



City of Hamilton
GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
ADDENDUM

Meeting #: 23-022
Date: July 10, 2023
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- *6.6 Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting Item 10.6 - Update on Strategic Land Acquisition Plan Along the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Corridor (PED23142) (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- *6.7 Mark McNeil, ACPD, respecting Item 10.5 - Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) Report 23-006 - June 13, 2023 (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- *6.8 PJ Mercanti, Hamilton Urban Precinct Entertainment Group, respecting an update on the activities and positive progress of our downtown entertainment district redevelopment initiative (In-Person) (For the August 14, 2023 Meeting)

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

- *12.1 Ottawa Street BIA and Ottawa Street PRIDE Committee Public Art (Wards 3 and 4)
- *12.2 Revenue Sources to fund Council Priorities and Ongoing Operating and Capital Works

Submitted on Wed, 07/05/2023 - 15:00

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Committee Requested

Committee
General Issues Committee

Will you be delegating in-person or virtually?
In-person

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

Requestor Information

Requestor Information
Karl Andrus
Hamilton Community Benefits Network

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Preferred Pronoun
he/him

Reason(s) for delegation request
Item 10.6 - Update on Strategic Land Acquisition Plan Along the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Corridor (PED23142) (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) (Outstanding Business List Item)

Will you be requesting funds from the City?
No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?
No

Submitted on Wed, 07/05/2023 - 16:01

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Committee Requested

Committee
General Issues Committee

Will you be delegating in-person or virtually?
In-person

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

Requestor Information

Requestor Information
Mark A. McNeil
ACPD

Preferred Pronoun
he/him

Reason(s) for delegation request
Motion regarding IDEA approved by ACPD

Will you be requesting funds from the City?
No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?
No

Submitted on Fri, 07/07/2023 - 04:20

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Committee Requested

Committee

General Issues Committee

Will you be delegating in-person or virtually?

In-person

Will you be delegating via a pre-recorded video?

No

Requestor Information

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PJ Mercanti

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Reason(s) for delegation request

Hamilton Urban Precinct Entertainment Group would like to provide the General Issues Committee with an update on the activities and positive progress of our downtown entertainment district redevelopment initiative. We are eager to share more details related to the venue renovations and district visioning exercise, as well as our community engagement and communication plans. While the core members of our team are unavailable to attend the July GIC meeting, we would be pleased to present to council at the August meeting.

Will you be requesting funds from the City?

No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?

Yes

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

General Issues Committee: July 10, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR NANN.....

Ottawa Street BIA and Ottawa Street PRIDE Committee Public Art (Wards 3 and 4)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton’s strategic plan priority for Healthy and Safe Communities consists of a caring place that is safe and inviting, with people working together to care and support each other, which is inclusive of the communities of people who are Two Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, and those for whom letters cannot fully yet describe (2SLGBTQIA+);

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is committed to working with artists, businesses, and citizens in the ongoing development and implementation of art in public places to enhance our sense of community;

WHEREAS, the Ottawa Street BIA intends to hang 12 new mobiles, six on each side of Ottawa Street North, from May until September every year for the next five years, to signal to the 2SLGBTQIA+ community that they are recognized and cared for outside the boundary of Pride month celebrations;

WHEREAS, the art is a result of a project lead by the Ottawa Street Pride Committee and created as part of STEPS’ I HeART Main Street initiative;

WHEREAS, the mobiles are designed by Riley Jamieson, a trans artist, and are a symbol of the joy of summer and of queer people working together to care and support each other;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That \$1,500 be allocated from the Ward 3 Bell Tower Funds Non-Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609603) and \$1,500 from the Ward 4 Capital Discretionary Account (3302109400) to the Ottawa Street BIA toward costs associated with the installation of the 12 Pride mobiles; and
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

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MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. WILSON.....

Revenue Sources to fund Council Priorities and Ongoing Operating and Capital Works

WHEREAS, Hamilton City Council has identified a set of priorities to guide its legislative agenda for the 2022-2026 term of Council;

WHEREAS, access to sufficient and sustainable revenue sources is critical to the city's ability to achieve these priorities along with ongoing operating, maintenance and capital programming needs;

WHEREAS, the fiscal framework within which Canadian municipalities work limits opportunities for local government to advance solutions at the scale required to address many of today's challenges, including but not limited to affordable and supportive housing, climate change mitigation, technology and an ageing infrastructure and population;

WHEREAS, Ontario municipalities like Hamilton are heavily reliant on property taxes as a source of revenue;

WHEREAS, property taxes are a regressive form of taxation;

WHEREAS, in 2021, Hamilton's taxes for a detached bungalow were 3.52% higher than municipalities with comparable populations, but 24.30% higher than a broader compactor group;

WHEREAS, municipalities are responsible for 60% of public infrastructure while collecting only 9 cents for every tax dollar collected in Ontario;

WHEREAS, municipalities continue to face the following challenges:

- Ongoing impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Rising inflation and interest rates;
- Supply chain disruptions and tight labour supply;
- Increasing demand for services; and,
- Unanticipated legislative changes (such as Bill 23).

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton directly invests a significant share of property tax revenues, in extensions of federal and provincial responsibilities, such as housing, social services, and health services;

WHEREAS, in the absence of other non-residential property tax revenue, property taxes will become less affordable for more people over the next few years while the need for local investments will continue to grow;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee the following information by Q1 2024:

- (a) A scan of revenue authorities contained in the Municipal Act, 2021 or other Provincial legislation that do not require the expressed permission of the Government of Ontario;
- (b) An inventory of revenue sources that are contained in the City of Toronto Act, 2006 but not contained in the Municipal Act, 2021; and,
- (c) A scan of municipal revenue tools in other jurisdictions that may be more progressive and could support in the achievement of this term of Council priorities and ongoing programming needs and any expressed permissions necessary to implement the strategies.