impact the delivery of City services.
- use information and evidence to drive strategy, inform decisions and influence the day-to-day delivery of City services.
- understand and communicate City service performance to the community.
- ensure value for money in service delivery and to always consider ways to improve the delivery of City services.

City of Hamilton Organizational Structure



City Council

City Council is composed of the Mayor and 15 Councillors representing the 15 Wards within the City of Hamilton and is the final decision-making body for the City. City Council meetings are held at 9:30 a.m., in accordance with the schedule approved by Council following the standing committee meetings and considers all recommendations for approval and action.

Link to the Council/Committee calendar: <https://www.hamilton.ca/city-council/council-committee/council-committee-meetings/meetings-agendas-video#meeting-calendarlisting>

City of Hamilton Strategic Plan 2016 - 2025

The City of Hamilton's 2016 - 2025 Strategic Plan is a 10-year plan <https://www.hamilton.ca/city-council/plans-strategies/strategies>, approved by Council in June 2016.

The 2016-2025 Strategic Plan for the City of Hamilton guides everything we do as an organization and illustrates to the community and to our stakeholders how we will contribute to moving our city forward over the next 10-years. It includes the following components:

- Vision represents what we aspire to be
- Mission identifies why we exist as an organization
- Culture outlines how we conduct ourselves (our values)
- Priorities provide guidance on where we are focusing our efforts to meet desired outcomes

Our Vision

The City's vision "To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully" reflects the kind of city Hamiltonians want to aspire to become.

It means having an inclusive community, actively engaged in making Hamilton a better place for everyone. It is creating an accessible environment, supporting residents through all of life's stages, and one that encourages positive development of children as they grow towards becoming healthy adults and seniors.

Our Mission and Our Culture

The City's mission, "To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner", provides the context for the delivery of City services across all our priorities. Our culture guides the conduct, behaviours and actions to which we hold each other accountable.

The culture of an organization has a major impact on the performance and reputation of an organization. It reflects the City's values, drives high performance and engenders the trust and confidence of our citizens. Our culture was developed by a cross-section of employees with diverse backgrounds and experiences, from front-line to senior management and was endorsed by City Council through its adoption into the Strategic Plan. The culture revolves around five pillars:

Collective Ownership

We cooperate and collaborate; we support teamwork and breaking down silos. We build relationships across departments and divisions to achieve our objectives and bring the ideas of others forward. Each and all of us understand that what we do affects the work of others and the results we achieve. We are one City with one vision and one mission, serving our citizens and stakeholders.

Steadfast Integrity

We build trust and demonstrate integrity in our work. We are direct and truthful individuals, accountable for doing what is right. We can be trusted to perform in an accountable and respectful manner.

Courageous Change

We embrace innovation, creativity and risk taking. We support, discuss and proceed with innovative ideas and actions to continuously improve our service delivery. We make evidence-based recommendations.

Sensational Service

We are passionate about customer service and service delivery excellence. We take a citizen-centred approach to providing exceptional service in a timely and responsive manner. We communicate in an open and transparent manner, especially when mistakes occur. We take pride in our work as public servants, serving our community. Performance measurement is a cornerstone to our service delivery.

Engaged and Empowered Employees

We invest in our employees, support and empower them to improve performance and be accountable for results. We communicate clear purpose and direction, build relationships through ongoing communication, regularly invite input and feedback, and treat employees equitably. We create a work environment where there is continual development, respect and recognition. Our employees are trusted, inspired to do their best work, and would not hesitate to recommend the City of Hamilton as a great place to work.

Our Strategic Plan Priorities

Council is considering their Strategic Plan Priorities on March 24, 2023 at a Special General Issues Committee meeting, therefore, this section will be updated accordingly after that date.

Local Boards within the City's Governance Structure

Standing Committees

A standing committee is a Committee established by City Council, comprised entirely of members of City Council, to carry out duties on an ongoing basis, as specified by City Council, and that reports directly to Council.

There are six Standing Committees, which all meet bi-monthly except the Public Health Committee which meets monthly:

- General Issues Committee
- Planning Committee
- Public Works Committee
- Public Health Committee
- Audit Finance and Administration Committee
- Emergency and Community Services Committee

Sub-Committees

A sub-committee is a committee established by City Council, comprised of some members of City Council and in certain circumstances also members of organizations and/or citizen members (YOU). Sub committees report up to an assigned standing committee with members of sub-committees being appointed by City Council.

Advisory Committees

An advisory committee is established by City Council for the purpose of providing advice on matters that are related to the specific mandate of the committee, comprised of a group of appointed citizens (YOU). An advisory committee is accountable to City Council for its actions through the appropriate Standing Committee to which they report.

An advisory committee member is recruited based on their understanding of and expertise around the advisory committee's mandate and willingness to volunteer their time.

Task Forces

A task force is established by City Council for the purpose of providing advice on matters related to a specific mandate of the task force, comprised of a group of appointed citizens (YOU). A task force is accountable to Council for its actions through the appropriate Standing Committee to which they report.

A task force member is recruited based on their understanding of and expertise around the task forces' mandate and willingness to volunteer their time.

Working Groups

Advisory committees/task forces are encouraged to create working groups, if required, to enhance the efficiency of meetings or to work on a specific project/event identified in the committee's workplan. The nature of working groups are unique, given their mandate, projects and scope.

Working groups are normally comprised of advisory committee/task force members, however, when required, volunteers may be called upon for their expertise to assist a working group in completing their mandate.

Board and Shareholders

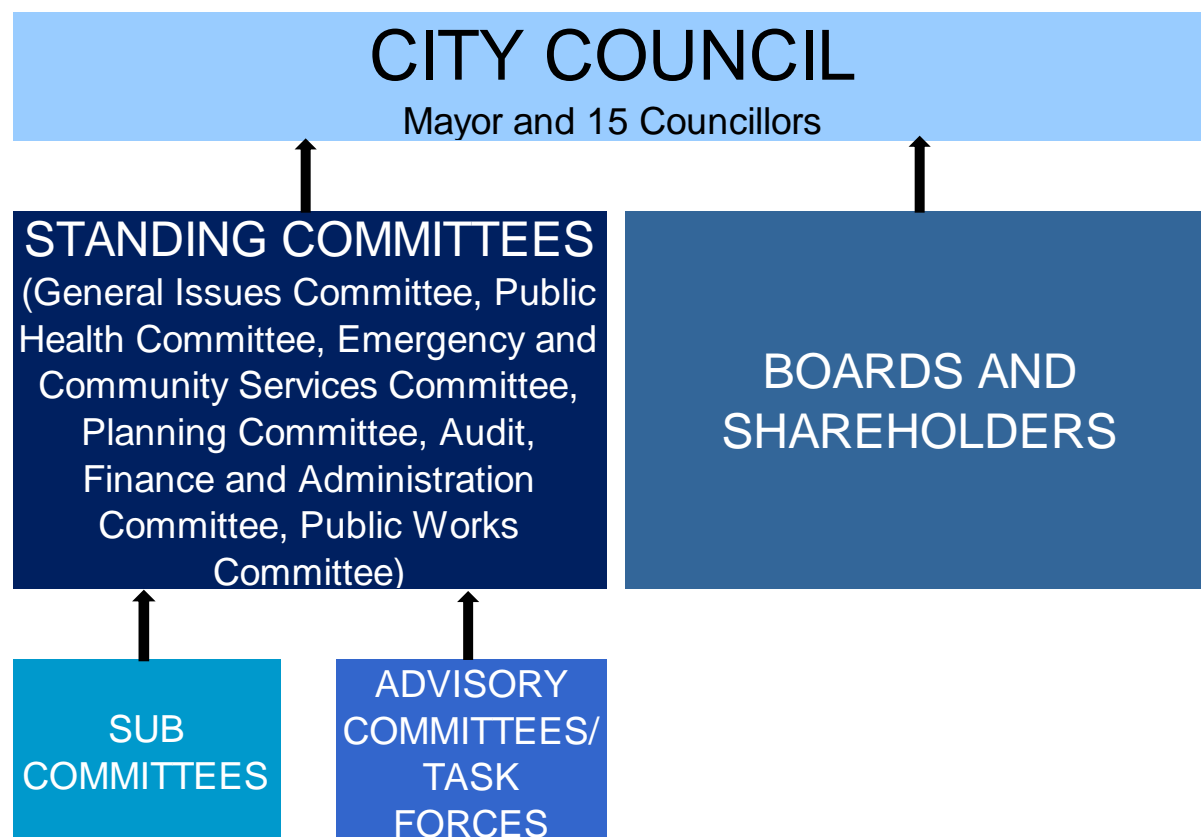
Where City Council acts as the Shareholder or the Board of Directors, or both, of a corporation, Council meets as the Shareholder or the Board of Directors as necessary to complete such business as would normally be completed by the Shareholder or Board of Directors and as required by the corporation’s by-laws and resolutions and any laws that govern the corporation.

Tribunals

The City’s tribunals comply with *Statutory Powers Procedure Act* and do not report to City Council, they are autonomous bodies, whereby they govern themselves.

Relationship: Council and Local Boards

The following chart illustrates the reporting relationship between City Council, Standing Committees, Boards, Shareholders, Sub-Committees, Advisory Committees/Task Forces, Working Groups:



Terms of Reference

Each local board operates within a City Council approved terms of reference document that provides a framework for the function of the local board. The most vital piece of a terms of reference is your local board's mandate. The local board's mandate sets forth the topics and areas of jurisdiction that your local board may discuss and provide advice to City Council on. Review your local board's mandate and if you have questions you may connect with your Staff Liaison, Clerk or the Chair of the local board for further clarification.

In addition to setting forth the mandate, the terms of reference provides guidance on the following areas:

- meeting frequency
- local board composition

Link to Local Board Listing page <https://www.hamilton.ca/city-council/council-committee/council-committee-meetings/committee-listing>

The Terms of Reference template is attached to this handbook as Appendix 'A'.

Professional Working Relationship

All local board members work with City Council and City staff in a professional working relationship. All partners in the relationship must demonstrate a commitment to communication and consultation among themselves and the general public and respond based upon areas of expertise.

What Advisory Committees/Task Forces Do

Advisory Committees/Task Forces

Advisory committees and task forces play an important role in providing resident input on proposed policy and City initiatives and is often used as another way to connect directly with the broader community. Advisory committees and task forces have a clearly defined terms of reference document which provides the committee's mandate and outlines parameters for committee activity.

Advisory committees/task forces review or provide advice to City Council and staff on mandated matters; assist in public consultation processes and committee work; and liaise with other advisory committees/task forces. Some advisory committees/task forces also organize and participate in community events. Being a member of an advisory committee/task force offers residents a unique chance to volunteer their highly valued skills, diversity and knowledge to strengthen our shared sense of community.

Working Groups

Advisory committees/task forces are encouraged to create working groups, if required, to enhance the efficiency of meetings or to work on a specific project/event identified in the committee's workplan.

Working group meetings are held separately as needed and operate by consensus rather than by formal motions. The advisory committee's/task forces' Staff Liaison shall not attend these meetings. A working group member present must take notes and provide them to the Chair and Staff Liaison before the next regular meeting. The working group notes are circulated to the advisory committee/task force and filed accordingly. Working groups report to the advisory committee/task force and do not make independent decisions or take action that is not agreed upon by the advisory committee/task force at a regular meeting. The chair of a working group is chosen by the majority of the working group members.

Working group membership shall be maintained at less than a quorum number of the advisory committee/task force membership (i.e. if the advisory committee's/task forces' membership is 10, their quorum is 5, therefore, all of the advisory committee's/task forces' working groups are to maintain a maximum membership of 4 members).

What Sub-Committees Do

City Council may establish a sub-committee to focus on a particular task or area, thereby, delegating City Council's many responsibilities to smaller groups, who report to their respective Standing Committee.

Applicable Municipal By-Laws and Policies

Appointment and Recruitment Process

The public appointment policy sets forth the way in which members of the public are appointed to local boards of City Council and outlines the general recruitment process.

Each local board is encouraged to complete a Roles, Responsibilities and Expectations document for review and information for all new applicants. This will help all new applicants to understand the workload and expectations when participating on the local board.

All existing members will be notified, by the Staff Liaison or Clerk, of the recruitment posting for the new term of Council.

All applicants, including those who are reapplying to serve, must submit an application and if applicable, attend an interview with the respective Standing Committee's Interview Sub-Committee.

A report from the respective Standing Committee's Interview Sub-Committee is generated by the Office of the City Clerk and provided to Council in closed session (in private) where they will make their final decision and you will be notified by the Office of the City Clerk of the outcome of your application.

Any applicant wishing to withdraw their name from the recruitment process, shall notify the Office of the City Clerk at clerk@hamilton.ca.

The City of Hamilton's Policy respecting the Appointment of Citizens to the City's Local Boards is attached to this handbook as Appendix 'B'.

Code of Conduct for Local Boards

The Code of Conduct for Local Boards applies to all appointed members of a City of Hamilton Local Board. The Code of Conduct for Local Boards is in response to Bill 68 which came into effect in 2017, which sought to enhance local government accountability and integrity across the Province by requiring municipalities to have a Code of Conduct for members of municipal Councils and Local Boards and Committees.

The Code of Conduct for Local Boards outlines how members of Local Boards are to adhere to the highest standards of personal and professional competence, integrity and impartiality and provides guidance to members, by way of establishing a set of principles to support them in conducting their day-to-day committee business in a manner which promotes public confidence. A copy of the Code of Conduct for Local Boards is attached to this handbook as Appendix 'C'.

The Code of Conduct for Local Boards includes several key areas:

- Member conduct;
- Use of City resources;
- Media communications; and
- Improper use of influence.

The Integrity Commissioner will provide all training on the Code of Conduct and Municipal Conflict of Interest Act. It will be scheduled with each new term of Council for all members of Local Boards.

Any appointees after the initial recruitment will be provided access to online training modules to complete this training.

Council Procedural By-Law

Section 238 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* requires that Council of the City of Hamilton adopt, by By-law, procedures governing the calling, place, and proceedings of meetings.

The Council Procedural By-law provides the rules of procedure that are observed in all in-person / virtual / hybrid proceedings of Council and shall be the rules for the order and dispatch of business in Council and unless specifically provided, with necessary modifications, apply to all Committees.

The rules of procedure are designed to achieve the following basic meeting principles:

1. Every member has rights equal to every other member;
2. The will of the majority must be carried out; and
3. Only one topic will be considered at a time.

Link to the Procedural By-law: <https://www.hamilton.ca/sites/default/files/2022-12/21-021-consolidated-12.07.2022.pdf>

Multi Year Accessibility Plan

The City of Hamilton is committed to ensuring that Council, all levels of corporate management and staff, plan, implement and evaluate strategies and opportunities that sustain and maintain the rights of persons with disabilities and their families to barrier-free programs, services and opportunities. In so doing, the City implements the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* according to the legislation's standards for:

- Information and Communications;
- Employment;
- Transportation;
- Design of Public Spaces (Built Environment); and
- Customer Service

All employees, volunteers and all other persons or organizations who provide goods, services or facilities on behalf of the City of Hamilton perform the work to achieve the goals outlined by the Multi Year Accessibility Plan.

Link to the Multi Year Accessibility Plan - <https://www.hamilton.ca/people-programs/equity-diversity-inclusion/accessibility-services/multi-year-accessibility-plan>

Accessible Standards for Customer Service AODA

The City of Hamilton is committed to providing customer service to persons with disabilities in a manner that:

- respects their dignity and independence;
- is integrated as fully as practicable into the method of service delivery;
- ensures reasonable efforts are made to provide equitable opportunities to accessing goods and services;
- allows persons with disabilities to benefit from the same services, programs and opportunities in ways that are based on their own needs and self-determination.

Member Training

The Office of the City Clerk is committed to ensuring all citizen appointees to the City's local boards are trained, providing the following training information and reference documents to all citizen appointees to the City's local boards:

- orientation for citizen appointees to the City's local boards provided by the Staff Liaison
- current Procedural Handbook for Citizen Appointees to City of Hamilton Local Boards
- relevant City policies (Appointment, etc.)
- Code of Conduct for Local Boards
- *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*
- Local boards Terms of Reference
- Accessibility Standards for Customer Service AODA e-learning Program

Any appointees after the initial recruitment will be provided access to online training modules to complete this training.

Communicate Changes to the Office of the City Clerk

Please note your appointment is conditional upon you continuing to meet the following criteria for the duration of your term:

- resident of the City of Hamilton or operating a business in the City of Hamilton

If there is any change in your personal circumstances as described above, you must notify the Office of the City Clerk immediately.

Attendance

Local board members are expected to attend every committee meeting. When a member is unable to attend a meeting, they are to notify the Staff Liaison as soon as possible so it can be determined if quorum will be attained.

When a member misses more than three (3) consecutive meetings during their term, the Chair, after hearing and considering any explanation provided by the member, may ask the member to resign, or request that Council remove the member.

Resignations

Local Board members wishing to resign their appointment mid-term shall submit their resignation in writing, by either email or by completing the Local Board Member Resignation Form, attached to this handbook as Appendix 'D', to the respective Staff Liaison, who will forward the form or the email to the respective Legislative Coordinator, in the City Clerk's office, stating which local board the member is resigning from and general reasons why (the inclusion of private/personal information is not required).

The local board member's resignation will be placed on an upcoming Standing Committee or Council Agenda (depending on its time sensitivity) to be formally received by Committee/Council, followed by the Office of the City Clerk initiating the filling of the vacancy, as per City of Hamilton Policy respecting the Appointment of Citizens to the City's Local Boards (Appendix 'B')

Local Board Members and Running for Office

No member, while identifying themselves as a member of a Local Board, shall undertake any election campaign or election-related activities or work on, fund-raise, endorse or otherwise contribute to the election campaign of any person running in the municipal election for the municipality where the member serves on the Local Board.

Please refer to Rule 5: Election Campaigns, within the Code of Conduct for Local Boards (Appendix 'C')

Any member of a Local Board wishing to run for political office, should consider connecting with the Integrity Commissioner to seek advice to avoid any conflicts.

Confidentiality

Local Board members' personal contact information is considered confidential. Membership lists containing personal contact information are only accessible by local board members and City staff. If a member of the public wishes to speak to a local board member, the Staff Liaison will provide the inquirer's contact information to the local board member for a direct response.

Federal and Provincial Laws

Citizen Appointees to City of Hamilton Local Boards shall abide by all applicable Federal and Provincial laws during the performance of their duties.

Advisory Committee/Task Force Roles and Responsibilities

Advisory Committee/Task Force Positions

Advisory committees/task forces can be made up of a combination of the following:

Position	Role
Chair	runs the advisory committee/task force meetings and enforces rules of procedure under the Procedural By-Law (21-021) – a voting member
Vice-Chair	fulfills the role of the Chair in the Chair's absence – a voting member
Secretary	records without note or comment all resolutions, decisions and other proceedings at the meeting – a voting member
Advisory committee/task force member	participates in all meetings and votes on all motions
Council Representative(s)	provides advice to the advisory committee/task force from a council perspective when attending a meeting, shall be counted for the purposes of quorum – a non-voting member
Staff Liaison	provides a single point of contact with City staff and provides procedural advice and administrative support to the advisory committee/task force
Legislative Coordinator to the Standing Committee	provides assistance to the Staff Liaison and coordinates the inclusion of the advisory committee/task force minutes and Citizen Committee Reports (CCRs) in the standing committee agendas
Working Group member	advisory committee/task force member who participates in a working group with voting privileges
Working Group Chair	leads the working group formed by the advisory committee/task force – a voting member

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The Staff Liaison conducts the Election of Chair and Vice Chair at the first regular meeting of the year. A Chair or Vice-Chair may serve as Chair or Vice-Chair for more than one year in a Council term. All voting Committee members are eligible for election as Chair and Vice-Chair.

A Chair or Vice-Chair serves their role until a new Chair or Vice-Chair is elected.

Role of the Chair

The Committee Chair:

- provides leadership to the committee and mentors the Vice-Chair
- works with the Secretary to prepare agendas
- works with the Staff Liaison to prepare budgets and work plans
- presides over meetings to ensure that proceedings are conducted in an appropriate and orderly manner
- monitors the committee's adherence to corporate policies and assists members to follow corporate policies and procedures

- is the official spokespersons on behalf of the committee, as per Appendix 'E' - Standard Operating Procedure #08-001 – Communicating with any outside agencies, including other levels of Government and the media
- Note: The Vice-Chair fulfills the role of the Chair in their absence.

Responsibilities of the Chair before meetings

The Chair must perform the following duties before each meeting:

- confirm the accuracy of the minutes to be presented to the committee for confirmation
- work with the Secretary to prepare the agenda a week to ten days before the meeting to:
 - ensure items of interest are included on the agenda;
 - understand what action should be taken on each agenda item (e.g. for information only or requires a motion);
 - understand the time allotted for each item to ensure completion of the full agenda; and
 - understand background documents, correspondence, reports, and any other material to be discussed.

Responsibilities of the Chair during meetings

The Chair must perform the following duties during each meeting:

At the start of the meeting

- ensure there is a quorum so the meeting can begin
- declare formally the meeting “open”
- welcome guest speakers, other visitors, and new members.

Throughout the meeting

- preserve order and decorum
- manage the discussion to ensure the agenda is completed in a timely manner
- rule on points of order and not waiver on a decision, unless a member appeals it to the committee as a whole
- never interrupt a speaker except to rule on a point of order
- prevent members from deviating from the order of business on the agenda
- conduct the meeting impartially
- ensure all tasks are distributed equally.

During meeting discussions

- allow one speaker to speak at a time
- state the order in which members may speak when more than one person wants to address the topic
- ensure all members have been heard who wish to address an issue
- reserve comments on an issue until all other members have been heard
- ask questions and call for specific ideas when discussion lacks direction
- summarize the discussion
- guide members towards making a decision
- turn the Chair over to the Vice-Chair or designate if you feel strongly about an issue and want to speak on it.

Meeting voting and motions

- read the motion to the members before voting
- address amendments to a motion prior to voting on the full motion
- ask for a vote and declare the results of all votes
- announce all decisions reached.

Adjournment

Adjourn the meeting when:

- all business on the agenda has been concluded, or
- it is scheduled to be adjourned, or
- the meeting is excessively disorderly, or
- quorum is lost.

Responsibilities of the Chair between meetings

- represent the advisory committee at Standing Committee meetings and events when required
- sign correspondence on behalf of the committee
- monitor the progress of all committee tasks
- act as a resource for all committee members and support their involvement

Role of the Secretary

The Secretary is a committee member who participates fully at every meeting and is assigned the responsibility of recording without note or comment all resolutions, decisions and other proceedings at the meeting (as per the *Municipal Act, 2001*) within the minutes of the meeting.

Together with the Chair, prepare the agenda for all meetings and send to Staff Liaison for publishing within required timelines.

Role of the Local Board Member

Members are expected to participate and to help fulfill the Committee's mandate in the Terms of Reference. This includes doing work outside of Committee meetings to advance the business of the work plan for the Committee.

Members should be familiar with the committee's Terms of Reference, the Roles, Responsibilities and Expectations of New Members and the mandated activities of the committee.

Members should read the agenda before the meeting and come prepared to discuss each item and participate fully.

Each Member will work with the Committee to develop and monitor an achievable annual work plan, based on corporate priorities identified within the City of Hamilton's current Strategic Plan and Terms of Reference and ensure the plan identifies necessary detailed actions and resources required.

It is the responsibility of the member to advise the Staff Liaison of their attendance at an upcoming meeting so quorum can be determined in advance of the meeting. Members who miss more than three (3) consecutive meetings during their term, may be asked to resign by the Chair, or Council may be requested to remove the member.

A Council Representative(s) when attending an advisory committee/task force meeting, does not have voting rights, however, they shall be counted for the purposes of quorum.

Members are to comply with the Code of Conduct for Local Boards, attached to this handbook as Appendix 'C' and are bound by the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, found at the following link: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90m50> and explained further under section 'Conflicts of Interest'.

Members are required to, upon appointment and prior to attending their first meeting, sign the Acknowledgement Form (page 30 of the handbook) and forward it to their committee's Staff Liaison.

Role of the Council Representative(s)

A Council representative(s) is assigned to advisory committees to act as a liaison that provides guidance from the perspective of a City Council member and empowers effective volunteer performance. Each Council representative is required to attend at least one (1) meeting per year and when attending a meeting, shall be counted for the purposes of quorum without voting privileges.

Role of the Staff Liaison

The Staff Liaison provides each advisory committee with a single point of ongoing contact with City staff; and:

- assists committees in their dealings with Council, staff, other levels of government, and community agencies including communication to and presentations/delegation requests at standing committee meetings;
- must be present at all regular committee meetings, acts as a facilitator and provides procedural advice;
- publishes the agenda to eSCRIBE;
- distributes approved minutes of meetings to the respective Standing Committee's Legislative Coordinator;
- assists with membership interviews;
- maintains membership records/committee files;
- assists with budget preparation and monitoring and annual report formulation;
- handles all financial transactions;
- invites guest speakers, visitors, staff;
- provides the meeting schedule and books the meeting room;
- ensures that the committee's meeting dates are included in the Council/Committee meeting calendar on the City's website;
- contacts members who are absent from three or more consecutive meetings to determine the reason for their absences;
- manages public relations activities and creative services assistance;
- provides advice on corporate policy and procedure;
- assists the Committee to prepare an annual operating and capital budgets for submission by timeline and based on priorities and budget instructions;
- ensures consistent and appropriate volunteer recruitment and recognition are maintained and volunteers are oriented to their responsibilities and understand the resources available to them;
- ensures timely and accurate distribution of material;
- assists the Committee with the development and implementation of an achievable annual communication plan, including up to date information for publication on the City's website;
- provides professional information based on the staff person's area of expertise;
- supports committee members awareness of the City's activities in their area of expertise;
- advises and consults with committees on reports being presented to standing committees;
- ensures that the committee is adhering to its mandate;

Staff Liaisons are not to be assigned tasks that should be performed by committee members.

Local Board Meetings

All local board meetings are considered public meetings, consistent with the City of Hamilton's Procedural By-law and the *Municipal Act*.

Meeting Frequency and Schedule

Regular meetings are held based on an established frequency and are identified in the terms of reference. On occasion it may be necessary to hold a special meeting to deal with a specific issue or meet a deadline. Should this arise your Staff Liaison will guide the local board through the process.

Meetings should start at the scheduled time and will be held at Hamilton City Hall unless an alternate location within the City of Hamilton has been agreed to by a majority of committee members. Meetings last approximately two hours.

Meetings cannot start before the time listed on the meeting agenda.

Working group meetings are held separately as needed and are not considered official meetings.

Staff Liaisons are not required to attend working group meetings.

Quorum

Quorum must be met for a scheduled meeting to proceed. Quorum is the minimum number of local board members required to be present for a committee meeting to conduct business at a meeting. Quorum for each committee is half of the membership rounded up to the nearest whole number (i.e. an advisory committee with a membership of nine, requires five members to be in attendance to achieve quorum). If quorum is not met, the meeting may be rescheduled, cancelled or continue with information sharing only, as no decisions of committee can be made without a quorum present.

The Secretary will produce a record of the meeting listing those who were in attendance and stating that quorum was not achieved; members are not required to stay if the meeting proceeds with information sharing.

Cancellation of Meetings

When a meeting must be cancelled in advance due to a lack of quorum, a lack of items and/or other special circumstances, the Staff Liaison will get the consent of the Chair, and send a Cancellation of Meeting email to the members. All local boards are required to provide at least two days notice prior to the time appointed for the meeting, when cancelling a meeting, if that notice is not provided, the meeting must be held and adjourned within the timelines in the Procedural By-Law.

Agendas

(a sample template for an agenda is attached to this handbook as Appendix 'F', for your reference)

Distribution

The Secretary prepares the agenda in consultation with the Chair and distributes the website link to the agenda to members in a timely manner via email. The agenda outlines the order of business for the meeting and ensures that notice of the proposed topics is provided to the members and to the general public.

Accommodation will be provided under AODA for anyone who requires agendas in an alternate format.

Additional Items for Agenda

Following the distribution of the agenda, any additional items may be added to the Addendum or brought forward at the meeting under “Other Business” which takes place at the end of the agenda.

Matters that are not considered time sensitive shall be listed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Working Groups

The working group member who is appointed as Secretary participates fully at the meetings and is responsible for producing and distributing agendas for working group meetings.

Minutes

(a sample template for minutes is attached to this handbook as Appendix 'G', for your reference)

Meeting minutes represent a succinct and accurate account of the business dealt with at the meeting and are not a verbatim report of dialogue during the meeting. The minutes provide a permanent and official record of all proceedings, policy and budgetary decisions made. Members are encouraged to maintain a personal set of notes identifying actions they are required to follow up with.

The Staff Liaison will distribute the minutes as the minutes of the previous meeting in the upcoming meeting's agenda. Minutes are posted on the City's website and circulated to the members. Meeting minutes are approved by motion at the next regular meeting.

Amendments to the minutes may be proposed by members, however, amendments are limited to corrections of factual errors or incomplete information only.

Citizen Committee Reports

(a sample template for a Citizen Committee Report is attached to this handbook as Appendix 'H', for your reference)

When an advisory committee requires approval for any action, other than the actions listed below, from their respective Standing Committee, the advisory committee is required to prepare a Citizen Committee Report (CCR) for their respective Standing Committee's consideration.

Actions that don't require the preparation of a CCR by an advisory committee or the consideration of their respective Standing Committee are:

- approving a member's delegation to their respective Standing Committee (a request in writing to the Clerk is required, please refer to the 'Registering as a delegation' section below);
- establishing a working group;
- requesting a presentation by an organization on matters within an advisory committee's

- mandate, at a future meeting;
- approving the use of budgeted funds on approved expenditures; and
- approving the removal of a member who has not been attending meetings as required, this must be presented to the Standing Committee in writing.

Delegations at Local Board Meetings

A delegation is a presentation to a local board made by a member of the public on their own behalf or on the behalf of a company or organization.

Persons wishing to delegate on a matter that is not listed on a Committee agenda, shall make a request in writing to the Clerk (refer to the Registering as a delegation section below) and the Staff Liaison shall list the delegation request on an upcoming agenda. The requester will be notified of the date of the meeting where their delegation will be heard following Council's ratification of the Committee's Report.

Persons wishing to delegate on a matter that is listed on the Committee agenda, shall make a request in writing (refer to the Registering as a delegation section below) to be listed as a delegation to the Clerk no later than 12:00 p.m. the business day before the meeting. If the Committee is meeting on a Monday, the deadline will be 12:00 p.m. on the Friday before.

Delegations are generally heard at the beginning of a meeting and have a maximum of five minutes to speak. Following their delegation, members may ask questions of clarification only and are not to enter into debate with the delegate.

Registering as a delegation

All delegates (appearing VIRTUALLY or IN-PERSON) shall complete the "Request to Speak to a Committee of Council" form (available on the City's website at <https://www.hamilton.ca/city-council/council-committee/council-committee-meetings/request-speak-committee-council>)

Meeting Decorum

All members must fully participate with open discussion and honest feedback.

For courtesy and efficiency, members must follow these ground rules:

- respect the authority of the Chair
- follow the procedural "rules of order" as guided by the Chair and the Staff Liaison
- raise your hand to speak and wait to be acknowledged by the Chair
- refrain from talking while another member has the floor
- work with Members and the Chair to complete the business on the agenda on time.

All members are to uphold the principles of the Code of Conduct.

Speaking and Debate

The meeting Chair is responsible for the decorum of the meeting and for supporting all members to participate in the discussion. All members should share speaking time appropriately and make sure decisions are reflective of the Committee's voting.

Meetings Open to Public

All meetings (except working group meetings) are open to the public unless it is required that a closed (in camera) meeting be held in compliance with the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the City's Procedural By-law. Your Staff Liaison can advise on the rules pertaining to closed meetings. As per Section 9.2 of the Procedural By-law, a Committee of which at least 50% of the members are also members of Council can hold a closed (in camera) meeting, therefore, a local board with a majority of citizen members (i.e. an Advisory Committee) cannot hold a closed session meeting.

A member of the public is there as an observer only and cannot participate in the discussion or ask questions.

Additional Information

The City's Procedure By-law provides excellent information on how to conduct and participate effectively in meetings. Your Staff Liaison may also provide advice and guidance on meeting procedures. Training for Chairs, Vice Chairs and Secretaries will be provided by City Staff.

Consultation on Staff Reports

City staff will attend meetings to seek feedback on reports they are preparing for standing committees. At the meeting, staff will provide background on the report, answer questions of members and request the member's feedback. The feedback received will be included in the 'Relevant Consultation' section of the staff report.

Committees may submit formal correspondence and/or a Committee member may attend the standing committee meeting to provide the committee's feedback on a staff report. A motion is required to be passed at a meeting approving the committee's submission of correspondence and/or the attendance of the committee's Chair or designate as a delegate at a standing committee meeting. The content of the correspondence and/or the speaking notes of the Chair also require the committee's approval.

Members may choose to submit their own correspondence or register to speak at a meeting separate from the committee. It must be clear that the individual's views are their own and not that of the committee.

Committee Correspondence

All correspondence for the committee's consideration that is received by the Clerk, will be forwarded to the committee's Staff Liaison for inclusion in the committee's agenda.

External Contacts

Members are not to correspond or speak to any Ministries, any outside agencies, or the media on behalf of committee.

The Chair is the official spokesperson on behalf of the committee with the Ministries, any outside agencies, or the media, as per Appendix 'E' - Standard Operating Procedure #08-001 – Communicating with any outside agencies, including other levels of Government and the media.

Use of Secondary Logos for Advisory Committees

The development of secondary logos for promotional/educational purposes by a Committee should take place in consultation with the Communications division.

The use of secondary logos for promotional/educational purposes by a Committee requires approval, subject to the following guidelines:

- (i) Requests for approval of a secondary logo developed with the assistance of Communications, is to be presented to the Governance Review Sub Committee for consideration and approval by the Committee's respective Standing Committee and Council, prior to any use.
- (ii) The secondary logo, as per the *Visual Identity and Branding Guidelines*, must be of appropriate size relative to the intended purpose and should always sit side by side with the City of Hamilton logo (City of Hamilton always to the left)
- (iii) Design costs are to be funded by the Committee.

Annual Reporting

All advisory committees are required to submit an annual progress report highlighting the committee's activities for the past year and work plan for the current year to their respective standing committee for review by November of each calendar year, in support of their budget request.

Work Plan

The work plan should include the committee's objectives/priorities for the year, descriptions for each objective, resources required to complete the objectives and expected outcomes.

Motions

A motion is a formal proposal made by a member during a meeting to express a position or authorize an action. Possible motions may include:

- approve the minutes of a previous meeting or adjourn the meeting
- defer an item until a specified date
- refer an item to a working group
- amend an item
- recess

Managing Motions

Motions should be within the scope of the committee's terms of reference and be within their mandate.

The following describes the process for managing motions during a meeting:

1. A voting member moves a motion that is stated in the positive (not the negative), which is clear, succinct and actionable, to approve, authorize, support, direct, etc. A "seconder" (or another member voicing support of the motion) is necessary.
2. The member must clearly state the motion.
3. The committee discusses the motion and can make amendments* to the wording of the motion.
4. The Chair must clearly restate the motion and call the vote once the discussion has ended with "all those in favour raise your hands" and then "all those opposed raise your hands".
5. The Chair announces the result of the vote as Carried or Defeated.
6. The secretary records any motions that are Carried or Defeated in the minutes.

Here are two examples of wording for a motion:

- That the February 9, 2022 minutes of the Advisory Committee, be approved.
- That Jane Doe be authorized to make a presentation on behalf of the Advisory Committee at the Standing Committee meeting when the climate change initiatives are to be considered.

** An amendment is considered a minor change or addition designed to improve the wording and must be relevant to the topic in the main motion i.e. a motion to "commend the President for his work with the Chapter" may not be amended by striking the word "commend" with "condemn".*

Guidelines for Voting

Motions must always be voted on following these guidelines:

- Only committee members are permitted to vote.
- All members in attendance (including the Chair) are required to vote, unless a member(s) has declared a 'disqualifying interest'.
- Failure to vote will be deemed to be a negative vote.
- When there is a tie vote, the motion is defeated.

Advisory Committee Budgets

Advisory committees are required to prepare and submit an annual budget with the assistance of the Staff Liaison which is based on the annual work plan for the upcoming year and supports the committee's mandate as outlined in the terms of reference. All advisory committee workplans that will include budget requests will go to Council for approval in the first quarter of the calendar year. Once approved by Council the Staff Liaison will advise of the final budget that has been approved.

Volunteer (Advisory) Committee Expenditures

As per the approved Financial Policies/Guidelines (Report FCS02074, Funding Process for Volunteer Committees), only the following administrative expenditures would be covered:

- Copying/printing
- Refreshments (water, juice, coffee, snacks, no meals)
- Postage/Mailing
- Advertising
- Equipment rental
- Associated seminar/workshop costs
- Supplies

These types of expenditures do not include any special event or project initiative costs that are approved as part of the Business Planning/Budget Submissions by the volunteer committees. In total, the actual expenditures should not exceed that budgeted allocation for the committee.

As per the recommended funding strategy for 2006, the volunteer committee costs and budget will remain centralized in the Legislative Department. However, with increased opportunity for accountability (through Year-in-Review (YIR) and in-year expenditure summaries and liaison with the volunteer committee), the applicable Department is ultimately responsible for the expenditures incurred by the volunteer committee. As such, any financial policies or guidelines should reflect those of the Department. For example, if a particular group desires to accept donations to assist with their mandate, existing departmental policies and procedures must be adhered to. If a policy does not exist then one should be developed (with assistance from applicable areas such as Legal).

As previously mentioned, the previous year's allocation will be the base budget for the current year. If the department realizes the need for additional funding for a particular volunteer committee, a base budget transfer could occur (permanent), a one-time funding source could be recognized (one-time) or Council could adjust the allocation during the budget process. Fundraising opportunities should always be investigated by volunteer committees. The establishment of a volunteer committee reserve may also assist future financial pressures.

Requests for Unbudgeted Expenditures

If the Advisory Committee wishes to establish a reserve account for their surplus of operating funds, they should seek advice from their Staff Liaison and Finance staff.

- Upon request by a volunteer committee, staff will transfer unused funds, for a specific year, to a volunteer committee reserve
- The reserve will be tracked for each volunteer committee
- The volunteer committee must specify a reason to transfer the unused funds to the reserve minimum of 10% of the budget must be available for transfer to the reserve
- The funds will be used by the volunteer committee to fund future events/projects or by Finance to offset unfavourable variances incurred by the volunteer committee
- Reserve transfers will be subject to an overall corporate surplus
- The maximum reserve balance per volunteer committee is double their budget allocation
- If a volunteer committee is discontinued, any reserve balance will be transferred to the operating budget
- When the volunteer committee submission is brought forward to the Standing Committee in the fall, the volunteer committee will indicate if and why they will be seeking funding from their reserve; This will eliminate the need for a separate report as the use of reserves must be approved by Council; A similar recommendation to the following should be used:
 - That for 20XX, the _____ Committee be authorized to use up to \$XXX from the Volunteer Committee Reserve for _____.
- Funds raised through fundraising activities will be treated separately and not be subject to these guidelines

Conflicts of Interest

The *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* applies to elected officials and appointed members of advisory committees and boards. The legislation requires a member who has a ‘disqualifying interest’ or a ‘non-disqualifying interest’ with regards to any matter under consideration, to declare their interest.

A **disqualifying interest** is an interest in a matter regarding which a reasonable person fully informed of the facts and circumstances would conclude that the Member could not participate impartially in the decision-making process related to the matter either because to do so would not be in compliance with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, or, because the Member’s relationship to persons or bodies involved in the matter or affected by the decision is so close, a reasonable person would conclude that the Member could not effectively carry out their public duty with impartiality.

A **non-disqualifying interest** is an interest in a matter that, by virtue of the relationship between the Member and other persons or bodies associated with the matter, is of such a nature that a reasonable person fully informed of the facts and circumstances would conclude that the Member could still participate impartially in the decision-making processes related to the matter only so long as:

The Member fully discloses the interest so as to provide transparency about the relationship; and

The Member states why the interest does not prevent the Member from making an impartial decision on the matter.

Members who believe they have a ‘disqualifying interest’ and ‘non-disqualifying interest’ in a matter on a committee agenda shall:

- Declare the ‘disqualifying interest’ and ‘non-disqualifying interest’ at the start of the meeting.
- Refrain from discussion and voting on the matter if your declaration is a ‘disqualifying interest’
- If your declaration is a ‘non-disqualifying interest’ you may discuss and vote on the matter.
- Complete a statement of ‘disqualifying interest’ and ‘non-disqualifying interest’ and submit it to their Clerk.
- Any member seeking advice on conflicts of interest, should seek advice from the city’s Integrity Commissioner.

All declarations of ‘disqualifying interest’ and ‘non-disqualifying interest’ are recorded in the meeting minutes. The City is required to maintain a registry of all declarations of ‘disqualifying interest’ and ‘non-disqualifying interest’ made by members. As an advisory committee member, you are subject to the Municipal Conflict of Interest legislation and must follow the legislation and the City’s process:

1. Declare the ‘disqualifying interest’ and ‘non-disqualifying interest’ at the meeting for the minutes.
2. When filing a ‘disqualifying interest’ and ‘non-disqualifying interest’ declaration, use the appropriate form, as attached to this handbook as Appendix ‘I’ – Disqualifying Interest or Appendix ‘J’ – Non-Disqualifying Interest.
3. Forward the completed form to the Office of the City Clerk clerk@hamilton.ca and the committee’s Staff Liaison
4. The ‘disqualifying interest’ and ‘non-disqualifying interest’ will be posted to the <https://www.hamilton.ca/city-council/council-committee/council-committee-meetings/conflict-interest-registry>.

Records Retention

Records Held by Committee Members

During the course of conducting municipal business, a great deal of records and information is created. The City is required to manage and retain corporate records in accordance with provincial legislation (the *Municipal Act*, and the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (MFIPPA) and municipal by-laws).

A record is defined in MFIPPA as “any record of information however recorded, whether in printed form, on film, by electronic means or otherwise.” This definition is deliberately broad to encompass new and emerging technologies. Records include, for example:

- emails including any text messaging or other forms of electronic communication
- reports, correspondence, notes, etc.
- data in databases
- office and working files
- written and post-it notes
- notebooks, day-timers, journals, etc.
- invoices, expense claims, accounting records, etc.; and
- maps, drawings, photos, audio files or video tapes, etc.

As a citizen appointed member to a Local Board, you will receive and create information on behalf of the City. Any records you create or have in your possession that relate to the business of the board or committee are considered corporate records.

They are not your personal records even if the records were sent from your personal email address. The content of the records and the fact that it relates to your participation and activities on the board or committee makes it a corporate record.

Citizen appointed members of a Local Board should keep records organized and accessible to ensure prompt availability if they are requested to disclose them.

Access to Records

The *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (MFIPPA) applies to all municipalities in Ontario, as well as school boards and police services. MFIPPA has two fundamental purposes:

- Every person has a right of access to a record or part of a record in the custody or under the control of the City
- Provides individuals with right to access their own personal information and requires that municipalities protect personal information in their care
- MFIPPA supports the belief that every record held by a municipal body, is subject to release. There are limited exemptions from release which are designed to:
 - protect against the unreasonable invasion of personal privacy
 - prevent unfair advantages occurring in commercial or government transactions
 - protect law enforcement activities, and
 - safeguard the business conducted by government

Personal information is defined in MFIPPA as “recorded information about an identifiable individual...” and includes anything that can identify the individual. This may include photographs, videos, audio recordings, identifying numbers like drivers’ license numbers and dates of birth, physical attributes/ biometric information, health information, financial information, their opinions or beliefs.

Citizen appointed members of the City’s Local Boards have no greater right to City records than a member of the public. The City has made significant efforts to make information available on the City’s website:

- The City of Hamilton makes all legislative information excluding and confidential information available through the City Clerk’s webpage: <https://www.hamilton.ca/city-council/council-committee/council-committee-meetings>
- City By-laws: <https://www.hamilton.ca/city-council/by-laws-enforcement/search-by-laws>
- Open data Program: <https://www.hamilton.ca/city-council/data-maps/open-data>
- Routine Disclosure and Active Dissemination (lists of information made available by City departments): <https://www.hamilton.ca/city-council/accountability-transparency/routine-disclosure-active-dissemination>

Protection of Privacy

As a committee member, representing Council and the City, you are subject to MFIPPA.

Members, who during the performance of their duties, receive access to personal information have a responsibility to protect that information, to only use it for the purpose for which it was intended and must take appropriate measures to ensure the personal information is protected and not inappropriately disclosed.

Please refrain from:

- leaving records containing personal information in your car, in your home or in areas where others may have access to it
- discussing personal information of others in open areas
- disclosing an individual’s personal information during a public meeting without their written consent

When you are creating records as a committee member, you should not consider them private, keep access in mind and ensure that personal information is protected. Any questions regarding MFIPPA should be referred to the Clerks Office.

Clerk's Contact Information

Depending upon which Standing Committee, the Committee reports through (*please refer to the Relationship: Council and Committees section to determine which Standing Committee your advisory committee reports through*), please contact the one of following Clerk's Division staff:

Planning Committee

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Legislative Coordinator
Phone: (905) 546-2424 ext. 4605
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E-mail: Lisa.kelsey@hamilton.ca

Emergency and Community Services Committee

Loren Kolar

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Public Works Committee

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Audit, Finance & Administration Committee

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General Issues Committee

Angela McRae

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Public Health Committee

Matt Gauthier

Legislative Coordinator
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Acknowledgement Form

I _____ in consideration of the City of Hamilton appointing me to the _____, for the _____ term, acknowledge, undertake and agree as follows:

1. I will make all reasonable efforts to attend all meetings of this body to which I have been appointed and to participate in an impartial manner with the understanding that:
 - (a) If I miss more than three consecutive (3) meetings during my term, the Chair, after hearing and considering my explanation, may ask me to resign.
2. I will exercise all of the roles and responsibilities of a member of the body to which I have been appointed.
3. I shall respect and co-operate with the other local board members and City staff.
4. I shall not disclose to any member of the public any confidential or personal information, acquired by virtue of my position.
5. As a volunteer Committee member, I have received and read of the Procedural Handbook for Citizen Appointees to City of Hamilton Local Boards.
6. I acknowledge that the meetings are public, livestreamed, recorded and archived on the City's website for future viewing.
7. I hereby confirm that I have read and understand the Code of Conduct for Local Boards and agree to abide by it.

Dated at City of Hamilton, in the Province of Ontario this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Applicant:

Witness:

(Must be at least 18 years if age)

(Please Print Your Name)

(Please Print Your Name)

(Please Sign)

(Please Sign)

Please scan and email this page to your Staff Liaison. Thank you!

Terms of Reference Template

Local Board Name Terms of Reference *Established by Council on (date)*

Purpose

Describe the purpose of the local board (what the local board will do, why it was created)

Scope

Clearly describe what is in and out of scope for the local board

Authority

Forwards recommendations for approval through *(Advisory Committee - Citizen Committee Reports or Sub-Committee Reports – Sub-Committee)* to the *(Standing Committee the local board reports to)* and when directed by Council provides input and advice on *(matters within the local board's scope)*

Membership

Type (members of Council, citizens, representatives from an organization, etc.) and number of members (by type) and how the meeting will be chaired (Chair/Vice-Chair or Co-Chairs)

Staff Resources:

(list by title only)

Meeting arrangements

Meets (frequency (monthly, quarterly, at the call of the Chair)) at (location).

When the (local board's name) holds a 'meeting' as that term is defined in the *Municipal Act, 2001*/the City's Procedure By-law, the local board must comply with the open meeting provisions of the *Municipal Act, 2001* and/or the City's Procedure By-law as applicable.


Reporting

Reporting to Council, through the *(Standing Committee the local board reports to)*.

Review

The Terms of Reference are to be reviewed annually, any revisions for approval are to be presented to the *(Standing Committee the local board reports to)*, through a *(Citizen Committee Report for Advisory Committees or through a Sub-Committee Report)*.

Revisions approved by Council (date(s)):

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Purpose


The City of Hamilton recognizes the importance and value of involving residents to help shape City projects, policies and initiatives. Engaging residents on issues that affect their lives and their City is a vital component of a well-functioning democratic society and is a key priority of the City’s 25-year Community Vision. Hamilton is committed to creating and nurturing a City that is welcoming and inclusive where citizens of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities have the chance to participate in meaningful engagement opportunities.

The purpose of this policy is to outline the process to appoint citizens to the City’s Agencies, Boards, Commissions, Advisory Committees and Sub-Committees, including:

- The eligibility criteria
- Public Notice
- Recruitment
- Public information sessions
- Description of the selection process for:
 - o Local Boards (excluding Advisory Committees)
 - o Advisory Committees (excluding the Hamilton Indigenous Advisory Committee)
 - o the one Citizen Appointment to the Hamilton Police Services Board
 - o the Hamilton Indigenous Advisory Committee
 - o Local Boards Established during the Term of Council
- Selection Committee & Interview Sub-Committee Guiding Principles
- Description of the Interview Process
- The Roles and Responsibilities Appointed Citizens
- Appointment at Pleasure of Council
- The Filling of Vacancies during the Term of Council

Eligibility

1. The Selection Process is open to all residents and business owners of the City of Hamilton who are at least 18 years of age, unless otherwise stated (Note: Additional requirements may be requested by the individual Local Board, if they are governed by separate legislation, policies or mandates);
2. City Council wishes to ensure that its Local Boards reflect the diverse nature of the City of Hamilton’s population and encourages all residents to apply for appointment opportunities.
3. The Agencies, Boards, Commissions, Advisory (Volunteer) Committees and Sub-Committees should reflect the diversity of the City of Hamilton’s population, and are committed to being inclusive and equitable for all involved. All residents are encouraged to apply for appointment opportunities.


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Public Notice

4. The City Clerk’s Office advertises for citizen member vacancies on the City’s Local Boards in the Hamilton Spectator and/or relevant Community Newspapers, on the City’s website and through other appropriate methods.

Recruitment

5. Citizen membership on all of the City’s Local Boards, with the exception of those terms of office defined by Provincial or Federal legislation, will be to serve for a period of up to four years, which coincides with the Term of Council.
6. Citizens are permitted to apply for membership on no more than two (2) of the City’s Local Boards.
7. Applications and information regarding the City’s Local Boards (i.e. Roles, Responsibilities and Expectations of New Members, Terms of Reference, Mandate, approximate number of meetings per year, etc.) are made available at the City Clerk’s Office, at all Municipal Service Centre locations and on the City’s website (www.hamilton.ca). The City will provide accommodation for applicants in all aspects of the selection process, up to the point of undue hardship. If you have an accommodation need, please contact clerk@hamilton.ca as soon as possible to make appropriate arrangements;
8. Completed application forms are to be returned to the City Clerk’s Office or any of the Municipal Service Centres by the application deadline as set out in the advertised Public Notice. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered for appointment.
9. Completed applications may be submitted to the City Clerk’s Office by one of the following methods:
 - (a) Online Application Process on the City’s website;
 - (b) Hand delivered or mailed to the Office of the City Clerk, 1st Floor, 71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 4Y5;
 - (c) Delivered to any Municipal Service Centre;
 - (d) Scanned and forwarded via e-mail to the contact person listed in the Advertisement; or,
 - (e) By Facsimile Transmission at (905) 546-2095

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10. Applications shall be kept on file by the City Clerk’s Office for the Term of Council. In the event of a vacancy, the Selection Committee or Interview Sub-Committee may consider interviewing applicants whose applications are on file for the current term, and the appointment would be for the balance of the current Council term.
11. Incumbents who are eligible and willing to seek reappointment to a Local Board must reapply in the same manner as other applicants.

Public Information Session(s)


12. A **Public** Information Session(s) is scheduled during the beginning of the initial recruitment process (end of the previous Term of Council) and although attendance is not mandatory, attendance is strongly encouraged for new applicants.

At the Information Session(s), citizens are provided with information regarding the City’s Local Boards and are afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Staff Liaisons.

Interested citizens may also fill out and submit an application during the Information Session(s).

Selection Process for Local Boards (excluding Advisory Committees)

13. A minimum of five (5) members of Council are appointed to the Selection Committee whose mandate will be to:
 - (i) Review citizen member applications for the City’s local boards (excluding Advisory Committees);
 - (ii) Applicants are shortlisted with assistance of staff, where appropriate, **based on information provided in the application;**
 - (iii) Interview candidates **as deemed appropriate by the Selection Committee;**
 - (iv) Make recommendations to City Council for the appointment of citizens to the various local boards (excluding Advisory Committees).


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Selection Process for Advisory Committees (excluding the Hamilton Indigenous Advisory Committee)

14. A minimum of two (2) members of each Standing Committee (plus alternates, where applicable) are appointed to the respective Standing Committee Interview Sub-Committee whose mandate will be to:
- (i) Review citizen member applications for the City’s Advisory Committees (excluding the Hamilton Indigenous Advisory Committee);
 - (ii) Applicants are shortlisted with assistance of staff, where appropriate, based on information provided in the application;
 - (iii) Interview candidates as deemed appropriate by the respective Standing Committee Interview Sub-Committee;
 - (iv) Make recommendations to the respective Standing Committee for the appointment of citizen members to the various Advisory Committees (excluding the Hamilton Indigenous Advisory Committee). These recommendations are ratified by Council.

Selection Process for the one Citizen Appointment to the Hamilton Police Services Board

15. Six (6) members of Council and six (6) community representatives are appointed to the Hamilton Police Services Board Selection Committee whose mandate will be to:
- (i) Review applications for the one citizen appointment to the Hamilton Police Services Board;
 - (ii) Shortlist the applicants with assistance of staff, where appropriate, based on the applicant information provided;
 - (iii) Request that the Hamilton Police Service as well as the following Advisory Committees submit confidential interview questions:
 - (a) Hamilton Women and Gender Equity Advisory Committee
 - (b) Indigenous Advisory Committee
 - (c) LGBTQ Advisory Committee
 - (d) Committee Against Racism Advisory Committee
 - (e) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

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- (iv) Interview applicants who have met the criteria (below), ensuring that they are not ineligible (below);

Preference will be given to applicants who meet the following criteria:

- a resident of, or owner of a business in, the City;
- an owner or tenant of land in the City, or the spouse of such a person;
- a Canadian citizen, at least 18 years of age;
- not a member of the Legislative Assembly, the Senate, House of Commons, or an elected official of the City;
- not a Crown employee, nor an employee of a municipality;
- not otherwise disqualified from holding office or voting;
- of good character (applicants will be required to provide authorization to the Police Service to conduct a comprehensive background check);
- a demonstrated history of community service i.e., previous experience on Boards or Committees;
- able to devote up to 20 to 25 hours per month to Police Board matters, including availability during normal business hours;
- skills or leadership in a business or a profession, which demonstrates ability to work effectively as a member of the Board; and,
- specific knowledge, training, education or experience, which may be an asset to the Board.


The following persons are ineligible to be a citizen appointee to the Board:

- a member of City Council;
- an employee of the City of Hamilton;
- a Judge or a Justice of the Peace;
- a police officer; or,
- a person who practices criminal law as a defense counsel.

- (v) Submit two (2) preferred candidate(s) to Council for consideration for the appointment of one person to the Hamilton Police Services Board.

Selection Process for the Hamilton Indigenous Advisory Committee

16. The local Hamilton Indigenous Community leadership, will recommend to Council the appointment of residents from the Hamilton Indigenous community, to sit on the Hamilton Indigenous Advisory Committee.

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Selection Process for Local Boards Established during the Term of Council


17. When a local board is established during the Term of Council, the respective process outlined in Section 12 and 13 will be followed.

Selection Committee & Interview Sub-Committee Guiding Principles

18. The Selection Committee and Interview Sub-Committees are committed to fulfilling the recruitment and selection of its citizens to the City’s Local Boards in an open, transparent and equitable manner.
19. The Selection Committee and Interview Sub-Committees are committed to a public recruitment process which is communicated well in advance and which encourages a broad range and diverse participation of citizens, free of barriers.
20. The Selection Committee and Interview Sub-Committees are committed to a competitive recruitment process which seeks suitable candidates evaluated on interest, merit and related competencies.
21. The Selection Committee and Interview Sub-Committees are committed to unbiased decision making essential to a fair and impartial selection process.

Interview Process

22. The Selection Committee or Interview Sub-Committee may, at its discretion, with the assistance of staff, shortlist candidates using the following criteria:
- (i) Related **skills, abilities and knowledge competencies;**
 - (ii) **Lived experience as described by the applicant;** and,
 - (iii) Number of citizens who applied for vacancy(ies).
23. Interviews will be conducted, where required, with those applicants who are most suited to serve on a City’s Local Board, being notified verbally or by e-mail by the City Clerk’s office of the interview date and time, which will be approximately ten (10) minutes in length.
24. Interview questions will be developed by staff in relation to the mandated role of the Local Board in consultation with the City Clerk’s Office.
25. Successful applicants will be notified in writing by the City Clerk’s Office once their appointment has been approved by Council.

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26. In some circumstances, applicants may be required to have background checks.
27. One Legislative Coordinator and the Staff Liaison to the Local Board, shall attend the interviews and serve as a resource person.

Roles and Responsibilities of Appointed Citizen Members of the City’s Local Boards

28. Citizen members of the City’s Local Boards are encouraged to make themselves familiar with the Terms of Reference, the Roles, Responsibilities and Expectations of New Members and mandated activities of the Local Board to which they are making application to.
29. Citizen members of the City’s Local Boards:
 - (i) are required to attend and participate fully in the meetings;
 - (i) who miss more than three consecutive (3) meetings during their term, the Chair, after hearing and considering any explanation provided by the member, may ask the member to resign, or request that Council remove the member;
 - (ii) upon appointment and prior to attending the first meeting, are required to sign an Acknowledgement Form (page 30 of the Procedural Handbook for Citizen Appointees to City of Hamilton Local Boards). Such declaration will remain on file in the Office of the City Clerk for the duration of the citizen’s appointment;
 - (iv) are bound by the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* found at the following link: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90m50> and explained further under section ‘Conflicts of Interest’ in the Procedural Handbook for Citizen Appointees to City of Hamilton Local Boards; and
 - (v) are to comply with the Code of Conduct for Local Boards (attached as Appendix “B” to the Procedural Handbook for Citizen Appointees to City of Hamilton Local Boards).

Appointment at Pleasure of Council

30. Despite the set term of appointment of up to 4 years or until a successor is appointed, all citizen members are appointed at the pleasure of City Council and City Council retains the right to remove any citizen appointed member at any time and for any reason, unless legislation provides otherwise.

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Filling of Vacancies

31. Vacancies on the City’s Local Boards can occur throughout the Term of Council, due to a member’s resignation, should a vacancy occur during the Term of Council, the following process will be followed:
- (i) The Committee member who is resigning shall do so formally in writing by providing a completed and signed copy of the Local Board Member Resignation Form (attached as Appendix “C” to the Procedural Handbook for Citizen Appointees to City of Hamilton Local Boards) or an email to the committee’s Staff Liaison, who will forward the form or the email to the appropriate Legislative Coordinator, in the City Clerk’s office, stating which Local Board the Committee member is resigning from and general reasons why (the inclusion of private/personal information is not required).
 - (ii) The Local Board Member’s Resignation Form or email will be:
 - (a) placed on the respective Standing Committee’s agenda to be formally received by the Committee; or
 - (b) placed on the Council Agenda, (due to time sensitivity) to be formally received by Council; and forwarded to the Selection Committee or Interview Sub-Committee for review.
 - (iii) Requests for the removal of a member by the Chair due to the member’s absences from more than three consecutive (3) meetings during their term, will be approved by the local board and presented to Council and forwarded to the Selection Committee or Interview Sub-Committee for review.
 - (iv) The Selection Committee or respective Interview Sub-Committee will consider whether to fill the vacancy from those applicants who applied in the initial call for applications, or to re-advertise.
 - (v) If the vacancy occurs within 12 months of the end of the Term of Council, and there are insufficient applicants on file to fill the vacancy, the vacancy will not be filled, and the quorum of the Local Board will be adjusted accordingly.

CITY OF HAMILTON

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL BOARDS

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General Introduction, Framework, and Interpretation

This document is a Code of Conduct for members of Local Boards, both adjudicative and non-adjudicative. Local Boards, sometimes referred to as committees or tribunals, are as defined in s.223.1 of the *Municipal Act* and as identified by the municipality.

This Code of Conduct is to be given broad, liberal interpretation in accordance with applicable legislation and the definitions set out herein. Commentary in this Code is illustrative and not exhaustive.

Members shall seek to serve the public interest by upholding both the letter of the law and the spirit of the laws and policies established by the Federal parliament, Ontario legislature, and by City Council. The provisions of this Code are intended to be applied in concert with existing legislation and go beyond the minimum standards of behaviour set out in current federal and provincial statutes.

Guiding Principles

Members shall act with honesty and integrity, serving in a diligent manner, and performing their duties in a manner which promotes public confidence.

Members are expected to perform their duties as a member of the Local Board and arrange their private affairs in a manner that promotes public confidence and will bear close public scrutiny.

Members shall serve the public in a conscientious and diligent manner.

Members should be committed to performing their functions with integrity, impartiality and transparency.

There is a benefit to municipalities when Members have a broad range of knowledge and continue to be active in their own communities, whether in business, in the practice of a profession, in community associations, and otherwise.

Definitions:

“Adjudicative Board” means a Local Board that functions as a tribunal

“Council” means the Council of the City of Hamilton

“Family” includes “child”, “parent” and “spouse” as those terms are defined in the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, and also includes:

- step-child and grand-child;
- siblings and step-siblings;
- aunt/uncle, and niece/nephew
- in-laws, including mother/father, sister/brother, daughter/son
- any person who lives with the Member on a permanent basis.

“Local Board” means a Local Board as defined in s.223.1 of the *Municipal Act*, or s. 1 of the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, and includes citizen advisory committees and other bodies established by Council whose members are appointed by Council;

“Member” means a member of a City of Hamilton Local Board;

“Staff” includes employees, seasonal and contract workers, and volunteers of the City of Hamilton and/or of a City of Hamilton Local Board;

Rule 1: Avoidance of Conflicts of Interest

In this Rule:

1. A disqualifying interest is an interest in a matter regarding which a reasonable person fully informed of the facts and circumstances would conclude that the Member could not participate impartially in the decision-making process related to the matter either because to do so would not be in compliance with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, or, because the Member’s relationship to persons or bodies involved in the matter or affected by the decision is so close, a reasonable person would conclude that the Member could not effectively carry out their public duty with impartiality.
2. A non-disqualifying interest is an interest in a matter that, by virtue of the relationship between the Member and other persons or bodies associated with the matter, is of such a nature that a reasonable person fully informed of the facts and circumstances would conclude that the Member could still participate impartially in the decision-making processes related to the matter only so long as:
 - The Member fully discloses the interest so as to provide transparency about the relationship; and
 - The Member states why the interest does not prevent the Member from making an impartial decision on the matter.
3. Members shall not participate in the decision-making processes associated with their role or position when they have a disqualifying interest in a matter. Participation includes attempting to influence an outcome, whether the decision to be made is to be made by the Local Board or a member of staff with delegated authority or operational responsibility.
4. Members may participate in the decision-making process related to a matter in which they have a non-disqualifying interest provided they file at their earliest opportunity a Transparency Disclosure in a form and manner established by the City Clerk acting in consultation with the Integrity Commissioner.
5. Members shall avoid participating in or influencing a proceeding when the member, or another person with whom the member has a close personal or professional relationship, has a financial or other private interest that may be affected by the proceeding or its outcome.
6. Members shall not appear before their Local Board on their own behalf or as a representative on behalf of any party.

7. Members shall not contract with the Local Board for the sale, rental or purchase of supplies, services, material or equipment, and shall not engage in the management of a business or otherwise profit directly or indirectly from a business that relies on an approval from the Local Board.

Commentary

Members of BIAs will frequently have an interest in common with other members of the BIA in matters that come before the Board, and as such would be exempted from the obligation to declare a disqualifying interest. Care should be taken however to recognize the existence of a disqualifying interest when the Member stands to gain or otherwise benefit in a manner that can be differentiated from others in the BIA. For example, while all members of the BIA would similarly benefit from the holding of a festival, any BIA member who supplies goods or services to the festival at a profit or loss would have a disqualifying interest in the event. The display of merchandise or the promotion of services at an event would not amount to a disqualifying interest.

Where a Member contributes to an event 'at cost', a disqualifying interest would not arise.

Rule 2: Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality

No Member shall accept any fee, gift or benefit that is connected, directly or indirectly, with the performance of the Member's duties, except as permitted by one or more of the exceptions listed below:

- compensation authorized by-law;
- such gifts or benefits that can be considered incidental mementos or tokens of appreciation

Rule 3: Confidential Information

Confidential information includes any discussion that takes place between members of the Local Board when it is in a closed meeting; and includes information in the possession of, or received in confidence by, that the board or the City is either prohibited from disclosing, or is required to refuse to disclose, under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* ("MFIPPA").

No Member shall disclose or release by any means to any member of the public, any confidential information acquired by virtue of their office, in either oral or written form, except when required by law, or authorized to do so by the Local Board or, if applicable, by Council.

No Member shall use confidential information for personal or private gain, or for the gain of relatives or any person or corporation, either directly or indirectly.

Rule 4: Use of City Resources

No Member should use municipal equipment, or permit the use of Local Board or City land, facilities, equipment, supplies, services, staff or other resources (for example, Local Board or City-owned materials, websites, Local Board and City transportation delivery services,) for activities other than the business of the Local Board or the City; nor should any member obtain personal financial gain from the use or sale of Local Board or City-developed information, intellectual property (for example, inventions, creative writings and drawings), computer programs, technical innovations, or other items capable of being patented, since all such property remains exclusively that of the Local Board or City.

Rule 5: Election Campaigns

No member, while identifying themselves as a member of a Local Board, shall undertake any election campaign or election-related activities or work on, fund-raise, endorse or otherwise contribute to the election campaign of any person running in the municipal election for the municipality where the member serves on the Local Board.

Commentary

This Code does not limit a person's right to participate fully in an electoral process so long as they do so without using their status as a Member of the local board for such purposes. For example, it would not be contrary to the Code for a person to:

- *Stand for Election;*
- *Contribute to an election campaign;*
- *In their own name, exhibit an intention to support one party or platform over another;*
- *While standing for election, indicate on their election material (without in any way suggesting endorsement) that they have served on a City of Hamilton local board amongst their other credentials and experiences.*

Rule 6: Improper Use of Influence

No member shall use the influence of his or her position for any purpose other than the duties as a member of the Local Board.

Rule 7: Business Relations

No member shall allow the prospect of future employment by a person or entity to affect the performance of his/her duties as a member of the Local Board.

Rule 8: Member Conduct

Members shall conduct themselves with decorum at all times.

Members shall maintain proper control over meetings demonstrating respect for everyone who is involved in the meeting.

Members are expected to attend all meetings of the Local Board. If a member misses more than three consecutive (3) meetings during their term, the Chair, after hearing and considering any explanation provided by the member, may ask the member to resign, or request that Council remove the member.

Commentary

Members recognize the importance of cooperation and shall endeavour to create an atmosphere that is conducive to solving the issues before the Board, listening to various points of view and using respectful language and behaviour in relation to all those in attendance.

Rule 9: Media Communications

Members shall accurately communicate recommendations and proceedings of their Local Board.

If a member is contacted directly by the media, the member should refer the media to the Chair, or in the absence of the Chair, to the Vice-Chair.

Commentary

A Member may state that they did not support a decision, or voted against the decision, however a Member must refrain from making disparaging comments about other Members or staff, or about the Board's processes and decisions, in doing so.

When communicating with the media, a Member should at all times refrain from speculating or reflecting upon the motives of other Members in respect of their actions on the Board.

Members who engage in social media should recognize that the rules around decorum and respect apply regardless of the communications medium used. Because social media posts attract participation by others, Members hosting such sites or accounts should consider articulating and posting their own policy of addressing how frequently they will monitor the site for the purpose of identifying and removing disparaging, abusive or hateful comments.

Rule 10: Respect for the Town By-laws and Policies

Members shall adhere to and encourage public respect for the Local Board, the municipality and its by-laws, policies and procedures.

Commentary

A Member must not encourage disobedience of a City by-law in responding to a member of the public, as this undermines confidence in the City and in the Rule of Law.

Rule 11: Respectful Workplace

Members are governed by the workplace harassment and workplace violence policies in place for staff, recognizing that integrity commissioner is responsible for the administration and investigation of complaints.

All Members have a duty to treat members of the public, one another and staff appropriately and without abuse, bullying or intimidation and to ensure that their work environment is free from discrimination and harassment.

Rule 12: Conduct Respecting Staff

Members shall be respectful of the role of staff to advise based on political neutrality.

Members shall respect the professionalism of staff, and not exert undue influence on staff.

No Member shall maliciously or falsely impugn or injure the professional or ethical reputation or the prospects or practice of staff, and all Members shall show respect for the professional capacities of the staff of the City.

Commentary

It is inappropriate for a Member to attempt to influence staff to circumvent normal processes in a matter, or overlook deficiencies in a file or application. It is also inappropriate for Members to involve themselves in matters of administration or departmental management which fall within the jurisdiction of the City Manager.

Rule 13: Reprisals and Obstructing

It is a violation of this Code of Conduct to obstruct the Integrity Commissioner in the carrying out of their responsibilities, or to engage in any activity in retaliation against any person because they made a complaint to or otherwise communicated with the Integrity Commissioner.

Rule 14: Acting on Advice of Integrity Commissioner

Any written advice given by the Integrity Commissioner to a Member binds the Integrity Commissioner in any subsequent consideration of the conduct of the Member in the same matter, as long as all the relevant facts known to the Member were disclosed to the Integrity Commissioner.

Members seeking clarification of any part of this *Code* should consult with the Integrity Commissioner.

Part 2**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO MEMBERS OF ADJUDICATIVE LOCAL BOARDS**

Rule 15: In addition to the provisions applicable to Members of Non-adjudicative Local Boards, the following additional requirements are applicable with respect to the referenced rule:

Rule 2: Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality

Members should recuse themselves from any hearing, to avoid any perception of bias or conflict of interest which may arise as a result of a gift, benefit or hospitality which the Member may have received, from any of the parties or participants potentially affected by the decision of the Local Board.

Rule 5: Election Campaigns

Members of Adjudicative Local Boards are prohibited from fundraising for, endorsing, or otherwise contributing to the election campaign of any person running for a seat on Council.

Rule 9: Media Communications

Members of adjudicative boards should generally not comment to the media in relation to any decision made by the board or the rationale behind such decision. On the rare occasion when a comment may be appropriate, only the Chair shall serve as a media contact and all enquiries shall be referred to them.

Rule 16: Communications with Parties

Written communication to an adjudicative board shall take place only through the Secretary of the board or the appropriate municipal staff assigned to such board, and shall be copied to all parties or their representatives as appropriate. Oral communications with the adjudicative board about current proceedings shall take place only in the presence of or with the consent of all parties.

Where a party is represented by a representative, all communication between the adjudicative board and the party shall be through the representative, with the exception of notices of hearing, which shall be served upon all parties and their representatives known to the adjudicative board as appropriate.

Rule 17: Independent Nature of Adjudicative Boards

The Chairs of adjudicative boards should ensure that the actions of any member, as well as Council members and staff attending adjudicative board meetings, are consistent with the arm's-length, quasi-judicial nature of the adjudicative board. Any actions compromising this position should be immediately dealt with by the Chair or panel chair.

An adjudicative board is required by the applicable laws to operate at arm's-length from and independently of Council. Members should therefore not request members of Council to intervene on applications considered by the adjudicative board. Members should refrain from seeking advice on their roles and responsibilities from Council members. In clarifying their roles and responsibilities, members should seek advice from appropriate staff.

Part 3

COMPLAINT PROTOCOL

The Complaint Protocol contained in the Council Code of Conduct applies with necessary modifications to complaints regarding members of Local Boards.

CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO ADHERE TO CODE OF CONDUCT

Members who are found by the Integrity Commissioner to have failed to comply with the Code of Conduct for Local Boards may be subject to the following sanctions:

- (a) a reprimand; or
- (b) suspension of remuneration paid to the member in respect of his or her services as a member of the Local Board (if any).

Members may also be subject to such other remedial actions recommended by the Integrity Commissioner that directly flow from the action or behaviour of the member of the Local Board.

Members are subject to removal from the Local Board, or removal as Chair of the Local Board, by Council.



Hamilton

LOCAL BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION FORM

I, _____, would like to submit my resignation, effective _____,
20____, from the _____, for the following reason(s):

- My circumstances have changed and I no longer have the time to effectively participate on the local board.
- Personal reasons.
- Other (please explain briefly):

Additional Comments (optional)

Signature

Date

Please scan and email this page to your Staff Liaison. Thank you!

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE	08-001
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Subject:	Communicating with any outside agencies, including other Levels of Government and the media
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- a) City of Hamilton local boards wishing to correspond with any outside agency including the media, Ministers of the Provincial/Federal Governments or with MP's and MPP's will follow the subjoined procedures:
1. Recommendation(s) to correspond with any outside agency submitted by a Committee are forwarded to the appropriate Standing Committee for approval with the draft correspondence being attached (in the case of an Advisory Committee, as an appendix to a Citizen Committee Report) prepared by the respective Committee Staff Liaison.
 2. Once the recommendation is approved by the Standing Committee and Council, the correspondence is submitted for signature and will be signed jointly by the Mayor and the Chair of the local board.
 3. Any follow up correspondence received by the City of Hamilton in response to the letter will be forwarded to both City Council and to the local board, which initiated the recommendation and correspondence.
 4. Appointees should accurately communicate a recommendation or direction.
 4. Appointees may provide their own personal opinion on a matter, provided that it is made clear to the party they are speaking to that the comments are their own and are not being made on behalf of the local board.
 5. Appointees may refer the media or others making inquiries to the Chair as the official spokesperson on behalf of the local board, or, in the absence of the Chair, to the Vice-Chair.



Hamilton

A G E N D A
ABC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Monday, January 1, 2000
2:00 p.m.
Room 123, 1st Floor
City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

**Added Items*

- A. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR** (This should be done at the first meeting of each year. After the first meeting – this heading is to be removed)
- 1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
 - 3.1 ABC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, dated December 1, 1999 (*for approval*)
- 4. CONSENT ITEMS**
 - 4.1 Research Report (*for receipt*)
 - *4.2 Working Group Minutes (*for receipt*)
- 5. PRESENTATIONS**
 - 5.1 ABC Advisory Committee Terms of Reference Review (*for approval*)
 - 5.2 ABC Advisory Committee Strategic Plan (*for approval*)
- 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - 6.1 Roles, Responsibilities and Expectations of New Members (*for approval*)
- 7. NOTICES OF MOTION**
 - *7.1 ABC Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule (*for approval*)
- 8. MOTIONS**
 - 8.1 ABC Advisory Committee Change to the Location of Meetings (*for approval*)
- 9. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**



Hamilton

**MINUTES
ABC COMMITTEE
Monday, January 1, 2000
2:00 p.m.
Room 123, 1st Floor
City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton**

Present: Chair: (insert name)
(Committee members only) Vice-Chair: (insert name)
Secretary: (insert name)
Members: (insert names)

Absent with

Regrets: (insert names of absent Committee members only)

Also Present: (insert staff names with titles)

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

4. CONSENT ITEMS

4.2 Working Group Minutes

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

7.1 ABC Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

(Mover/Second)

That the agenda for the January 1, 2000 meeting of ABC Advisory Committee be approved, as amended. (if there are no changes to the agenda, then the approval would be "as presented")

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

List any declarations that were made or note that there were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 January 1, 2000

(Mover/Second)

That the Minutes of the January 1, 2000 meeting of ABC Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

6. CONSENT ITEMS

(i) Research Report (Item 4.1)

(Mover/Second)

That the Research Report, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Working Group Minutes – December 1, 1999 (Item 4.2)

(Mover/Second)

That the Working Group Minutes – December 1, 1999, be received.

CARRIED

5. PRESENTATIONS

(i) ABC Advisory Committee Terms of Reference Review (Item 5.1)

(Insert Name) provided the Committee with a presentation respecting a review of the ABC Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

(Mover/Second)

That the presentation respecting the ABC Advisory Committee Terms of Reference Review, be received; and

That the ABC Advisory Committee Terms of Reference Review, be amended to *(insert recommendation approved by the Committee)*

CARRIED

(ii) ABC Advisory Committee Strategic Plan (Item 5.2)

(Insert Name) provided the Committee with a presentation respecting a review of the ABC Advisory Committee Strategic Plan.

(Mover/Second)

That the presentation respecting the ABC Advisory Committee Strategic Plan, be received; and

That the ABC Advisory Committee Strategic Plan, be approved. *(or insert recommendation approved by the Committee)*

CARRIED

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**(i) Roles, Responsibilities and Expectations of New Members (Item 6.1)****(Mover/Second)**

That the Roles, Responsibilities and Expectations of New Members, be approved. *(or insert recommendation approved by the Committee)*

CARRIED**7. NOTICES OF MOTION****(i) ABC Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule (Item 7.1)**

(Committee Member's Name) introduced a Notice of Motion respecting the ABC Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule.

(A Notice of Motion can be left as a Notice of Motion and then placed on the next Committee agenda or the Rules of Order can be waived to allow the introduction of the Notice of Motion as a Motion at this meeting, if so, a motion to waive the rules, is required)

(Mover/Second)

That the Rules of Order to be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting the ABC Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule.

CARRIED**(Mover/Second)**

That the ABC Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule, be approved. *(or insert recommendation approved by the Committee)*

CARRIED**8. MOTIONS****(i) ABC Advisory Committee Change to the Location of Meetings (Item 8.1)****(Mover/Second)**

That the ABC Advisory Committee Meeting Location be changed to _____. *(or insert recommendation approved by the Committee)*

CARRIED**9. OTHER BUSINESS****(i) Title**

Brief overview of the item

10. ADJOURNMENT**(Mover/Second)**

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at ____ a.m./p.m. *(insert time that the meeting adjourned)*

CARRIED

The minutes are signed by the Chair or Vice Chair (whoever presided over the meeting) and the Secretary.



Hamilton

To:	Chair and Members General Issues Committee
From:	_____ (Co-Chair) _____ and _____ (Co-Chair) _____ Arts Advisory Commission (to be signed by the Chair)
Date:	March 22, 2017
Re:	Transfer from reserve for Big Picture 2017 Arts Community Outreach Event (AAC-17-01) (City Wide)

Recommendation:

That an amount of up to \$13,000 be transferred from the Arts Advisory Commission Reserve (112212) to Arts Advisory Commission operating (300322) to fund the Commission’s 2017 outreach event and programs.

Background: *(Describe here what the money will be used for and why the Committee is asking for more)*

The Arts Advisory Commission (AAC) has the following mandate:

To recommend activities for the stabilization and strengthening of the arts community; to inform Council of issues and achievements in the Hamilton arts community; to liaise with and act as a point of contact for members of the arts community regarding issues affecting the arts community; to monitor and assist with the implementation of the Public Art Program; to monitor and assist with the implementation of the Arts Awards Program.

The primary focus of the Arts Advisory Commission over the last five years has been the development of a strategic arts funding model through its Arts Funding Task Force.

A new AAC was appointed in 2016. The new members of the AAC are looking to undertake a community outreach and consultation program to determine the issues important to the arts community moving forward.

Analysis/Rationale: *(In the Analysis/Rationale section, the Committee should explain why the recommendation is being put forward, benefits for the recommendation, and any another information, which Committee wishes to share with the Grants Sub-Committee to support the recommendation)*

In 2017, the Arts Advisory Commission will focus its efforts on outreach and consultation with the arts community to identify issues important to the community. It is assumed that issues such as; artists living and work space costs, sustaining and growing the arts community and promoting the arts community will be identified among others. Consultation plans include a symposium type event to bring the community together along with interviews and online surveys. The results of this work will be used to develop the AAC work plan for 2017-2018.



Declaration of Interest Form

Disqualifying Interest

Meeting Date & Type:

Meeting Type: _____
(Committee/Council)

Date of Meeting: _____

Subject Matter:

Item Number: _____

Item Title: _____

Declaration:

I, member _____ declare a disqualifying interest with respect to:

on the Council / Committee agenda dated

For the following reason(s) I am prevented from making an impartial decision on the matter:

Original sign by (your name)

Member Signature

*A **disqualifying interest** is an interest in a matter regarding which a reasonable person fully informed of the facts and circumstances would conclude that the Member could not participate impartially in the decision-making process related to the matter either because to do so would not be in compliance with the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, or, because the Member's relationship to persons or bodies involved in the matter or affected by the decision is so close, a reasonable person would conclude that the Member could not effectively carry out their public duty with impartiality.*



Declaration of Interest Form

Non-Disqualifying Interest

Meeting Date & Type:

Meeting Type: _____
(Committee/Council)

Date of Meeting: _____

Subject Matter:

Item Number: _____

Item Title: _____

Declaration:

I, member _____ declare a non-disqualifying interest with respect to:

on the Council / Committee agenda dated _____

For the following reason(s) I am not prevented from making an impartial decision on the matter:

Original sign by (your name)

Member Signature

*A **non-disqualifying** interest is an interest in a matter that, by virtue of the relationship between the Member and other persons or bodies associated with the matter, is of such a nature that a reasonable person fully informed of the facts and circumstances would conclude that the Member could still participate impartially in the decision-making processes related to the matter only so long as:*

*The Member fully discloses the interest so as to provide transparency about the relationship; and
The Member states why the interest does not prevent the Member from making an impartial decision on the matter.*

PROCEDURAL HANDBOOK FOR CITIZEN APPOINTEES TO CITY OF HAMILTON LOCAL BOARDS

For comments or questions, please contact:

905-546-2424 Ext. 4304

ProjectID	Project Name	Segment	Ward	Phase	Length (km)	Description	Current Status	CMP #	Funding
2023 Projects									
22-015	Stonehenge Rd	Southcote Dr to Stone Church Rd	12	Design	2.5	Buffered bicycle lanes, with seasonal flexposts at key intersections	Deferred to 2023. Island modifications at Stone Church to be completed in 2023.	58	City Cycling
20-017	Pearl - Kent Bicycle Boulevard & Study	York to Amelia	1	Paused - 2023	1.77	Various traffic calming interventions	Under construction	N/A	City Cycling
22-027	Breadalbane St	King St to Jones St	1	Construction	0.58	Convert roadway into a bicycle boulevard	Under construction	NA	Bicycle Boulevards 2020
22-114	Southcote Dr	Hwy 403 to Garner Rd	12	Construction	1.2	MUP along east side	Under construction	NA	Construction
22-106	Highland Rd	Winterberry Dr to Glenhollow Rd	9	Implementation	0.5	repainting with resurfacing	2023 implementation	NA	Construction
22-107	Highland Rd	Glenhollow Rd to First Rd	9	Implementation	1.4	repainting with resurfacing	2023 implementation	NA	Construction
21-021	John St	Guise St to Strachan St	2	Partial completion	0.97	Cycle track on west side of street, as per design south of Burlington St. Add precast/flexposts btwn Burlington/Strachan where possible	Design complete. Implementation 2023	152	Dev Eng & City Cycling
22-021	Cootes MUP (Hatt Phase 2)	Baldwin St to Dundas St	13	Detailed design	0.24	Bicycle boulevard on Baldwin St; MUP on 2 blocks of Cootes Dr	Detailed design and tendering in progress.	NA	Cootes MUP (Hatt Phase 2)
21-003	Stone Church Rd	Arbour St to Upper Red Hill Valley Pkwy	6,9	Design	0.7	Install a 3.0m MUP on the south side. Maintain existing bicycle lanes	Preliminary design in progress. 2023 planned implementation	N/A	City Cycling
21-004	West 5th - Keddy Trail Connector	Brow to Fennell Ave	8	Detailed design	0.6	3.0m multi-use path	Detailed design and tendering in progress.	79	ICIP (Federal Funds)
22-030	West 5th MUP (South)	Fennell Ave to Governor's Blvd (Mohawk College)	8	Design	0.3	3.0m multi-use path	Preliminary design in progress.		ICIP (Federal Funds)
22-019	Centennial Pkwy MUP	Confederation Dr to Goderich Rd	5	Design	0.85	3m multi-use path; existing segment on QEW bridge completed by MTO	Preliminary design in progress.	74	City Cycling
22-010	Charlton Ave MacNab St	MacNab St to James St Charlton Ave to Herkimer St	2	Design	1.0	Charlton Ave: add barriers to existing contra-flow bicycle lane and a planter in existing buffered bicycle lanes (WB) btwn MacNab/James MacNab St: add NB buffered bicycle lane on the east side to connect Herkimer/Charlton	Detailed design in progress.	NA	City Cycling
22-017	Emerson St/ Whitney Ave	Main St to Whitney Ave Emerson St to Main St	1	Detailed design	0.70 1.50	Emerson - barrier seperated bicycle lanes; west side cycle track from Sussex/Main Whitney - barrier seperated bicycle lanes, with accomodations for on-street parking near park/school	Detailed design ongoing. Planned 2023 implementation	N/A	City Cycling
22-006	Victoria Ave (south)	Cannon St to Stinson St	3	Partial completion	1	2 way curb separated cycle track on Victoria Ave. Multi-use path on Stinson St, parking protected two-way cycle track on Young and bicycle boulevard on West St.	South of Hunter under detailed design/tendering.	75	City Cycling
20-026	Longwood Rd	King St to Main St	1	Design	0.45	Redesign to create 2-way cycle track along east curb	Functional design in progress.	N/A	Ward 1 Funds
22-032	Dundurn St Crossing	Baker St and Lamoreaux Ave	1	Design	0.1	Provide a crossing of Dundurn St that connects to Breadalbane BB. 4 options to be review by consultant outlining pros/cons (including cost) of each; TOM (Systems) to review prior to implementing a crossing.	Functional design in progress.	NA	City Cycling
22-024	Victoria Ave	Ferrie St to Birge St	3	Design	0.275	Convert existing NB buffered bicycle lane into a two-way cycle track	Functional design in progress.	NA	ICIP (Federal Funds)
20-022	Ferguson/ General Hosp connection	Ferguson to Victoria	2,3	Tender	0.5	Signed route from Ferguson easterly across Wellington to/from bike cage at hospital	Reviewed plan with hospital. Signage being manufactured. Planned 2023 implementation.	N/A	Ward 2 & 3 Funds
22-009	Dundas St (Waterdown) Grindstone Cr Bridge	west of Mill St	15	Design	0.1	Multi-use facility on separate utility bridge, on side of street	Detailed design in progress, design may be modified.	133	City Rehab
21-209	Pipeline Trail	Grace to Brampton	4	Design in works	0.6	improvement to existing (2021 construction) Construction timing is dependent on resolving encroachments.	Design work in progress.	149	City Trails
21-025	Kenora Ave	Ellingwood Ave to Queenston Rd	5	Implementation	0.7	Bicycle Blvd signage and markings in conjunction with road works	Asphalt resurfacing ongoing.	73	City Rehab
21-202	Butler Hydro Corridor Trail	Thorner Dr to Limeridge Rd	0	On-Hold	0.7		Design in works.	190	City Trails
20-120	Limeridge Rd	Bonaventure Dr to Hawkridge Ave	8,14	Design approved	1.6	Painted buffered bicycle lanes - pending road resurfacing	Tentatively planned for 2023 install	38	City Cycling
21-027	Dalglish/ Terryberry	Bellagio to Reg Rd 56	9	Complete	0.95	3m asphalt multi-use path	Complete	169	Dev Eng & City Cycling
21-110	Dewitt Rd	Barton to Midway St	10	Tender	1.4	New Painted lanes with buffer, temporary barriers and flexposts	Deferred to 2023.	111	City Rehab

ProjectID	Project Name	Segment	Ward	Phase	Length (km)	Description	Current Status	CMP #	Funding
21-024	Miles Road Culvert	South of Dickenson	11	Implementation	N/A	Rural shoulders condition	Construction in progress	N/A	City Rehab
21-026	Wilson St Hill	Rousseaux St to Filman Rd	12	Complete	3.2	Buffer enhancement with resurfacing	Construction in progress	N/A	City Cycling
22-202	Garner Rd Trail	Shaver Trail to Garner Rd	12	Design in works	0.3	Paved multi-use trail	Design complete.	N/A	City Trails
21-012	Hwy 8 Dundas	CN Tracks to Bond	13	Implementation	0.5	2021 construction will add paved shoulders west of river bridge and bicycle lanes easterly.	Construction commenced, detour info posted.	59	City Rehab
22-020	North Waterdown Drive	Centre Rd to Avonsyde	15	Design in works	2.24	3m asphalt multi-use path along the south side of this new street.	Construction scheduled to commence for 2022	192	Dev Eng
	Centre Rd	N Waterdown Dr to Nesbitt	15	Design	0.5	Multi-use path connection	To confirm		Dev Eng
	East Mtn Trail Loop	URHP to Highland	9	Install	0.73	Asphalt multi-use path	Install with development planned for 2021/ 2022	174	Dev
21-214	Joe Sams Trail	Within park	15	Implementation	0.33	Paved multi-use trail	Design complete.		City Trails
	Gatesbury Trail	Niska Dr to Boulding Ave	15	Design	0.4	Paved multi-use trail	Preparing for tender.	N/A	City Trails
	Gatesbury Trail extension	South of Dundas St	15	Design	0.63	Paved multi-use trail	Design in progress.		City Trails
21-001	Lawrence Rd	Gage Ave to Mt Albion Rd	3 - 4	Planning	3.5	Enhance existing bicycle lanes with precast concrete curbs and flexposts	Feasibility plan on going. Design in 2023		City Cycling
23-006	Kentley-Nashdale Cycling Improvements	Barton St MUP (RHVP-Nash) 240m Nash Rd MUP (Barton-Bancroft) 500m Bancroft St BB (Nash-Confederation GO) 660m Kenora Ave BB (Bancroft-Kentley) 1.1km	0	Planning	2.5	Barton St (240m): MUP on north side Nash Rd (500m): bicycle boulevard or MUP Bancroft St BB (Nash-Confederation GO) 660m Kenora Ave BB (Bancroft-Kentley) 1.1km - bicycle boulevard on Nash St (Barton St to Bancroft St - 500m) - bicycle boulevard on Bancroft St (Nash Rd to south side of Confederation GO station - 600m)	Feasibility plan on going. Design in 2023/2024		Bicycle Boulevards 2020
22-002	King Street @ Red Hill Improvements	Lawrence Rd (Mt Albion to King St) - 150m King St (Lawrence Rd to Pottruff Rd) - 475m	5	Planning	0.63	Implement a cycle track (east side on Lawrence and south side on King) along full length of both roadways	Feasibility plan on going. Design in 2023/2024		City Cycling
22-011	Hwy 8 Stoney Creek	King St to Dewitt Rd	10	Planning	1.4	Unidirectional cycle tracks on each side. Some existing asphalt platform has been installed	Feasibility plan on going. Design in 2023		City Cycling
22-028	Dundas St MUP	Hwy 6 to Hamilton St	15	Planning	2.75	3.0m MUP on north side (design to confirm)	Feasibility plan on going. Design in 2023/2024		ICIP (Federal Funds)
22-029	Ferrie St/ Wellington St (Healthcare Connector)	Victoria Ave to Wellington St/ Ferrie St to Simcoe St	3	Planning	0.33	Implement a bicycle path on the north side of Ferrie St (205m) and the west side of Wellington St (125m) - consider bicycle lanes on Ferrie St, with low existing vehicle volumes	Planning		City Cycling
22-039	Inverness Ave	Upper James St to Upper Wellington St	0	Planning	1.2	Additional information required; request from GM indicated bicycle lanes (design only)	Planning		
22-037	Sherman Ave	Burlington St to Barton St	0	Planning	1	Additional information required	Planning		

Bay Street North; Truck Route

Recommendation

- 1) Staff review improved cycling accommodation on Bay Street North, between Cannon Street and Strachan for future work plans which could include;
 - a. Addition of precast curbs where there is space
 - b. Moving the bicycle lane behind parked vehicle lanes
 - c. Reduction of the speed limit to 40km/h

Background

WHEREAS Bay Street North remains a truck route on the new Truck Route Masterplan;

WHEREAS the Hamilton Cycling Committee passed a motion previously that curbs and other protection be used where truck routes must remain beside bicycle infrastructure;

WHEREAS curbs improve safety, comfort and reduce bicycle lane blockage;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton declared a Climate Emergency;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton declared a goal of Vision Zero,

And,

WHEREAS these recommendations are in line with the following mandates of the Hamilton Cycling Advisory Committee:

- To advise City Council, through the Public Works Committee, on all matters related to cycling.
- To monitor implementation of the Hamilton Cycling Plan.
- To encourage and participate in planning for bicycling facilities.
- To encourage citizens to cycle instead of drive.

Analysis/Rationale

Bay Street is a well-connected bicycle lane. It connects directly to both Cannon Street cycle track, Hunter Street cycle track and newly completed Strachan Multi-Use Path. It connects to key destinations such as West Harbour Go Station which has recently increased frequency to hourly service with 30 minute service in the future. It connects the entire west end of the city to the Bay Front Park and the Pier 8 park and future commercial district.

This bicycle lane is also well suited to bring residents riding bikes from the future Pier 8 redevelopment in addition to continued development at Jamesville, and around the Go station. The Pier 8 development alone will have

1600 units which could add hundreds or thousands of bicycle trips along Bay Street.

The Bay Street Cycle track south of Cannon sees an average of 161 cyclists per day, with 400 during peak periods while many likely continue north of Cannon Street*. With development of a graduate student residence at 10 Bay Street, another planned south of this building, and a new residential building at 213 King Street West, in addition to significant renovation to First Ontario Centre, potential trips along Bay Street could grow significantly. With cycling accommodation improvements, this growth could be encouraged further, which is a goal of the city and aligns with the declared Climate Emergency and Vision Zero goal.

Bay Street North continues to remain open to large truck traffic as a result of the few industrial facilities that remain along the streets of Barton and Tiffany. These vehicles use the street semi-regularly and regularly cut into the bicycle lanes or drive adjacent to cyclists and families on bikes without any separation by paint.

Separated, protected bicycle lanes have been shown to reduce the risk of injury crashes for all road users: cyclists, pedestrians and automobile drivers. The suggested configuration is as follows: <https://streetmix.net/-/2035576>

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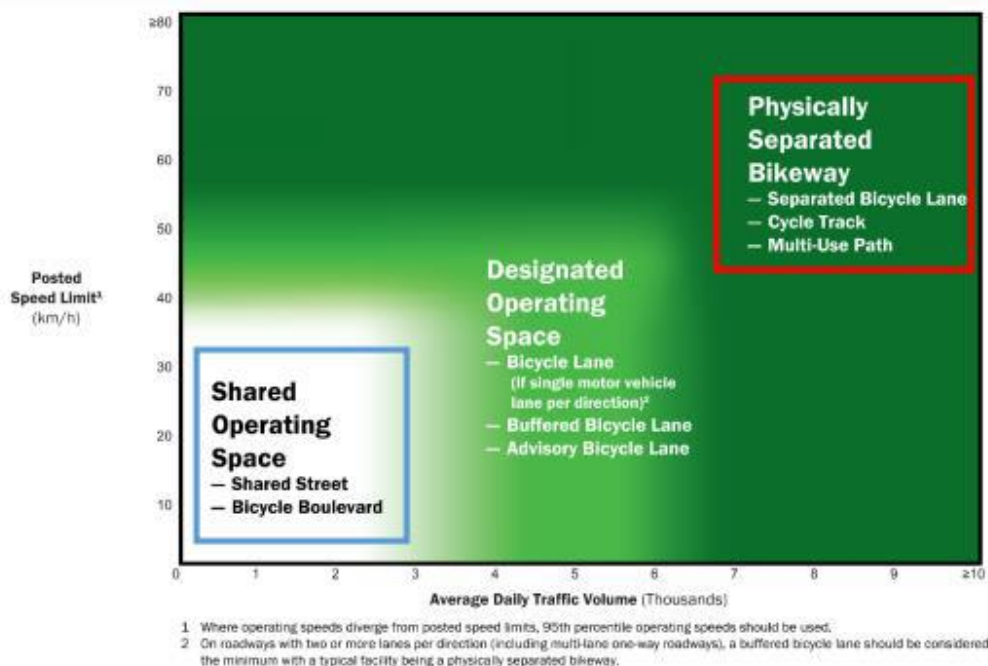
Bicycle Friendly Streets

Recommendation

- 1) That the City of Hamilton change the speed limits of “Signed On-Street Routes” to 40km/h or 30km/h where possible.
- 2) Narrow automobile lanes along these streets to the minimum lane width (3.0m) where there are currently painted lanes.
- 3) Utilize a variety of traffic calming measures including raised sidewalks, raised intersections, bump-outs, speed cameras and modal filters to disallow automobile traffic and allow active transportation.
- 4) Install bicycle lanes where road width allows it to be feasible.
- 5) Install paved shoulders on rural roads that are on the Bicycle Master Plan and where they connect to cycle routes in neighbouring municipalities.

Background

WHEREAS the OTM Book 18 nomograph indicates in most cases that a “shared operating space” should have a maximum speed of 40km/h (*note: where operating speeds diverge from posted speed limits, 95th percentile operating speeds should be used*).



WHEREAS the Hamilton Complete Streets Design Manual suggests:

On lower-speed streets where shared facilities are appropriate, neighbourhood bikeways may be implemented. These are a connected network of low-traffic streets

that create continuous cycling routes. They often feature wayfinding signage, pavement markings, and speed management measures, and traffic diverters that prevent continuous use by motor vehicle traffic;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton has an increasing number of injuries and deaths of cyclists and pedestrians;

WHEREAS narrowing of lane widths, intersections, turning radii and road diets have been shown to improve safety without adversely impacting automobile throughput;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton declared a Climate emergency;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton declared the goal of Vision Zero;

And;

WHEREAS these recommendations are in line with the following mandates of the Hamilton Cycling Advisory Committee:

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- To encourage and participate in planning for bicycling facilities.
- To encourage citizens to cycle instead of drive.

Analysis/Rationale

The City of Hamilton has enacted a Complete Streets Design Manual, and is a city that attempts to follow the NACTO guidelines. The updated Ontario Traffic Manual provides suggested facility design, however the City of Hamilton does not currently follow the NACTO guidelines nor does the city follow the manual for all On-Street Bicycle Routes.

Many neighbourhood On-Street Bicycle Routes are not designed for safe bicycle routes, but for automobile traffic. The speed on these streets is faster than is safe or comfortable for a majority of bicycle riders (1).

The City of Hamilton has declared a Climate Emergency, therefore action should be implemented to encourage Hamilton residents to ride bicycles to address that emergency. The speed reduction and budget put toward that goal should be appropriate to an emergency level.

The City of Hamilton declared a Vision Zero goal: these steps would move the city closer to that goal. Reducing the speed limit on many shared streets from 50 km/h to 40 km/h would reduce the risk of severe injury of pedestrians and cyclists in a collision from ~50% to 25% and the risk of death from ~25% to ~10%. If speeds are lowered to 30 km/h the risk of severe injury decreases further to 10% and risk of death decreases below 10%.

Individuals “struck by a motor vehicle travelling at 50km/h are 8 times more likely to die, compared... at 30k/h” (2).

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Bicycle Oriented Corridor

Recommendation

That the City of Hamilton institute a “Cycling Oriented Corridor” along identified corridors in the Cycling Masterplan where cycling-oriented zoning would increase cycling activity and encourage the reduction of automobile use including:

- 1) Piloting a cycling-oriented corridor on Cannon Street from Queen Street North to Ottawa Street.
- 2) 6-storey allowance for new construction within 100m of the cycling corridor.
- 3) Minimum parking ratio of 0.00 within 100m of the cycling corridor.
- 4) Maximum parking ratio of 0.75 unless less than 3 units.
- 5) Bicycle parking must be on ground floor of buildings.
- 6) Commercial units must provide exterior bicycle parking or city bicycle parking.
- 7) Working with developments with reductions in charges if there are active transportation options provided to future tenants including: HBSI hub/micromobility hub and bikes, car share space, transit pass included in rent/fees.
- 8) Introduce modal filters at quiet intersections to limit uncontrolled access to Cannon Street across the bicycle tracks/lanes.

Background

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton has utilized Transit Oriented Zoning to encourage redevelopment that attracts transit riders in preparation for a large-scale transit project to bring riders and increase tax revenue;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton has specified the need to move transportation away from single occupancy private automobiles;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton is trying to attract investment and residents into infill opportunities to reduce urban boundary expansion;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton has declared a Climate Emergency;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton has declared the goal of Vision Zero.

And;

WHEREAS these recommendations are in line with the following mandates of the Hamilton Cycling Advisory Committee:

- To advise City Council, through the Public Works Committee, on all matters related to cycling.
- To monitor implementation of the Hamilton Cycling Plan.
- To encourage and participate in planning for bicycling facilities.
- To encourage citizens to cycle instead of drive.

Analysis/Rationale

Transit Oriented Zoning was instituted by the City of Hamilton to encourage growth, investment and automobile-free residents living adjacent to a future LRT line; the B-Line LRT Project. By utilizing a similar process to encourage bicycle ridership by encouraging growth, investment and automobile-free residents adjacent to the most well-used bicycle lane in the city, Hamilton could reduce dependence on vehicles, improve the investment in a bicycle lane, and take advantage of existing infrastructure to reduce the cost to taxpayers on road maintenance and continued urban boundary expansion.

Cannon Street offers a good pilot for this project as it is already a successful bicycle lane, and similar to how the Transit Oriented Corridor Zoning will be expanded when the project is completed, the Cycling Oriented Corridor Zoning could expand outward to encapsulate the bicycle network that is connected and likely to see increased use, or it can leap-frog to a new area in Stoney Creek, Ancaster, Dundas, Waterdown or the Mountain to see similar results and expanded bicycle usage.

Hamilton could lead and be one of the first to provide incentives to development that encourage riding a bicycle.

Cycling infrastructure is cheaper to deliver and maintain than driving infrastructure, therefore the reduction in development charges for developments which include facilities that promote active transportation will be offset by decreased infrastructure cost surrounding the development.

Cycling Plan and Budgetary Items

Recommendation

- 1) The Cycling Masterplan completion be expedited prioritizing gaps, schools, working trips and spots without infrastructure.
 - a. The Cycling Budget be increased to in line with per capita spending of other nearby cities to fund the expansion.

- 2) Funding for bike share be increased.
 - a. Stable operational that does not decrease if the system is more successful and funding that dynamically increases with increased services.
 - b. Stable capital funding that accounts for the age of the bikes and allows for expansion of the service area into wards beyond the currently served

- 3) Remove exemptions to parking in the bike lane, except by permit where alternative arrangements have been made, for accessibility purposes and emergency vehicles.
 - a. Increase fine for parking in bicycle lane in line with other municipalities and similar fines for blocking automobile lanes.
 - b. Hire staff or reallocate staff to enforce fining and advising individuals blocking the bike lane.

Background

WHEREAS the Cycling Budget is currently 00% of the capital budget;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton defers multiple cycling projects every year;

WHEREAS bike share systems provide first and last mile connections to existing infrastructure like transit, better utilizing and increasing ridership on transit;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton is attempting to encourage use of bicycles and other active transportation instead of automobile use;

WHEREAS the Bike Share network utilizes funded and currently build bicycle infrastructure;

WHEREAS bicycle lanes in Hamilton are regularly blocked;

WHEREAS infrastructure built by the city is being blocked in such a way to defeat the purpose of the built infrastructure;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton declared a Climate Emergency;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton declared the goal of Vision Zero;

WHEREAS the current speed of implementation of the Cycling Masterplan does not match the urgency of the above issues.

Analysis/Rationale

Cycling Masterplan and Funding:

The Cycling Masterplan was designed before the current OTM and the Complete Street Manual, and therefore the design of the masterplan is out of date. Despite this, the implementation of the masterplan leaves multiple decades until its completion.

Considering the Climate Emergency declaration and the goal of Vision Zero, the City of Hamilton has been implementing the Cycling Masterplan that does not match the urgency of these two issues, and has been deferring projects multiple years into the future.

The cycling budget being increased will allow the city to more quickly implement the cycling plans on various streets, including pilots, road diets, improved cycling infrastructure which has improved bicycle lanes that already existed.

Bike Share Funding:

Cycling infrastructure is cheaper to deliver and maintain than driving infrastructure, therefore the cost to implement and expand bike share will be offset by decreased infrastructure cost surrounding the development.

The City of Hamilton already has many kilometres of bicycle infrastructure which is not at capacity, where growth in bike ridership can occur, and bike share is a well used mode in the city that can continue to grow.

Bike share has a much lower per rider subsidy than transit, so encouraging bicycle use instead of bringing transit to capacity is far cheaper than expanding transit service where bicycle ridership could take some of the load.

Bike share is a part of Hamilton's brand and image, and improving the service will bring economic benefits to the city in a natural and citizen led way, in addition to the existing and continuing work of other departments.

Increasing the number of cyclists can increase safety, through the doctrine of “safety in numbers” ridership hits a critical mass where motorists and other transportation expects cyclists and improves awareness of them.

Blocking Bicycle Lane:

Parking in the bicycle lane is a common issue in Hamilton that is reported by many cyclists to the city and seen posted regularly on social media channels. Hamilton currently allows parking in bicycle lane in many instances, and the cost to apply for a permit compared to the fine for blocking the bicycle lane does not encourage individuals to seek a legal means of blocking the bicycle lane which often provides safe alternatives for cyclists. Additionally, enforcement is minimal, meaning that there is very little reason to avoid blocking the bike lanes in Hamilton.

This is critical infrastructure that is built to keep cyclists and pedestrians safer, and in many circumstances having no alternative can be more dangerous, such as forcing cyclists to bicycle the wrong way on a one-way street or requiring them to dismount and cross where there is no signalized crossing.

James Street Complete Street

Recommendation

- 1) Lower the speed limit on James Street to 40km/h
- 2) Install a speed camera on the street

Background

WHEREAS other similar commercial corridors meant for active transportation have lower speed limits to encourage shopping, comfort and safe use of the street both on the sidewalk and on a bike (Locke Street, Ottawa Street, Kenilworth Avenue);

WHEREAS the Complete Streets Manual that the City of Hamilton adopted indicates James Street to be most similar to a Main Street, which has a targeted speed of 30-40km/h

WHEREAS the OTM Book 18 indicates a shared on street cycling facility as per the Complete Streets Design Manual indicates for a Main Street should have a maximum speed of 40km/h;

WHEREAS James Street is a popular pedestrian and cycling street with venues, restaurants and stores that encourage the use of bicycles or parking a bicycle and walking around;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton has declared a Climate Emergency;

And,

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton has declared the goal of Vision Zero.

Analysis/Rationale

James Street has become synonymous with Hamilton's renewal, brought on by the use of the street by artists as a result of the low cost of entry, which gave rise to "art-crawl" and Supercrawl. The street is well suited to pedestrian and cycling uses and utilizes parking space to create patios during the warmer months. There are multiple pedestrian crossings where people are meant to wait for a gap in vehicles. There are Hamilton Bike Share stations on the road or just off the road beside vehicle traffic.

The default speed limit of 50km/h is not safe, comfortable or conducive to the level of pedestrian and cycling traffic the street receives. Intersecting with multiple busy vehicle thoroughfares leads to dangerous intersections. Add pedestrians moving from behind parked automobiles, people parking their

automobiles via parallel parking, and cyclists yielding to people crossing, traffic, bus traffic and other dangers.

Reducing the speed of James Street will not significantly reduce travel times of the street as most trips are not the entire length of the street and the majority of trips are between Hunter Street and York Boulevard a distance of only 650 metres. A 10km/h speed reduction would in theory only increase travel time between these two streets by an insignificant amount of time, having no appreciable change on traffic. With altered light timing it could improve traffic flow as slower roads can handle more vehicles.