



City of Hamilton

CITY COUNCIL REVISED

Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 9:30 A.M.

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Call to Order

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Added Items, if applicable, will be noted with *)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 October 25, 2023

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 Correspondence from the Town of Rainy River requesting support for their resolution petitioning the Province of Ontario to expand water treatment training opportunities for communities within Ontario.

Recommendation: Be received.

- 5.2 Correspondence from Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. respecting an Assessment of Bill 134 - Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act.
- Recommendation: Be received and referred to the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services and the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development for appropriate action.
- 5.3 Correspondence from Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) respecting their motion for Consideration for Building Faster Eligibility Requirements.
- Recommendation: Be received.
- 5.4 Correspondence from Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) respecting their motion on Anti Auto Theft Program.
- Recommendation: Be received.
- 5.5 Correspondence from Chad Collins, Member of Parliament for Hamilton East - Stoney Creek calling on the Provincial Government to immediately close the GFL landfill at 65 Green Mountain Road West in Stoney Creek until the company implements measures to eliminate odours at the site.
- Recommendation: Be received.
- 5.6 Correspondence from the Municipality of North Perth requesting support for their resolution respecting Social and Economic Prosperity Review.
- Recommendation: Be received.
- 5.7 Correspondence from the Town of Aurora requesting support for their resolution respecting Cannabis Retail Application for the Town of Aurora.
- Recommendation: Be received.
- 5.8 Correspondence from Jim MacLeod, Vice President, Ancaster Village Heritage Community to the Premier of Ontario respecting the rollbacks to changes to the Official Plans and the Ontario Land Tribunal decisions that relied on those changes.
- Recommendation: Be received and referred to the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development for appropriate action.
- 5.9 Correspondence from the Town of Huntsville requesting support for their resolution respecting floating accommodations.
- Recommendation: Be received.

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- 5.10 Correspondence from Don McLean respecting brief observations on Item 11.2 on the planning committee agenda for October 31, 2023.
- Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 4 of Planning Committee Report 23-018.
- 5.11 Correspondence from Linda Allen respecting retiring of local bus 58 along with a petition to get Bus 58 back.
- Recommendation: Be received and referred to the General Manager of Public Works for appropriate action.
- 5.12 Correspondence from Nancy Rowland, CEO, Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) seeking City Council's support to update the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the RBG and the City in regard to the City's two appointees to RBG's Board of Directors.
- Recommendation: Be received and referred to the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services for appropriate action.
- 5.13 Correspondence from Karen Armstrong, Deputy CAO and Secretary-Treasurer, Grand River Conservation Authority respecting the 2024 Grand River Conservation Authority Draft Budget for Consultation.
- Recommendation: Be received and referred to the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services for appropriate action.
- 5.14 Correspondence from the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing respecting the Announcement Impacting Provincial Decisions on Municipal Official Plans/Official Plan Amendments.
- Recommendation: Be received and referred to the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development for appropriate action.
- 5.15 Correspondence from Fred Bennink resigning from the Hamilton Police Services Board.
- Recommendation: Be received.
- 5.16 Correspondence from Joshua Weresch respecting support for the changes to the transit fare assist program.
- Recommendation: Be received.
- *5.17 Correspondence from Joyce Arthur, Executive Director, Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada (ARCC) respecting information to help Hamilton pass bylaws to regulate graphic imagery of aborted fetuses.
- Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 6 of Planning Committee Report 23-018.

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*5.18 Correspondence respecting Airport Employment Growth District Transportation Master Plan Update (PED17175(a)):

- *a. Maxine Morris-Zecchini and Mario Zecchini
- *b. Harriet Woodside
- *c. Charles Langford
- *d. Mary Love
- *e. Laurel Imeson
- *f. Robert and Teresa Busch
- *g. David Williams
- *h. Ron Joice
- *i. Christine de Savigny
- *j. Carmel Mothersill
- *k. Jen Saunders
- *l. Sue Yarwood
- *m. Mike Gill
- *n. Jen Baker
- *o. Joanne and Ron Palangio
- *p. Elizabeth Fedorkow
- *q. Brenda Broer
- *r. Julie Palmese and Family
- *s. Natasha Huyer
- *t. Peter Appleton
- *u. Janice Currie

*v. Roman Caruk

*w. Carolanne Forster

*x. Marie Covert

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 4 of Planning Committee Report 23-018.

*5.19 Correspondence from Tim Nolan respecting the HSR Fare Assist Program Pilot,
Recommendation: Be received.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Public Works Committee Report 23-016, October 30, 2023

6.2 Planning Committee Report 23-018, October 31, 2023

6.3 General Issues Committee Report 23-028, November 1, 2023

6.4 Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 23-017, November 2, 2023

6.5 General Issues Committee (Budget) Report 23-029, November 6, 2023

7. MOTIONS

7.1 Ward 2 Community Grants - Q4 2023

7.2 Confidentiality of Closed Session Meeting Discussions while Participating Virtually

7.3 Moving the Consideration of 'Housing Services' Matters to the General Issues Committee

8. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

*8.1 Appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair of General Issues Committee (Budget) for the 2024 Budget

9. STATEMENT BY MEMBERS (non-debatable)

10. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION UPDATES

10.1 October 19, 2023 to November 2, 2023

11. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Members of the public can contact the Clerk's Office to acquire the documents considered at this meeting, in an alternate format.

11.1 Closed Session Minutes - October 25, 2023

Pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-section (b) and (d) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (b) and (d) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to the personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City or local board employees and labour relations and employee negotiations.

*11.2 Appointment to the Hamilton Police Services Board

Pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-section (b) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (b) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to the personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City or local board employees.

*11.3 ATU Local 107 Collective Bargaining Update – no copy

Pursuant to Section 9.3 Sub-section (d) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2) Sub-section (d) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to labour relations or employee negotiations.

12. BY-LAWS AND CONFIRMING BY-LAW

12.1 206

To Amend By-law No. 16-184, being a By-law to Regulate Enclosures for Privately-Owned Outdoor Pools
Ward: City Wide

12.2 207

To Amend By-law No. 10-122, Being a By-law to Prohibit and Regulate Fortification and Protective Elements of Land
Ward: City Wide

12.3 208

To Adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 192 to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan Respecting 1280 Rymal Road East and 385 Nebo Road, 1308 and 1318 Rymal Road East and 172 Dartnall Road, and part of 0 Rymal Road East (Hamilton)
Ward: 6

12.4 209

To Amend Zoning By-law No. 05-200 with Respect to Lands Located at 1280 Rymal Road East, 385 Nebo Road, 1308 and 1318 Rymal Road East, 172 Dartnall Road and 0 Rymal Road East, Hamilton
Ward: 6
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12.5 210

To Authorize a Tax Exemption for the Arena Located at 101 York Boulevard for the Purposes of the Provision of Municipal Capital Facilities as defined in Section 110 of the Municipal Act, 2001 and to Repeal By-law No. 22-054
Ward: 2

12.6 211

To Authorize a Tax Exemption for the Arena Located at 1 Summers' Lane for the Purposes of the Provision of Municipal Capital Facilities as defined in Section 110 of the Municipal Act, 2001 and to Repeal By-law No. 22-055
Ward: 2

12.7 212

To Amend By-law No. 21-021, A By-law to Govern the Proceedings of Council and Committees of Council
Ward: City Wide

12.8 213

To Amend By-law No. 01-218, as amended, Being a By-law to Regulate On-Street Parking
Schedule 8 (No Parking Zones)
Schedule 10 (Alternate Side (April-November) Parking Zones)
Schedule 12 (Permit Parking Zones)
Schedule 14 (Wheelchair Loading Zones)
Schedule 15 (Commercial Vehicle Loading Zones)
Ward: 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 11, 12

12.9 214

To Confirm the Proceedings of City Council

13. ADJOURNMENT



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 23-019

9:30 a.m.
October 25, 2023
Council Chamber
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Present: Mayor A. Horwath
Deputy Mayor M. Tadeson
Councillors J. Beattie, C. Cassar, B. Clark, J.P. Danko, M. Francis, T. Hwang, T. Jackson, C. Kroetsch, T. McMeekin, N. Nann, E. Pauls, M. Spadafora, A. Wilson, and M. Wilson

Mayor Horwath called the meeting to order and recognized that Council is meeting on the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, HuronWendat, 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. It was further acknowledged that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and it was recognized 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.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.9 Correspondence from Steven Oliver respecting an urgent request for the City Manager to stop City staff from the removal of Bollards at 229 Fellowes that were approved March 18, 2014 Planning Committee Minutes Motion #10.

(a) Tracey Stewart

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the General Manager of Public Works for appropriate action.

- 5.10 Correspondence from the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing respecting the City of Hamilton's annual housing targets.

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development for appropriate action.

- 5.11 Correspondence from Zoe-Georgie-Elpitha Kalakos, Inch Hammond respecting the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities ("ACPD"), Handling of Complaints.

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 6.11, City of Hamilton Integrity Commissioner's Recommendation Report Complaint Involving the Chair of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities October 19, 2023.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 8.1 Public Notice respecting A By-Law to Authorize the Undertaking of Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Works on Private Residential Property as Local Improvements Under the Better Homes Hamilton Program
- 8.2 Financial Impact of the Hamilton Renewable Power Inc.'s Losses on the City of Hamilton
- 8.3 Opposition to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Proposed Changes to its Approvals and Permissions Procedures for Waste Management Systems, Stormwater Management, and Water-Taking
- 8.4 Emergency Grant for the Emergency Food Strategic Planning Committee
- 8.5 ROMA 2024 Conference – January 21, 2024 to January 23, 2024
- 8.6 198 First Road West Subdivision Phase 1 - Picardy Parkland Restoration Works

11. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

- 11.2 Appointments to the Various Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees for the 2022-2026 Council Term
- 11.3 ATU Local 107 Collective Bargaining Update

(Spadafora/Pauls)

That the agenda for the October 25, 2023 meeting of Council be approved, as amended.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

- YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor E. Pauls declared disqualifying interest to Communication Item 5.7, respecting Correspondence from Kirsten Stevenson, Administrative Director, Hamilton Police Services Board respecting the Hamilton Police Service Projected Capital Expenditures: 2024-2033, as her son is an inspector employed by the Hamilton Police Service.

Councillor M. Wilson declared a non-disqualifying interest to Item 1 of Emergency and Community Services Report 23-013 respecting Report HSC23075/BOH23035, Ending of Hamilton Community Foundation/GreenShield Funding for Dental Services, as her husband is the President and CEO of Hamilton Community Foundation which is referenced in the body of the report.

Councillor M. Wilson declared a non-disqualifying interest to Item 7 of Emergency and Community Services Report 23-013 respecting Report HSC23057(a), 2023 Ministry of Long-Term Care Funding Enhancement as her husband is the President and CEO of Hamilton Community Foundation which provides financial support for the properties listed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 October 11, 2023

(Spadafora/Hwang)

That the Minutes of the October 11, 2023 meeting of Council be approved, as presented.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

COMMUNICATIONS

(Tadeson/A. Wilson)

That Council Communications 5.1 to 5.11 be approved, as ***amended***, as follows:

- 5.1 Correspondence from the Township of West Lincoln requesting support for their resolution respecting Challenges Faced by Smaller Developers in Ontario Communities.

Recommendation: Be received.

- 5.2 Correspondence from the Town of Midland requesting support for their resolution respecting "Catch and Release" Justice in Ontario.

Recommendation: Be received.

- 5.3 Correspondence from the Township of McKellar requesting support for their resolution calling for an amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006*.

Recommendation: Be received.

- 5.4 Correspondence from Lisa Burnside, Chief Administrative Officer, Hamilton Conservation Authority advising the City of Hamilton that the Hamilton Conservation Authority will be considering its 2024 Budget at their Board of Directors meeting on December 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Recommendation: Be received.

- 5.5 Correspondence from the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing respecting the Proposed Legislation to Return Lands to the Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Moraine.

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development.

- 5.6 Correspondence from the Township of Archipelago requesting support for their resolution respecting Cigarette Producer Responsibility.

Recommendation: Be ***endorsed***.

- 5.7 Correspondence from Kirsten Stevenson, Administrative Director, Hamilton Police Services Board respecting the Hamilton Police Service Projected Capital Expenditures: 2024-2033.

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services for appropriate action.

- 5.8 Correspondence from the Township of East Hawkesbury requesting support for their resolution respecting Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022.

Recommendation: Be received.

- 5.9 Correspondence from Steven Oliver respecting an urgent request for the City Manager to stop City staff from the removal of Bollards at 229 Fellowes that were approved March 18, 2014 Planning Committee Minutes Motion #10.

(a) Tracey Stewart

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the General Manager of Public Works for appropriate action.

- 5.10 Correspondence from the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing respecting the City of Hamilton's annual housing targets.

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development for appropriate action.

- 5.11 Correspondence from Zoe-Georgie-Elpitha Kalakos, Inch Hammond respecting the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities ("ACPD"), Handling of Complaints.

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 6.11, City of Hamilton Integrity Commissioner's Recommendation Report Complaint Involving the Chair of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities October 19, 2023.

Due to a declared conflict, Item 5.7 was voted on separately as follows:

- 5.7 Correspondence from Kirsten Stevenson, Administrative Director, Hamilton Police Services Board respecting the Hamilton Police Service Projected Capital Expenditures: 2024-2033.

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services for appropriate action.

Result: Motion on Item 5.7 of the Communication Items, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
CONFLICT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Result: Motion on the balance of the Communication Items, as amended, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(Tadeson/A. Wilson)

That Council move into Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Committee Reports.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
 YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
 YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
 YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR AGENCIES, BOARDS AND SUB-COMMITTEES REPORT 23-010

(Cassar/Tadeson)

That Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees Report 23-010, being the meeting held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Result: Motion on the Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees Report 23-010, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
 YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
 YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
 YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
 YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
 YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
 YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
 YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
 YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
 YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR AGENCIES, BOARDS AND SUB-COMMITTEES REPORT 23-011

(Cassar/Tadeson)

That Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees Report 23-011, being the meeting held on Thursday, October 12, 2023, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Result: Motion on the Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees Report 23-011, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
 YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
 YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko

- YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

**SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR AGENCIES, BOARDS AND SUB-COMMITTEES
REPORT 23-012**

(Clark/Cassar)

That Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees Report 23-012, being the meeting held on Friday, October 13, 2023, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Result: Motion on the Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees Report 23-012, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

- YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

SOLE VOTING MEMBER OF THE HAMILTON FARMERS' MARKET REPORT 23-004

(Tadeson/A. Wilson)

That Sole Voting Member of the Hamilton Farmers' Market Report 23-004, being the meeting held on Monday, October 16, 2023, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Result: Motion on the Sole Voting Member of the Hamilton Farmers' Market Report 23-004, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
 YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
 YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
 YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
 YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
 YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
 YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
 YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
 YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
 YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT 23-015

(Nann/Pauls)

That Public Works Committee Report 23-015, being the meeting held on Monday, October 16, 2023, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

(Hwang/Nann)

That Item 2(b) of Public Works Committee Report 23-015 respecting Winterizing Public Washrooms - Winter Operations (PW21031(b)) (City Wide), be **amended** by adding **Montgomery Park** to the locations approved under the Winter Washroom Pilot Program, as follows:

2. Winterizing Public Washrooms - Winter Operations (PW21031(b)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business Item) (Item 11.1)

- (b) That the Public Works Department, Environmental Services Division be authorized to provide the provision of winter washroom access **at the locations approved under the Winter Washroom Pilot Program, as amended, by adding Montgomery Park.**
- (i) at a cost of **\$524,525**, for the period of November 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (#110046) and;
- (ii) that the cost of **\$621,430** to operationalize this as a permanent program in 2024 be referred to the 2024 Tax Budget process;

Result: Amendment to Item 2 of the Public Works Committee Report 23-015, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 1, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie

YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
NO - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Main Motion, ***as Amended*** to read as follows:

2. Winterizing Public Washrooms - Winter Operations (PW21031(b)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business Item) (Item 11.1)

- (a) That the provision of winter washrooms based on the two-year pilot program be continued;
- (b) That the Public Works Department, Environmental Services Division be authorized to provide the provision of winter washroom access ***at the locations approved under the Winter Washroom Pilot Program, as amended, by adding Montgomery Park.***
 - (i) at a cost of **\$524,525**, for the period of November 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (#110046) and;
 - (ii) that the cost of **\$621,430** to operationalize this as a permanent program in 2024 be referred to the 2024 Tax Budget process;
- (c) That the Public Works Department, Environmental Services Division, be authorized to provide additional locations namely Confederation Park and to switch Mountain Drive Park to a building facility instead of a port-o-let as part of the continuation of the winter washroom project:
 - (i) at a cost of **\$66,900**, for the period of November 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (#110046) and;
 - (ii) that the cost for the full winter season of **\$80,330** be referred to the 2024 Tax Operating budget process;
- (d) That the Public Works Department, Environmental Services Division, be authorized to provide a temporary supervisor to support the contractor monitoring, response and inspection of winter washroom locations:

- (i) at a cost of \$51,700, for the period of November 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (#110046) and;
- (ii) The Public Works Department, Environmental Services Division, permanent staff complement increase of a 0.5 full time employee for a winter Parks Supervisor at a cost of \$62,000, be added to the 2024 Tax Operating budget process;
- (e) That the 6-month vehicle rental cost of \$8,000 be referred to the Public Works Department, Environmental Services Division 2024 Tax Operating budget process; and
- (f) That Staff be directed to consider increasing the design standard for park washrooms to ensure winter access is possible for future capital new construction or reconstruction and that all fixtures be installed or replaced at the time of reconstruction as institutionally resilient products such as stainless steel.
- (g) That, in response to public feedback, staff be directed to report back to the Public Works Committee respecting the extension of operating hours beyond daylight hours during the winter months.

Result: Main Motion, as amended, of the Public Works Committee Report 23-015, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 1, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
NO - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Result: Motion on the balance of the Public Works Committee Report 23-015, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

NOT PRESENT - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis

YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
 YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
 YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
 YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
 YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
 YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES BOARD SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT 23-005

(Nann/Spadafora)

That the Hamilton Police Services Board Selection Committee Report 23-005, being the meeting held on Monday, October 16, 2023, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved, as **amended**, by amending Item 2 to read '**for future recruitments**'.

Result: Motion on the Hamilton Police Services Board Selection Committee Report 23-005, as Amended, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
 YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
 YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
 YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
 YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
 YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
 YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
 YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
 YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
 YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT 23-017

(Danko/Hwang)

That Planning Committee Report 23-017, being the meeting held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Result: Motion on the Planning Committee Report 23-017, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
 YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
 YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
 YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
 YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
 YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
 YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
 YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
 YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
 YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT 23-027

(Beattie/Cassar)

That General Issues Committee Report 23-027, being the meeting held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Upon Council's request, Item 1(a)(c)(i), was voted on separately, as follows:

1. Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy 2023 Annual Update (PED23222) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.1)

- (a) (c) That the following investments to be funded from the 2023 Budget allocation to the Climate Change Reserve (Account No 108062), be approved:
- (i) E-Bike Pilot for Hamilton Bike Share to an upset limit of \$750k;

Result: Motion on Item 1(a)(c)(i) of the General Issues Committee Report 23-027, CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 7, as follows:

NO - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
 YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
 NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 NO - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
 NO - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
 YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
 NO - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch

YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
 YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 NO - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 NO - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
 YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
 YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
 YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Upon Council's request, Item 4(a)(d) was voted on separately as follows:

4. Community Benefits Protocol Sub-Committee Report 23-001 - September 28, 2023 (Item 9.2)

(a) (d) Realizing Community Benefits in the New HSR Transit Maintenance & Storage Facility (Added Item 11.1)

WHEREAS, The City of Hamilton is undertaking a significant public Infrastructure project under Contract Number C13-02-23 – a requirement for a General Contractor to construct a new Hamilton Transit Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF) in Ward Three.

WHEREAS the construction of the second Hamilton Transit Maintenance and Storage Facility is a project which will benefit Hamilton's future transit initiatives for an overall benefit to the City.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (i) That staff be directed to work collaboratively with the Contractor who, where practical and appropriate, will ensure that socially and environmentally responsible business practices are considered when employing workers and completing the work; and,
- (ii) That whatever measures are taken by the Contractor will result in zero cost overages to the approved project budget.

Result: Motion on Item 4(a)(d) of the General Issues Committee Report 23-027, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 5, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
 YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
 NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
 NO - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
 YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
 NO - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
 NO - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
 YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

- NO - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Result: Motion on the balance of the General Issues Committee Report 23-027, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

- YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

AUDIT, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT 23-016
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(Kroetsch/Hwang)

That Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 23-016, being the meeting held on Thursday, October 19, 2023, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Result: Motion on the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 23-016, CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

- YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- NOT PRESENT - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- NOT PRESENT - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson

YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT 23-013

(Clark/Cassar)

That Emergency and Community Services Committee Report 23-013, being the meeting held on Thursday, October 19, 2023, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Result: Motion on the Emergency and Community Services Committee Report 23-013, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
NOT PRESENT - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – October 19, 2023

(Pauls/Cassar)

WHEREAS, Aznive Mallett's resignation from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities has not been received;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton Integrity Commissioner's Recommendation Report Complaint Involving the Chair of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities October 19, 2023, be received; and,
- (b) That the action contained within the City of Hamilton Integrity Commissioner's Recommendation Report Complaint Involving the Chair of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities October 19, 2023, revoking Aznive Mallett's membership on the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities and rendering Aznive Mallett as ineligible for reappointment to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, be supported.

Result: Motion on the Integrity Commissioner Report – October 19, 2023, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 1, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
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NO - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(Tadeson/A. Wilson)

That Section 5.8(2) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as Amended, which provides that a minimum of 2 days shall pass before the Report of a Standing Committee, the Selection Committee, or other Committee that reports directly to Council is presented to Council to provide adequate opportunity for review, be waived in order to consider the Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees Report 23-013; Hamilton Renewable Power Inc. Shareholder Report 23-001; Hamilton Street Railway Shareholder Report 23-001; and Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees Report 23-014.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a 2/3rds vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR AGENCIES, BOARDS AND SUB-COMMITTEES REPORT 23-013
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(Cassar/Tadeson)

That Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees Report 23-013, being the meeting held on Monday, October 23, 2023, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Result: Motion on the Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees Report 23-013, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

- YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

HAMILTON RENEWABLE POWER INC. SHAREHOLDER REPORT 23-001
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(Hwang/Francis)

That Hamilton Renewable Power Inc. Shareholder Report 23-001, being the meeting held on Monday, October 23, 2023, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Result: Motion on the Hamilton Renewable Power Inc. Shareholder Report 23-001, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

- YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

HAMILTON STREET RAILWAY SHAREHOLDER REPORT 23-001

(Hwang/Francis)

That Hamilton Street Railway Shareholder Report 23-001, being the meeting held on Monday, October 23, 2023, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Result: Motion on the Hamilton Street Railway Shareholder Report 23-001, CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR AGENCIES, BOARDS AND SUB-COMMITTEES REPORT 23-014

(Cassar/Tadeson)

That Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees Report 23-014, being the meeting held on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Result: Motion on the Selection Committee for Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees Report 23-014, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

NOT PRESENT - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang

YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(Tadeson/A. Wilson)

That Council rise from Committee of the Whole.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

NOT PRESENT - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

MOTIONS

7.1 Requirement for Any Landfill Expansion Applications to Obtain Municipal Support

(Clark/Beattie)

WHEREAS, Bill 197 included a new *Environmental Assessment Act* section 6.0.1 in Part II which requires a private proponent of an undertaking to establish a landfilling site to obtain municipal support for the undertaking in accordance with that section; and

WHEREAS, this provision has unintentionally increased private proponent landfill expansions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City of Hamilton formally request an amendment to the Section 6.0.1 in Part II of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, to require private proponents to obtain municipal support for any landfill expansion applications.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

7.2 Waste Collection Fees for Condominium Communities located on Cul de Sacs

(Clark/Beattie)

WHEREAS, there is a policy directing City waste vehicle staff to not reverse from cul de sacs, etc;

WHEREAS, several condo communities in Ward 9 are required to retain private waste collectors due to this policy;

WHEREAS, the City's selected private waste company, GFL, has willingly entered into private agreements with these condo communities to remove their waste enabling GFL to reverse from any cul de sac with a safety person;

WHEREAS, condo communities were denied City pick-ups due to the no reversing rule;

WHEREAS, condo communities still pay the taxes for a City waste collection service as well as paying their private contractor given that the City has denied them this service; and

WHEREAS, the City's own contractor, GFL, is willing to safely pick up waste by reversing from cul de sacs with a safety person;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff report back to the Public Works Committee with a preferred options to either have the City compensate such condo boards for the denied service through tax credits which GFL then provides privately or to permit the City's contracted waste company, GFL, to reverse from cul de sacs with a safety person, ***but not limited to the above options.***

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

7.3 Request for the RCMP Investigation to Include the Decision to Expand the City of Hamilton's Urban Boundary by 2200 Hectares

(M. Wilson/Cassar)

WHEREAS the Auditor General of Ontario has stated that public trust and confidence relies on governments being able to demonstrate transparency in decision-making;

WHEREAS the Auditor General of Ontario determined that the decision-making process used by the Government of Ontario in the removal of lands from the Greenbelt in 2022 was not transparent, fair, objective or fully informed;

WHEREAS on late Friday afternoon, November 4, 2022, the same day the Government of Ontario announced that it would remove 2994 hectares in 15 different areas of the Greenbelt including the hectares from Hamilton, it also made public its decision to extend Hamilton's urban boundary by 2200 hectares

WHEREAS the unilateral decision by the Government of Ontario to extend Hamilton's urban boundary by 2200 hectares will result in the permanent loss of 1,630 to 2,190 hectares of largely prime agricultural areas, as well as impacts to natural heritage and water systems;

WHEREAS in July 2021, the City of Hamilton completed a city-wide survey of potential growth scenarios to accommodate forecasted population and employment growth and over 90% of approximately 18,000 survey respondents supported a firm urban boundary;

WHEREAS in November 2021, Hamilton City Council directed staff to implement the firm Urban Boundary scenario through official plan amendments which resulted in Official Plan Amendment No.167 to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan (“OPA 167”) and Official Plan Amendment No. 34 to the Rural Hamilton Official Plan (“OPA 34”);

WHEREAS J. David Wake, K.C. Integrity Commissioner of Ontario (Re: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Member of Provincial Parliament for Leeds– Grenville–Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes Toronto, Ontario August 30, 2023) described the Government of Ontario’s decision to open up Greenbelt lands to development as a “rushed and flawed process” that “paints a picture of a process marked by misinterpretation, unnecessary hastiness and deception”;

WHEREAS the former Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing’s decision which consisted of 77 modifications to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan, and 25 modifications to the Rural Hamilton Official Plan is final and not subject to appeal;

WHEREAS Integrity Commissioner Wake’s report details how a select group of lawyers and land development consultants were invited to a private meeting in Toronto and given the opportunity to sign off on the amendments to OPA 167 (and ROPA 34) but that Hamilton City staff were not consulted on the changes nor were city staff given an opportunity to review and respond to the proposed amendments;

WHEREAS the Provincial amendments to OPA 167 are not limited to OPA 167 but extend to changes never contemplated or considered by Hamilton City Council in approving OPA 167 and ROPA 34;

WHEREAS the RCMP should be taking into consideration the implications of impropriety within the Integrity Commissioner and Auditor General reports, when it refers to personal fundraising by the Minister’s family at a Stag and Doe; and

WHEREAS on October 10, 2023, the public was notified that the RCMP has launched an investigation into the Greenbelt land swap;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Hamilton City Council request that our Head of Council communicate with the Commissioner of the RCMP and any other necessary or appropriate body to request that the scope of the RCMP investigation into the Government of Ontario’s decision to open up the Greenbelt lands for development be extended to include the Government of Ontario’s decision to expand the City of Hamilton’s urban boundary by 2200 hectares.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

- YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
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- YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

7.4 Appointments to the Climate Change Advisory Committee - REVISED

(Tadeson/Spadafora)

That Councillor Cameron Kroetsch and Councillor Alex Wilson be appointed as Council's representative on the Climate Change Advisory Committee, for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Term of Council, effective immediately.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

- YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
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- YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
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- YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

7.5 Consideration For Non-Profit Child Care Centres To Be Exempted From Development Charges

(Hwang/Kroetsch)

WHEREAS, the Development Charges Stakeholder Sub-Committee is actively considering exemptions for the 2024 Development Charges By-Laws;

WHEREAS, non-profit child care centres that are operating under the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014*, are mostly dependent on outside and government funds and will typically not have built in reserves to fund development charges;

WHEREAS, many government grants and funds do not include development charges as an eligible expense;

WHEREAS, the goals of the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care agreement align with the City's Early Years Community plan focusing on equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging to ensure high quality, affordable and accessible child care is reflective of the children and families it serves;

WHEREAS, the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care agreement identified child care access as a priority and identified 1433 community-based licensed child care spaces as expansion targets for the City of Hamilton between the years 2022 to 2026;

WHEREAS, the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care agreement identifies an access rate goal of 37% (the ratio of child care spaces to children aged 0 to 5 years) by 2026 and current access rate for the City of Hamilton is 31%; and

WHEREAS, the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care funding guidelines state that municipalities are required to maintain the Ministry of Education threshold for child care spaces which is currently 80% non-profit and 20% for-profit in the City of Hamilton.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to consider an exemption for non-profit child care centres, operating under the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014* in the City's 2024 Development Charges By-laws.

(Danko/Clark)

- (a) That the motion respecting the Consideration For Non-Profit Child Care Centres To Be Exempted From Development Charges (Item 7.5), be REFERRED to the next Development Charges Stakeholder Sub-Committee meeting; and
- (b) That the Development Charges Stakeholder Sub-Committee also consider exempting Non-Profit Long Term Care Homes from Development Charges at their next meeting.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

7.6 Ward 2 Community Grants - Q4 2023 (Ward 2)**(Kroetsch/A. Wilson)**

WHEREAS City Council approved a motion to allocate Ward 2 Community Grants on August 18, 2023;

WHEREAS the Ward 2 Community Grants program closed for Q4 on September 30, 2023 with a total of 17 applications;

WHEREAS City staff in Financial Planning, Administration and Policy and Community Engagement - Grants reviewed the recommendations from the Ward 2 Community Grants program and found that they were all eligible; and

WHEREAS the following \$29,000 in 7 individual grants is the first part of the fulfillment of this round of the Ward 2 Community Grants program with additional grant recommendations coming forward in motions to City Council meetings in November 2023 from applications that are still under review.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That up to \$3,500 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (3302109200) to the Central Neighbourhood Association for costs associated with the Rejuvenation of the Central Neighbourhood Association community event;
- (b) That up to \$2,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (3302109200) to Central Presbyterian Church for artist fees for a free and accessible recital series and for website creation and hosting to stream concerts for those unable to attend;

- (c) That up to \$5,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (3302109200) to Centre[3] for the costs associated with the creation of a mural by a local artist in their makerspace and digital studio;
- (d) That up to \$5,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (3302109200) to Fratellanza Racalmutese to assist with the purchase of a new sign to advertise community events in the Central neighbourhood;
- (e) That up to \$5,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (3302109200) to the Mark Preece Family House for new mattresses for out of town families of patients being treated in Hamilton;
- (f) That up to \$5,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (3302109200) to the Steel City Inclusive Softball Association for their Health & Safety Program for equipment that improves the health, safety, and communication of players and officials;
- (g) That up to \$3,500 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (3302109200) to UNSHELTERED the Zine for publication costs and costs associated with a series of arts based drop in sessions with participants at the YWCA's Carole Anne's Place to prepare a winter issue of the zine;
- (h) That any funds allocated and distributed through the Ward 2 Community Grants Program be exempt on a one-time basis and not be counted toward any formula that restricts regular funding from the City including the City Enrichment Fund or the One-Time Enhancement Grant (e.g. the City's 30% formula); and
- (i) 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.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson

YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(Nann/Tadeson)

That Council recess for 30 minutes, until 12:50 p.m.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

7.7 Reconsideration of a decision that was approved at the May 10, 2023 Council meeting respecting Item 2 of the General Issues Committee Report 23-015, Better Homes Hamilton - Home Energy Retrofit Program (PED23106)

(Clark/McMeekin)

That Item 2 of General Issues Committee Report 23-015, respecting Better Homes Hamilton - Home Energy Retrofit Program (PED23106), which was approved by Council on May 10, 2023 and reads as follows, be reconsidered:

2. Better Homes Hamilton - Home Energy Retrofit Program (PED23106) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

- (a) That the “Better Homes Hamilton” program, based on the terms outlined in Appendix “A” to General Issues Committee Report 23-015, and subject to minor revisions authorized by the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development, be approved as the ‘Incubation Stage’ of Hamilton’s first home energy retrofit program;
- (b) That the “Better Homes Hamilton Detailed Study Design” attached as Appendix “B” to Report PED23106 be received;
- (c) That Planning and Economic Development Staff be directed to launch the ‘Incubation Stage’ of the Better Homes Hamilton program with a target to retrofit up to 50 homes before the end of 2024;

- (d) That staff be directed to establish a loan receivable on the City's balance sheet, not exceeding \$1,000,000 to record the corresponding liabilities regarding the long-term financing for the 'Incubation Stage' of the Better Homes Hamilton program;
- (e) That the costs for program administration, including loan loss provisions for the 'Incubation Stage' of the Better Homes Hamilton program as described in Report PED23106 and in Appendix "A" to General Issues Committee Report 23-015 be funded through the Climate Change Reserve Account 108062 with an upset limit of \$275,000 over two years;
- (f) That staff be directed to prepare and bring forward for Council approval a municipal by-law authorizing the Better Homes Hamilton program including the details on eligibility and providing authority to launch the energy efficiency works on private residential property as local improvements under the program; and,
- (g) That Staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee within 2 years of implementation of the 'Incubation Stage' of the Better Homes Hamilton Program with results and feasibility for scaling the program in terms of number of homes and expansion into the high-rise, commercial and/or industrial sectors.

Result: Motion DEFEATED by a 2/3 majority vote of 4 to 12, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
NO - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
NO - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
NO - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
NO - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
NO - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
NO - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
NO - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
NO - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
NO - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
NO - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
NO - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
NO - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

7.8 Public Notice respecting A By-Law to Authorize the Undertaking of Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Works on Private Residential Property as Local Improvements Under the Better Homes Hamilton Program

(Nann/M. Wilson)

WHEREAS, City of Hamilton staff have completed engagement with a variety of community organizations, citizens and subject matter experts throughout 2022 and 2023 on the development of the Better Homes Hamilton residential energy efficiency retrofit pilot program, and delegations were provided in support during General Issues Committee's May 3, 2023 meeting;

WHEREAS, the Better Homes Hamilton Pilot Program ("Program" was approved by the General Issues Committee (Report PED23106) on May 3, 2023 with a recommendation stating: "That staff be directed to prepare and bring forward for Council approval a municipal by-law authorizing the Program (the "By-law") including the details on eligibility and providing authority to launch the energy efficiency works on private residential property as local improvements under the program";

WHEREAS, Part III of Ontario Regulation 586/06, Local Improvement Charges - Priority Lien Status, enacted under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, authorizes a municipality to pass a by-law to undertake work on private property as a local improvement for the purpose of raising all or any part of the cost of the work by imposing special charges on lots upon which all or some part of the local improvement is or will be located;

WHEREAS, Section 36.5(2) of O. Reg. 586/06 states that the by-law may authorize the undertaking of works which satisfy the requirements of a municipal program for which the municipality has given notice under Section 36.6(2)(b) O. Reg. 586/06; WHEREAS, Part VI, Section 270 (1)(4) of *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001 gives the authority to a municipality to determine "the circumstances in which the municipality shall provide notice to the public and, if notice is to be provided, the form, manner and times notice shall be given;"

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's Public Notice By-law No. 07-351 Schedule A states: "Public notice required to advise of a minimum of one Committee meeting to consider the enactment of a fee or charge by-law. The notice shall specify when and where information in regard to such a by-law may be obtained;"; and further provides that the form, manner and time of the notice shall be "one notice published in a newspaper a minimum of 14 days prior to the Committee meeting";

WHEREAS, staff inadvertently recommended that the By-law be brought forward to Council for approval without first being considered by Council and Council approved this recommendation;

WHEREAS if the By-law is brought directly to Council for consideration notice cannot be provided in accordance with the requirements of By-law No. 07-351; and

WHEREAS, alternative notice can be provided because sub-clause 2(b)(iii) of Hamilton's Public Notice By-law No. 07-351 provides that Council can direct that other notice is to be given as Council considers adequate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Council under the authority of Hamilton's Public Notice By-law No. 07-351 sub-clause 2(b)(iii) direct staff in regard to the Better Homes Hamilton by-law to publicly post notice published in a newspaper and on the City's website a minimum of 14 days prior to the Council meeting, and that this be deemed adequate.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

7.9 Financial Impact of the Hamilton Renewable Power Inc.'s Losses on the City of Hamilton

(Clark/Hwang)

That City staff be directed to investigate the financial impact to the City of Hamilton should Hamilton Renewable Power Inc.'s losses continue, which would result in a wind up of the corporation and report back to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee in Q1 2024.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson

YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

7.10 Opposition to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Proposed Changes to its Approvals and Permissions Procedures for Waste Management Systems, Stormwater Management, and Water-Taking

(Nann/A. Wilson)

WHEREAS, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is proposing changes to its approvals and permissions procedures for waste management systems, stormwater management, and water-taking that are anticipated to weaken its regulatory oversight on activities which have the potential to cause significant adverse impacts to the natural environment and human health;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is committed partner in the protection and stewardship of the natural environment;

WHEREAS, the proposed changes are relevant to activities taking place in Hamilton such as transportation of biomedical, liquid industrial and hazardous waste. Under the proposed changes, hauling of some types of hazardous waste would be deemed a less complex activity and no longer require stricter oversight by the MECP via an Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) and instead only require self-registration with the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR);

WHEREAS, the ECA process involves MECP review and approval; meanwhile the EASR program shifts this responsibility completely to the facility;

WHEREAS, waste facilities in Hamilton are often located in clusters so while individually they may be seen to have lower potential impact, according to a past Environmental Commissioner report “low-risk facilities still produce impacts to the environment. Indeed the cumulative impacts of several low risk facilities located closely together (as they commonly are) can be significant”;

WHEREAS, the proposed changes include increased impacts on stormwater management due to more exemptions to drainage works for roadway and railway construction projects;

WHEREAS, the proposed changes would remove certain water-taking limits for construction dewatering projects that could compromise responsible management of Hamilton’s natural waterways;

WHEREAS, the proposed changes would remove the requirement for the MECP to notify Conservation Authorities, which monitor water budget and work with City of Hamilton to protect water, of water-taking activities that could affect their conservation areas;

WHEREAS, the Canadian Environmental Law Association has stated that “having a 700% increase of allowable water-taking without permits could have serious implications to watershed sustainability”; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes to reclassify specific permissions procedures will no longer include the right to public participation or appeals via the Environmental Bill of Rights or to public scrutiny via the Environmental Registry of Ontario;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to submit comments to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) at permissions.modernization@ontario.ca outlining concerns, impacts of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' proposed changes to its approvals and permissions procedures for waste management systems, stormwater management, and water-taking (ERO 019-6951; ERO 019-6853 ERO 019-6963 and ERO 019-6928) to the City of Hamilton and Hamilton residents by October 30, 2023;
- (b) That the submission to the ERO be available on the City's website; and
- (c) That Mayor Horwath write to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on behalf of Council to express opposition to the proposed changes to its approvals and permissions procedures for waste management systems, stormwater management, and water-taking, as they would negatively impact all residents of Hamilton.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

NOT PRESENT - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

7.11 Emergency Grant for the Emergency Food Strategic Planning Committee

(Jackson/Clark)

WHEREAS, Staff were directed to prepare an emergency grant of \$625k to the Emergency Food Strategic Planning Committee, for the October 25, 2023 meeting of Council meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That an emergency grant in the amount of \$ 625k to the Emergency Food Strategic Planning Committee be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve, 110046, be approved; and
- (b) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities be authorized to enter into and execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

7.12 ROMA 2024 Conference – January 21, 2024 to January 23, 2024

(Hwang/Tadeson)

- (a) That Councillors T. Hwang and M. Tadeson be selected as the City of Hamilton's representative at the ROMA 2024 Conference from January 21, 2024 to January 23, 2024; and,
- (b) That Council assumes all costs associated with Councillors T. Hwang's and M. Tadeson's attendance at ROMA 2024 Conference from the General Legislative Budget (300100).

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

7.13 198 First Road West Subdivision Phase 1 - Picardy Parkland Restoration Works

(Clark/Danko)

WHEREAS Paletta International (2000) Inc. is the developer of the 198 First Road West Subdivision (Phase 1) which includes an important new community amenity known as Picardy Park;

WHEREAS to advance the construction of Picardy Park, restoration works are required including the removal of excess soil, grading, and placing of No. 1 nursery sod;

WHEREAS an opportunity may exist for the City to work with the developer to expedite the restoration works and the delivery of the park, through which the developer would undertake the restoration works and the City would contribute a City share cost; and

WHEREAS the Growth Management Construction Section and Public Works Landscape Architectural Services will perform an inspection after the completion of all works to determine and confirm that all works have been completed to the satisfaction of the Director of Growth Management & Chief Development Engineer and the Director of Environmental Services;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Council authorize staff to single source Paletta International (2000) Inc, pursuant to Procurement Policy #11 – Non-competitive Procurements, to complete the City share of park restoration; and
- (b) That staff be directed to endorse and oversee the restoration works for the Picardy Park located within 198 First Road West Subdivision, Phase 1, and further, that City share costs up to a maximum amount of \$130,000.00 as related to the works be authorized to be paid to the developer, Paletta International (2000) Inc, to be funded through the S.C. Compensation Royalties (GFL Landfill) Reserve 117036.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko

YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
 YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
 YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
 YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
 YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
 YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
 YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

NOTICES OF MOTION

8.7 Reconsideration of a decision that was approved at the May 10, 2023 Council meeting respecting Item 2 of the General Issues Committee Report 23-015, Better Homes Hamilton - Home Energy Retrofit Program (PED23106)

(Clark/McMeekin)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Reconsideration of a decision that was approved at the May 10, 2023 Council meeting respecting Item 2 of the General Issues Committee Report 23-015, Better Homes Hamilton - Home Energy Retrofit Program (PED23106).

Result: Motion CARRIED by a 2/3rds vote of 9 to 4, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
 YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
 YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 NO - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
 NO - Mayor Andrea Horwath
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
 YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
 NO - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
 YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
 NO - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
 NOT PRESENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7.7.

8.1 Public Notice respecting A By-Law to Authorize the Undertaking of Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Works on Private Residential Property as Local Improvements Under the Better Homes Hamilton Program

(Nann/M. Wilson)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Public Notice respecting A By-Law to Authorize the Undertaking of Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Works on Private Residential Property as Local Improvements Under the Better Homes Hamilton Program.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a 2/3rds vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7.8.

8.2 Financial Impact of the Hamilton Renewable Power Inc.'s Losses on the City of Hamilton**(Clark/Hwang)**

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting the Financial Impact of the Hamilton Renewable Power Inc.'s Losses on the City of Hamilton

Result: Motion CARRIED by a 2/3rds vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7.9.

8.3 Opposition to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Proposed Changes to its Approvals and Permissions Procedures for Waste Management Systems, Stormwater Management, and Water-Taking

(Nann/A. Wilson)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Opposition to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Proposed Changes to its Approvals and Permissions Procedures for Waste Management Systems, Stormwater Management, and Water-Taking.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a 2/3rds vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

NOT PRESENT - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7.10.

8.4 Emergency Grant for the Emergency Food Strategic Planning Committee

(Jackson/Clark)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting an Emergency Grant for the Emergency Food Strategic Planning Committee.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a 2/3rds vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

NOT PRESENT - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis

YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7.11.

8.5 ROMA 2024 Conference – January 21, 2024 to January 23, 2024

(Hwang/Tadeson)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting the ROMA 2024 Conference – January 21, 2024 to January 23, 2024.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a 2/3rds vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7.12.

8.6 198 First Road West Subdivision Phase 1 - Picardy Parkland Restoration Works

(Clark/Danko)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting 198 First Road West Subdivision Phase 1 - Picardy Parkland Restoration Works.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a 2/3rds vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie

- YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7.13.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION UPDATES

(Tadeson/A. Wilson)

That the listing of Council Communication Updates from October 6, 2023 to October 19, 2023, be received.

Result: Motion on the Council Communication Updates from October 6, 2023 to October 19, 2023 CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

- YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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- YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**(Pauls/Tadeson)**

That Council move into Closed Session to discuss Item 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3 respecting the Appointments to the Property Standards Committee for the 2022-2026 Council Term, Appointments to Various Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees for the 2022-2026 Council Term and ATU Local 107 Collective Bargaining Update pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-section (b) and (d) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (b) and (d) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to the personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City or local board employees and labour relations and employee negotiations.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

11.1 Appointments to the Property Standards Committee for the 2022-2026 Council Term**(Cassar/Tadeson)**

That the following citizens be appointed to the Property Standards Committee for the 2022-2026 Council Term commencing October 25, 2023, and until the end of that term, on October 26, 2026:

1. Eberhard, Ernest
2. Kuchmistrz, Janek
3. Largo, Marvin
4. Lofchik, Thomas
5. Neal, Amy

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
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YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

11.2 Appointments to the Various Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees for the 2022-2026 Council Term

(Cassar/Tadeson)

That the following citizens be appointed to the following Agencies, Boards and Sub-Committees for the 2022-2026 Council Term commencing October 25, 2023, and until the end of that term, on October 26, 2026:

(a) CityHousing Hamilton Corporation Board of Directors:

1. Plug-Buist, Alice
2. Andrus, Karl
3. Griffith, Christine
4. Harris, Adriana

(b) Knowles Bequest Trust:

1. Chin, Michelle
2. Nowak, Stan
3. Edwards, Doug
4. Saunders, Jeff

(c) Glanbrook Landfill Coordinating Committee:

1. Akparah, Chinomnso
2. Freeman, Allan
3. O'Connor, Sherry
4. Smith, Brian

(d) Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Task Force:

1. Caplette, Helen
2. Roe, Karen
3. Wakeford, Elizabeth

(e) Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee:

1. Burke, Karen
2. Carroll, Graham
3. Denham-Robinson, Alissa
4. Douglas, Andrew
5. Lunsted, Lyn
6. MacLaren, Andy
7. Spolnik, Stefan

(f) Heritage Permit Review Sub-Committee:

1. Burke, Karen
2. Carroll, Graham
3. Douglas, Andrew
4. LaRose, Matthew
5. MacLaren, Andy
6. McGirr, Katie
7. Priamo, Carol
8. Wiegand, Steve

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

- YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
- YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath
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- YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

11.3 ATU Local 107 Collective Bargaining Update

(Spadafora/McMeekin)

That the ATU Local 107 Collective Bargaining Update, be received and remain confidential.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

- YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
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BY-LAWS AND CONFIRMING BY-LAW

(Tadeson/A. Wilson)

That Bills No. 23-200 to No. 23-205, be passed and that the Corporate Seal be affixed thereto, and that the By-laws, be numbered, be signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk to read as follows:

- 200 To Designate Property Located at 64 Hatt Street, Dundas, City of Hamilton as Property of Cultural Heritage Value
Ward: 13
- 201 To Establish City of Hamilton Land Described as Part of Lots 15 and 16, Block U, Registered Plan 395, designated as Part 1 on Plan 62R-22214 as Part of Barton Street East
Ward: 4
- 202 To Amend Zoning By-law No. 05-200 with Respect to Lands Located at 851 Lawrence Road, Hamilton
ZAC-23-040
Ward: 4
- 203 To Amend Zoning By-law No. 05-200 Respecting Lands Located at 527 James Street North, Hamilton
ZAC-23-038
Ward: 2
- 204 To Amend Zoning By-law No. 05-200 Respecting Lands Located at 12 Louisa Street, Flamborough
ZAR-22-004
Ward: 13
- 205 To Confirm the Proceedings of City Council

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

- YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
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- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(Pauls/Tadeson)

That, there being no further business, City Council be adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 16 to 0, as follows:

- YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
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- YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Andrea Horwath

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Acting City Clerk

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Town of Rainy River

RESOLUTION

MOVED BY  DATE: October 10, 2023

SECONDED BY  RESOLUTION: 23-020

“WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River is a small community in Northwestern Ontario with limited financial resources;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Rainy River owns and operates the water treatment facilities, water distribution facilities, wastewater treatment facilities and wastewater collection facilities which service the residents of the Town of Rainy River;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Rainy River requires Class II Water Treatment Operators for its facilities;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River attempts to provide training as prescribed by the Province of Ontario to obtain the necessary classification(s);

AND WHEREAS the Town of Rainy River has been fortunate in obtaining a full staff compliment eager to take on the responsibilities of water treatment and distribution and wastewater collection and treatment operations;

AND WHEREAS any new employees of the Town of Rainy River require certification;

AND WHEREAS training is becoming increasingly difficult to procure;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has implemented stringent review of water treatment plants to ensure compliance;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is promoting and providing an increased number of training opportunities for a variety of trades;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River petitions the Province of Ontario to expand water treatment training opportunities for communities within Ontario;

AND FURTHER the training be delivered in a method that is flexible and affordable;

AND FURTHER utilize existing networks, such as Contact North, for on-line exam preparation and exam supervision;

AND FURTHER the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River forward copies of this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks Andrea Khanjin, MPP Greg Rickford, Walkerton Clean Water Centre, Ontario Municipalities.”

ABSTAIN _____
AYES _____
NAYES _____

D. ARMSTRONG _____
D. EWALD _____
J. HAGARTY _____
B. HELGESON _____
N. IVALL _____
M. KREGER _____
G. PROST _____

CARRIED _____ ✓
DEFEATED _____


MAYOR OR ACTING MAYOR



Pilon, Janet

From: Carson, Katie
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 12:50 PM
To: Carson, Katie
Subject: File001
Attachments: Assessment of Bill 134 - Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act.pdf

From: Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. <info@watsonecon.ca>
Sent: October 23, 2023 5:51 PM
Subject: Assessment of Bill 134 (Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act)

Good afternoon,

We are writing to inform you of proposed changes to the *Development Charges Act* and the *Planning Act*, introduced through Bill 134 (*Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act, 2023*). Bill 134 proposes to amend the definition of an “affordable residential unit” for the purpose of exempting such developments from the payment of development charges, community benefits charges, and parkland dedication.

The attached letter provides a summary of the proposed changes along with our commentary on the matter. We will also be submitting this commentary in a formal response to the Province and intend to present to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy.

Upon receiving this, if you have any questions regarding Bill 134, we would be pleased to discuss them with you further at your convenience.

Best regards,
 Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.

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October 23, 2023

To Our Municipal Clients:

Re: Assessment of Bill 134, *Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act, 2023*

On behalf of our many municipal clients, we are writing to inform you of the Ontario Legislature's proposed changes to the *Development Charges Act* (D.C.A.) and the *Planning Act*, under Bill 134 (*Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act*). These proposed changes are with respect to the definition of an "affordable residential unit" for the purpose of exempting such developments from the payment of development charges (D.C.), community benefits charges (C.B.C.) and parkland dedication. The following comments will be included in our formal response to the Province, which we also intend to present to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy (Standing Committee) on November 15/16, 2023.

1. Introduction

The exemptions for affordable residential units were included in the *More Homes Built Faster Act* (Bill 23), enacted by the Province on November 28, 2022. Under this legislation, affordable residential units were defined within subsection 4.1 of the D.C.A. and exemptions for D.C., C.B.C. and parkland dedication were provided in respect of this definition. While the legislation was enacted in November 2022, the ability for municipalities to implement the exemptions required the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to publish an "Affordable Residential Units for the Purposes of the Development Charges Act, 1997 Bulletin." This bulletin would inform average market rent and purchase price to be used in determining which developments qualify as affordable residential units. At the time of writing, this bulletin had not been published by the Minister.

The proposed legislation was posted to the Environmental Registry of Ontario on September 28, 2023 (ERO 019-7669). The 30-day comment period closes on October 28, 2023. Bill 134 has received Second Reading in the legislature (October 4, 2023) and has been ordered referred to the Standing Committee.

2. Proposed Amendments to the D.C.A.

The definition proposed under Bill 134 modifies the affordable residential unit definition by:

- introducing an income-based test for affordable rent and purchase price; and
- increasing the threshold for the market test of affordable rent and purchase price.



The proposed amendment would provide the exemption based on the lesser of the two measures. Moreover, the rules in subsection 4.1 of the D.C.A. are unchanged with respect to:

- the tenant and purchaser transacting the affordable unit being at arm’s length;
- the intent of maintaining the affordable residential unit definition for a 25-year period, requiring an agreement with the municipality (which may be registered on title); and
- exemptions for attainable residential units and associated rules (requiring further regulations).

The following table provides a comparison of the current definitions within the D.C.A. and those being proposed in Bill 134 (underlining added for emphasis).

Item	D.C.A. Definition	Bill 134 Definition
Affordable residential unit rented (subsection 4.1 (2), para. 1)	The rent is no greater than <u>80 per cent of the average market rent</u> , as determined in accordance with subsection (5).	The rent is no greater than <u>the lesser of</u> , i. the <u>income-based affordable rent</u> for the residential unit set out in the Affordable Residential Units bulletin, as identified by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in accordance with subsection (5), and ii. the <u>average market rent</u> identified for the residential unit set out in the Affordable Residential Units bulletin.
Average market rent/rent based on income (subsection 4.1 (5)) for the purposes of subsection 4.1 (2), para. 1	the <u>average market rent for the year in which the residential unit is occupied by a tenant</u> , as identified in the bulletin entitled the “Affordable Residential Units for the Purposes of the Development Charges Act, 1997 Bulletin.”	The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing shall, (a) determine the <u>income of a household</u> that, in the Minister’s opinion, is <u>at the 60th percentile of gross annual incomes for renter households in the applicable local municipality</u> ; and (b) identify the <u>rent</u> that, in the Minister’s opinion, is <u>equal to 30 per cent of the income of the household</u> referred to in clause (a).



Item	D.C.A. Definition	Bill 134 Definition
Affordable residential unit ownership (subsection 4.1 (3), para. 1)	The price of the residential unit is no greater than <u>80 per cent of the average purchase price</u> , as determined in accordance with subsection (6).	The price of the residential unit is no greater than <u>the lesser of</u> , i. the <u>income-based affordable purchase price</u> for the residential unit set out in the Affordable Residential Units bulletin, as identified by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in accordance with subsection (6), and ii. <u>90 per cent of the average purchase price</u> identified for the residential unit set out in the Affordable Residential Units bulletin.
Average market purchase price/purchase price based on income (subsection 4.1 (6)) for the purposes of subsection 4.1 (3), para. 1	the <u>average purchase price for the year in which the residential unit is sold</u> , as identified in the bulletin entitled the “Affordable Residential Units for the Purposes of the Development Charges Act, 1997 Bulletin,” as it is amended from time to time, that is published by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on a website of the Government of Ontario.	the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing shall, (a) determine the <u>income of a household</u> that, in the Minister’s opinion, is at the <u>60th percentile of gross annual incomes for households in the applicable local municipality</u> ; and (b) identify the <u>purchase price</u> that, in the Minister’s opinion, <u>would result in annual accommodation costs equal to 30 per cent of the income of the household</u> referred to in clause (a)

3. Illustration of the Proposed Amendment

The proposed definition of an affordable residential unit is generally consistent with the 2020 Provincial Policy Statement (P.P.S.) and considers both income-based and market-price approaches to derive an affordable housing definition for both rental and ownership housing units. This is in contrast to the current D.C.A. definition implemented through Bill 23, which is solely based on the market-price approach.



The following provides an illustrative example of the two approaches and how the application of the affordable residential unit definitions would differ for rental and ownership housing. This example uses 2022 data for the Kingston regional market area. Note, this example is meant to be illustrative and uses data from the P.P.S. Housing Tables. The source of data to be used by the Province for the Affordable Residential Units bulletin, and the level of data disaggregation (by geography and unit type) has not yet been specified.

We have also provided, in an appendix, the P.P.S. Housing Tables for 2022 that may be of assistance to you in undertaking a similar analysis. The information in the appendix includes household income data for all households and renter households, as well as average resale house prices and rents.

3.1 Rental Housing Example

Applying the proposed affordable residential unit definition under Bill 134 for the Kingston regional market area:

- The average annual household income for renter households in the 60th percentile in 2022 was \$68,900.
- 30% of this annual household income is \$20,670 or \$1,720 per month.
- The average market rent is \$1,390 per month.
- 80% of the average market rent is \$1,120 per month.
- Under the proposed definition, affordable residential units with a rental rate of \$1,390 per month or less would be exempt from D.C.s. This rental threshold is 25% (or \$278/month) higher than the current D.C.A. definition, which would establish this rental threshold at \$1,112 per month.

Proposed Bill 134 D.C.A. Definition (October 2023)

Lesser of a) or b) of the following

a) the income-based affordable rent based on 60 th percentile average household income \$68,900.	\$1,720 (1)
b) average market rent identified for the residential unit.	\$1,390 (2)
Affordable Rental Unit (max. rent)	\$1,390

Current D.C.A. Definition (More Homes Built Faster Act)

Where rent is no more than 80% of the average market rent	\$1,112 (2)
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Affordable Rental Unit (max. rent)	\$1,112
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Notes:

(1) Provincial Policy Statement Housing Table - Table 3: Renter Household Incomes and Affordable Rents, 2022

(2) Provincial Policy Statement Housing Table - Table 4. Average Rent by Bedroom Count



3.2 Ownership Housing Example

Applying the proposed affordable residential unit definition under Bill 134 for the Kingston regional market area:

- The average annual household income for all households in the 60th percentile in 2022 was \$108,300.
- Annual accommodation costs equal to 30% of this annual household income (\$108,300 x 0.3 /12 = \$2,708) represent the carrying cost per month derived from typical monthly mortgage costs, property taxes, and mortgage insurance costs.^[1] This calculation equates to a purchase price of \$372,500.
- 90% of the average purchase price is \$523,500 (based on an average resale house price of \$581,700).
- 80% of the average purchase price is \$465,360.
- Under the proposed definition, affordable residential units purchased at \$372,500 or less would be exempt from D.C.s. This purchase price threshold is approximately 20% (or \$92,860) lower than under the current D.C.A. definition, which would establish the purchase price at \$465,360.

Proposed Bill 134 D.C.A. Definition (October 2023)

Lesser of a) or b) of the following

a) the income-based affordable purchase price based on 60 th income percentile household income of \$108,300.	\$372,500 (1)
b) 90% of the average purchase price.	\$523,500 (2)
Affordable Ownership Unit (max. purchase price)	\$372,500

Current D.C.A. Definition (More Homes Built Faster Act)

Where the price of the unit is no more than 80% of the average purchase price.	\$465,360 (2)
Affordable Ownership Unit (max. purchase price)	\$465,360

Notes:

(1) Provincial Policy Statement Housing Table - Table 1: All Households Incomes and Affordable House Prices, 2022

(2) Provincial Policy Statement Housing Table - Table 2: Average Resale House Price and 10% Below Average Resale Price, 2022

4. Comments on the Proposed Amendment

In comparison to the current D.C.A. definition of affordable residential units, the following observations are provided:

^[1] Mortgage payments based on a 25-year mortgage at 4.79% interest rate and 5% down payment. Estimated monthly property taxes = 0.125% of house value. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation mortgage loan insurance premium = 4.0% of loan amount. It is not yet clear if/to what extent these align with “accommodation costs” to be considered for the purposes of the income-based test proposed in Bill 134.



- The refined definition of affordable residential units presented in Bill 134 aligns with the income-based approach utilized in the 2020 P.P.S. This, in contrast to the current market-based approach, better aligns with how a number of municipalities define affordable developments in their housing strategies. However, as provided in our comments on Bill 23, while it is an admirable goal to create additional affordable housing units, further D.C., C.B.C., and parkland exemptions will continue to provide further financial burdens on municipalities to fund these exemptions.
- Based on the P.P.S. Housing Tables provided in the appendix:
 - The rent at which a residential unit would be considered affordable is higher under the Bill 134 proposal, compared to the current D.C.A. definition. This would imply that more rental units would receive the exemption relative to the wording provided in Bill 23, providing a greater incentive for affordable rental units.
 - Based on the information contained in this data source, the income test appears to be irrelevant for rental units, as market rent is consistently lower than the affordable rent (based on 60th percentile average household income) across all regional market areas.
 - Conversely, the affordability threshold for ownership housing units, exhibited in this data source, would generally appear to be lower when applying the income-based approach. As a result, Bill 134 is anticipated to incentivize purpose-built rental units over ownership housing.
 - Moreover, this would appear to provide exemptions for ownership affordable residential units that are more aligned with household income than market value.
 - It should also be noted that, based on the provincial average in the data tables, average market purchase prices are approximately double the affordable purchase prices. Based on this observation, only very small residential units, such as studio-type condominium units, may be priced at a point where they would qualify for the affordable residential units exemption. This would mean that establishing affordability using averages across all unit types may not help address the problem of “missing middle”^[1] housing, which would typically be geared towards families.

[1] The “missing middle” describes a range of medium-density housing types between single-detached houses and apartment buildings. This includes a range of multi-unit or clustered housing types compatible in scale with single-family homes that help meet the growing demand for walkable urban living, such as duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, rowhouses, and townhouses. Source: [https://www.evergreen.ca/downloads/pdfs/2018/What is the Missing Middle Evergreen CUI s2.pdf](https://www.evergreen.ca/downloads/pdfs/2018/What%20is%20the%20Missing%20Middle%20Evergreen%20CUI%20s2.pdf)



- The proposed definition considers local income in addition to market prices. While the definition clearly identifies that annual incomes for households within the “applicable local municipality” will be used in the income-based test, the local municipality does not appear in the average market rent/purchase price definition. Concerns about the geographic scope of the bulletin and potential implications across local municipalities due to variations in income levels still remain.
- The income level is set at the 60th percentile of gross annual income in the applicable local municipality, distinguishing between renter households and all other households. The basis for determination of gross annual income is not provided in the legislation and will be informed by the Minister’s bulletin.
- For affordable households, the rent would be established at 30% of income, and purchase price at accommodation costs equal to 30% of income. A definition of accommodation costs is not provided in the legislation and will be informed by the Minister’s bulletin. The basis for calculating accommodation costs is unclear, and carrying costs need to reflect representative costs of home ownership, including typical mortgage costs, property taxes, and property insurance, as well as condominium fees, where applicable.
- The basis for market rents and purchase prices will be required. Many municipalities utilize Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation data for establishing average market rents in affordable housing strategies. As noted earlier, it is unclear from the legislation how the average market rents and purchase prices will be determined.
- As currently written, the legislation is unclear if market rent and purchase price will be determined using overall averages or averages disaggregated by dwelling unit type or size. Establishing average rents and purchase prices using overall averages across all dwelling unit types will provide higher average values than those established by dwelling unit type and size, which would have greater exemption implications for municipalities with a larger amount of high-density development. As noted earlier, this approach would also tend to favour smaller condominium units, which would more likely meet the affordability threshold, in contrast to larger family sized units, which would likely not qualify for D.C. exemptions.
- Subsections 4.1 (5) and (6) of the D.C.A. currently identify the market rent/purchase price in the year the unit is occupied/sold as identified in the bulletin. This would appear to indicate an annual publication of the bulletin. The proposed definition of the “affordable residential units bulletin” does not imply an annual publication. The timing for publishing the bulletin should be clarified.
- The market test proposed in the definition is increased from 80% of average market rent/purchase price under the D.C.A. currently, to average market rent and 90% of the average market purchase price.



- The D.C.A. defines “rental housing development” for the purposes of the mandatory instalment payments in section 26.1 of the D.C.A. and the discounts for rental housing development in section 26.2. Affordable residential rental units within subsection 4.1 (2) are not specifically defined as rental housing development and, therefore, it does not appear that there is a requirement for those units to be in a building or structure with four or more units.
- The introduction of the income test for affordable residential units will increase municipal administration costs of agreements and the requirement to ensure these units remain affordable over a 25-year period. These administrative burdens will be cumbersome and will need to be monitored and coordinated by both upper-tier and lower-tier municipalities. Further clarification is required with respect to:
 - The parties to the agreement (e.g., developer vs. builder vs. owner);
 - The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing establishing standard forms of agreement, as provided under subsection 4.1 (12); and
 - Reporting requirements and onus (i.e., should the municipality reach out to the parties of each agreement or should the parties to the agreement be required to report to the municipality?).

As summarized above, there are several concerns and areas of clarification that Watson will be advancing in our submission through the Environmental Registry of Ontario. Watson will also be seeking an opportunity to speak as a delegation to the Standing Committee to provide our concerns on behalf of our municipal clients.

We will continue to monitor the progress of Bill 134 through the legislature and will continue to keep our clients informed of any changes. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours very truly,

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Appendix

Table 2: 10% Below Average Resale Price, 2022

Regional Market Area	Average Resale Price 2022	10% Below Average Resale Price 2022
Ontario	\$813,000	\$731,700
City of Toronto	\$1,146,500	\$1,031,800
Central	\$1,030,100	\$927,100
Regional Municipality of Durham	\$893,000	\$803,700
Regional Municipality of Halton	\$1,206,300	\$1,085,700
City of Hamilton	\$805,100	\$724,600
District Municipality of Muskoka	\$920,800	\$828,700
Regional Municipality of Niagara	\$667,700	\$601,000
Regional Municipality of Peel	\$1,052,500	\$947,300
County of Simcoe	\$791,500	\$712,300
Regional Municipality of York	\$1,271,000	\$1,143,900
Eastern	\$536,800	\$483,100
City of Cornwall	\$384,400	\$345,900
County of Hastings	\$495,000	\$445,500
City of Kawartha Lakes	\$671,100	\$604,000
City of Kingston	\$581,700	\$523,500
County of Lanark	\$520,300	\$468,200
UC of Leeds and Grenville	\$470,000	\$423,000
County of Lennox and Addington	\$638,700	\$574,800
County of Northumberland	\$673,300	\$606,000
City of Ottawa	\$670,900	\$603,800
City of Peterborough	\$675,200	\$607,700
UC of Prescott and Russell	\$462,400	\$416,200
County of Renfrew	\$399,600	\$359,700
Southwestern	\$650,900	\$585,800
City of Brantford	\$672,400	\$605,200
County of Bruce	\$589,500	\$530,500
Municipality of Chatham-Kent	\$410,900	\$369,800
County of Dufferin	\$923,900	\$831,500
County of Grey	\$712,200	\$641,000
County of Huron	\$569,700	\$512,700
County of Lambton	\$527,000	\$474,300
City of London	\$621,600	\$559,400
County of Norfolk	\$626,900	\$564,200
County of Oxford	\$639,000	\$575,100
City of St. Thomas	\$558,400	\$502,600
City of Stratford	\$609,000	\$548,100
Regional Municipality of Waterloo	\$754,800	\$679,300
County of Wellington	\$830,400	\$747,400
City of Windsor	\$523,400	\$471,000
Northeastern	\$375,800	\$338,200
Algoma DSAB	\$256,700	\$231,000
Cochrane DSSAB	\$254,400	\$229,000
City of Greater Sudbury	\$414,600	\$373,100
Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB	\$332,800	\$299,500
Nipissing DSSAB	\$393,800	\$354,400
Parry Sound DSSAB	\$692,300	\$623,100
Sault Ste. Marie DSSAB	\$312,600	\$281,300
Timiskaming DSSAB	\$246,300	\$221,700
Northwestern	\$322,500	\$290,300
Kenora DSSAB	\$356,400	\$320,800
Rainy River DSSAB	\$247,800	\$223,000
Thunder Bay DSSAB	\$320,400	\$288,300

Source: Real Property Solutions House Price Index

Note: The average resale price may be influenced, particularly in smaller areas, by the number and type of house resales.

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Average Apartment Rents, Ontario, 2022

Table 4. Average Rent by Bedroom Count

Regional Market Area	Bachelor Rent	1 Bedroom Rent	2 Bedroom Rent	3 Bedroom Rent	4+ Bedroom Rent	Total Bedroom Rent
Ontario	\$1,179	\$1,350	\$1,555	\$1,835	\$2,549	\$1,470
City of Toronto	\$1,316	\$1,537	\$1,811	\$2,083	\$2,633	\$1,673
Central	\$1,297	\$1,514	\$1,754	\$2,014	\$2,425	\$1,644
Regional Municipality of Durham	\$1,074	\$1,284	\$1,460	\$1,662	**	\$1,425
Regional Municipality of Halton	\$1,145	\$1,510	\$1,784	\$1,910	**	\$1,696
City of Hamilton	\$919	\$1,142	\$1,334	\$1,486	**	\$1,238
District Municipality of Muskoka	\$814	\$965	\$1,203	\$1,281	**	\$1,143
Regional Municipality of Niagara	\$858	\$1,071	\$1,260	\$1,389	**	\$1,199
Regional Municipality of Peel	\$1,148	\$1,484	\$1,666	\$1,849	\$1,768	\$1,601
County of Simcoe	\$985	\$1,226	\$1,430	\$1,572	**	\$1,338
Regional Municipality of York	\$1,048	\$1,383	\$1,539	\$1,881	**	\$1,489
Eastern	\$1,078	\$1,273	\$1,485	\$1,694	\$2,773	\$1,381
City of Cornwall	\$780	\$825	\$1,003	\$1,035	**	\$941
County of Hastings	\$913	\$1,109	\$1,295	\$1,579	**	\$1,245
City of Kawartha Lakes	\$777	\$1,070	\$1,292	\$1,294	**	\$1,169
Haliburton County	**	**	**	**	**	**
City of Kawartha Lakes + Haliburton County	\$777	\$1,070	\$1,292	\$1,294	**	\$1,169
City of Kingston	\$975	\$1,211	\$1,472	\$1,624	**	\$1,390
County of Lanark	**	\$900	\$1,119	**	**	\$982
UC of Leeds and Grenville	\$767	\$912	\$1,141	\$1,161	**	\$1,066
County of Lennox and Addington	**	\$913	\$989	**	**	\$955
Prince Edward Division	**	\$1,024	\$1,124	**	**	\$1,089
County of Lennox & Addington + Prince Edward Division	**	\$943	\$1,042	**	**	\$1,002
County of Northumberland	**	\$1,231	\$1,650	\$1,756	**	\$1,544
City of Ottawa	\$1,122	\$1,348	\$1,633	\$1,865	**	\$1,462
City of Peterborough	\$873	\$1,090	\$1,339	\$1,517	**	\$1,244
UC of Prescott and Russell	\$501	\$680	\$1,131	**	**	\$1,014
County of Renfrew	\$508	\$879	\$1,066	**	**	\$1,028
Southwestern	\$888	\$1,132	\$1,354	\$1,472	**	\$1,261
City of Brantford	\$885	\$1,165	\$1,259	\$1,326	**	\$1,233
County of Bruce	**	\$1,054	\$1,409	\$1,488	**	\$1,324
Municipality of Chatham-Kent	\$867	\$954	\$1,088	\$1,058	**	\$1,036
County of Dufferin	**	\$1,269	\$1,455	\$1,588	**	\$1,372
County of Grey	\$742	\$931	\$1,069	\$1,145	**	\$1,019
County of Huron	**	\$787	\$948	**	**	\$877
County of Lambton	\$873	\$1,011	\$1,221	\$1,554	**	\$1,142
City of London	\$863	\$1,127	\$1,400	\$1,617	**	\$1,291
County of Norfolk	\$610	\$882	\$1,021	**	**	\$979
County of Oxford	\$886	\$1,161	\$1,384	\$1,468	**	\$1,311
City of St. Thomas	\$790	\$1,042	\$1,292	**	**	\$1,208
City of Stratford	\$743	\$1,257	\$1,350	\$1,434	**	\$1,310
Regional Municipality of Waterloo	\$1,075	\$1,245	\$1,469	\$1,631	**	\$1,398
County of Wellington	\$989	\$1,324	\$1,490	\$1,504	**	\$1,424
City of Windsor	\$791	\$1,010	\$1,174	\$1,316	**	\$1,065
Northeastern	\$751	\$914	\$1,151	\$1,281	**	\$1,064
Algoma District	\$741	\$880	\$1,009	\$964	**	\$958
Algoma DSSAB	\$741	\$880	\$1,009	\$964	**	\$958
Cochrane DSSAB	\$570	\$944	\$1,062	\$1,120	**	\$1,004
City of Greater Sudbury	\$796	\$930	\$1,254	\$1,472	**	\$1,135
Manitoulin District	**	**	**	**	**	**
Sudbury District	**	**	**	**	**	**
Manitoulin - Sudbury DSSAB	**	**	**	**	**	**
Nipissing DSSAB	\$674	\$905	\$1,116	\$1,311	**	\$1,040
Parry Sound DSSAB	**	**	**	**	**	**
City of Sault Ste. Marie	\$746	\$917	\$1,087	\$1,005	**	\$1,015
Timiskaming DSSAB	**	**	**	**	**	**
Northwestern	\$751	\$956	\$1,168	\$1,446	**	\$1,084
Kenora DSSAB	**	\$836	\$1,008	**	**	\$911
Rainy River DSSAB	**	**	**	**	**	**
Thunder Bay DSSAB	\$757	\$964	\$1,175	\$1,457	**	\$1,094

Source: CMHC, Rental Market Survey, October 2022

** Data suppressed to protect confidentiality, not statistically reliable or not available

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— **OBCM** —
Ontario's Big City Mayors

Motion - Consideration for Building Faster Fund Eligibility Requirements

Moved by Mayor Shaun Collier - Ajax

WHEREAS the Building Faster Fund (BFF) was announced on August 21, 2023, to commit \$1.2 billion over three years to support housing-enabling infrastructure and other related costs that support community growth to municipalities that reach at least 80 per cent of their annual housing targets;

AND WHEREAS OBCM sees the Building Faster Fund as a housing accelerator incentive program and not a resolution to the discussion of being made whole for any municipal costs or shortfalls associated with other provincial government legislation/regulations;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) has indicated that they will not count a housing start toward the target until a developer pulls the permit;

AND WHEREAS municipalities can fast track approvals, but do not build homes;

AND WHEREAS due to issues beyond the control of municipalities (high interest rates, mounting material costs, labour shortages, utilities etc.), the pulling of permits by developers may be stalled;

AND WHEREAS the ministry's method of counting housing starts will directly impact municipalities' ability to reach the housing targets required to access much needed funding;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) have advocated for a collaborative approach to building homes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

OBCM send the attached letter (ATT-1) to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Paul Calandra, outlining concerns about the BFF eligibility criteria and requests municipal participation in the creation of new the eligibility criteria; and that

A copy of this motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all OBCM members.



— **OBCM** —
Ontario's Big City Mayors

The Honourable Paul Calandra

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

minister.mah@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Calandra,

On behalf of Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) I want to thank your government for the creation of the Building Faster Fund (BFF) to help Ontario municipalities meet our housing targets. These funds are essential for our 29 member municipalities to be able to provide the servicing and infrastructure needed to meet our housing goals by 2031.

OBCM is pleased to see the commitment of \$1.2 billion dollars over the next three years in the Building Faster Fund, but we have concerns about the eligibility criteria in place to access these funds.

The Ministry has indicated that it will not count a housing start until a developer pulls the permit. While municipalities can fast track approvals, they do not build homes. Due to issues beyond our control (high interest rates, mounting material costs, labour shortages, etc.), developers have stalled the pulling of many of these permits. This directly impacts our member municipalities' ability to reach the annual housing target required to access this much needed funding.

These issues were also the focus of the recent housing report *Working Together to Build 1.5 Million Homes* (attached to this letter), released by Dr. Mike Moffatt's the PLACE Centre in collaboration with OBCM. In this report, we ask the Province of Ontario to bring all members of the home building process together (e.g., all three levels of government, developers, builders, labour, the higher education sector, the financial services industry, and not-for-profit groups) to create a mutually agreeable plan to reach our shared goal of building 1.5 million homes. It is critical that this plan includes an accountability framework for identifying the barriers to building, and a schedule of annual meetings to allow for us to work together to find solutions for housing delays.

We have heard from our membership on this and understand that you have as well, including most recently a letter from Mayor Shaun Collier from the Town of Ajax.

We all share the same goal; to build more homes for our residents. We hope that you and the Premier, the Honourable Doug Ford, will consider this issue and include the municipal sector in discussions on changes to the eligibility criteria for the Building Faster Fund, and consider our perspective as you look at how to best support municipalities and our joint effort to move the housing portfolio forward.



— **OBCM** —
Ontario's Big City Mayors

Thank you again for your collaborative approach to getting homes built and for your recognition that local leaders are best positioned to make growth decisions for their communities.

Sincerely,

Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor of Burlington

Chair, Ontario's Big City Mayors

cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Hon. Rob Flack, Associate Minister of Housing



Motion on Anti Auto Theft Program

Moved by Councillor Paul Vicente on behalf of Mayor Patrick Brown - Brampton

Whereas in Ontario, there has been a 112% increase in auto thefts over the past five years. with thefts rising 49% in 2022 alone according to the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC); and

Whereas thieves and criminal networks have specifically targeted Ontario's biggest cities. In a 5 year span from 2014 - 2021 auto theft increased in Toronto 171%, Ottawa 208%, Vaughan 274%, Peel Region 159% and Halton Region 200%*; and

Whereas several Ontario municipalities have addressed this issue with programs to assist their residents including the City of Brampton and the City of Vaughan who have implemented Faraday bags/pouches pilot programs to their hardest hit neighbourhoods to deter "relay attacks" using vulnerabilities in keyless FOBs to steal vehicles swiftly; and

Whereas the provincial government has committed \$51 million to fighting auto theft in May 2023 which includes the creation of an Organized Crime Towing and Auto Theft Team led by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), a new community safety grant that targets auto theft and the creation of a new Major Auto Theft Prosecution Response Team; and

Whereas all levels of government as well as police departments, community safety groups and auto manufacturers need to work together to tackle this auto theft crisis in Ontario and across Canada.

Therefore, be it resolved that Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) call on the federal government to provide a more robust anti auto theft program that supports law enforcement agencies and municipalities in the form of funding, resources, and legislation to combat auto theft; and

That this program include more funding to the Canadian Border Service Agency to increase inspections of shipping containers at all major Canadian ports; and

That the federal government enact legislation requiring the inclusion of theft-deterrent technologies for all car manufacturers in new vehicle models in Canada; and

Be it further resolved that Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) call on the Ontario government to make changes to the vehicle transfer process, as recommended by the Insurance Bureau of Canada in order to take steps to minimize improper transfer of vehicles;

And that these provincial changes should introduce a physical public VIN inspection conducted by a certified mechanic as part of the safety inspection that precedes every vehicle transfer, ensuring that info/images are captured and transmitted digitally through an update to the DriveON program to prevent the falsification of paper-based documents.

*all data provided by Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC)



Chad Collins

Member of Parliament for Hamilton East - Stoney Creek

Oct. 23, 2023

Dear Premier Ford,

Today, I call on the Provincial Government to immediately close the GFL landfill at 65 Green Mountain Road W in Stoney Creek until the company implements measures to eliminate odours at the site.

This issue has been extremely distressful to residents in Upper Stoney Creek and East Hamilton, who have had to deal foul odours for months on end. Something must be done to rectify this situation as it is compromising people's quality of life and mental health.

The landfill was poised to close in 2019, and as you know, your government approved the expansion and continued operation for another decade, despite strong community opposition. This past summer was unbearable for Stoney Creek residents. Odours from the expanded landfill prevented residents from enjoying their properties and local parks, and many were physically affected by its operations. Residents near the facility cannot open the windows in their homes due to a pungent sewage smell coming from the landfill.

It's time for the Provincial Government to act and close the GFL landfill until this issue is resolved. Please keep me informed of what the Provincial Government plans to do to address this dire situation.

Sincerely,

Chad Collins

Member of Parliament for Hamilton East – Stoney Creek

cc Donna Skelly, MPP; Hon. Neil Lumsden, MPP; Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks; Her Worship Andrea Horwath, Mayor of Hamilton; Brad Clark, Hamilton Ward 9 City Councillor



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October 26th, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held on October 23rd, 2023 regarding Policy Update – Social and Economic Prosperity Review from the Association of Municipalities Ontario.

Moved By: Matt Duncan **Seconded By:** Allan Rothwell

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth endorses the briefing from AMO calling for discussion on Social and Economic Prosperity and that North Perth is willing to participate.

AND THAT: The resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, AMO, Perth-Wellington MP John Nater, Perth-Wellington MPP Matthew Rae, and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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Cc: AMO
Perth-Wellington MP, John Nater
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POLICY UPDATE

October 18, 2023

Policy Update - Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Municipalities across Ontario are facing increasingly complex challenges, such as tackling homelessness and climate change, without the financial tools to solve them. It's time for the province and municipalities to work collaboratively towards solutions for the long-term stability and sustainability of municipal finances.

[AMO has called on Premier Ford](#) to propose an update of the partnership between provincial and municipal governments to build sustainable communities, a solid foundation for economic growth and quality of life.

A [social and economic prosperity review](#) would help to create a sustainable, accountable provincial-municipal relationship where both orders of government can meet their responsibilities, grounded in:

- Affordability and fiscal sustainability for both orders of government
- Fairness for taxpayers and affordability for residents
- Coordinated and timely infrastructure investment resilient to climate realities
- Increased housing supply and affordability
- Robust health and social services supporting increased economic participation
- Long term economic development and prosperity for Ontario and its communities
- Modern, effective and streamlined service delivery

It's the right time for a province-wide conversation.

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October 30, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of October 24, 2023
Motion 10.1 – Councillor Kim; Re: Cannabis Retail Applications for the Town of
Aurora**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on October 24, 2023, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas in January 2019, Council voted in favour of retail Cannabis in the Town of Aurora; and

Whereas the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) is the legal body overseeing Cannabis Retail; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora with geography of 7 km x 7 km and population of 64,000 currently has 13 Cannabis retail stores and 1 authorized at the AGCO; and

Whereas the long-term vision of the Town's Official Plan supports active and healthy lifestyle choices to complement a complete community; and

Whereas many cannabis stores are within close proximity to schools and daycares which are inhabited by society's most vulnerable; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019 (LLCA) in its regulation already has a precedent by limiting the number of grocery stores licensed to sell beer, wine, and cider to 450 and is currently not accepting any more applications;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora requests that the Government of Ontario through its Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) no longer accepts any further cannabis retail applications for the Town of Aurora; and**

- 2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora requests that the Government of Ontario re-evaluate its “formula” on how many cannabis stores are permissible within the boundaries of a municipality, including but not limited to:
 - a. Utilizing a cap or upper limit;
 - b. Utilizing a population per capita formula;
 - c. Utilizing a distance to the next cannabis retail store formula; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That should the Government of Ontario revisit the retail Cannabis formula guiding the number of cannabis retail stores permissible in a municipality, that it would extend to all existing municipalities; and**
- 4. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario; Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora; and the Honourable Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill; and**
- 5. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,



Michael de Rond
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Copy: Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora
Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



10. Motions

10.1 Councillor Kim; Re: Cannabis Retail Applications for the Town of Aurora

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

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Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried



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Hon D. Ford,
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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By email: premier@ontario.ca

31 October 2023

Dear Mr. Ford,

Ancaster Village Heritage Community (AVHC) is a citizens group focused on preserving heritage in one of Ontario's oldest communities, but as important supporting positive developments that will result in the increase in homes, we all know Ontario needs.

The combination of the Green Belt land swaps and the back door access to amendments of Official Plans in 14 communities and those amendments being employed in Ontario Land Tribunal appeals is perhaps the worst example of citizens being abused by government for a long time.

AVHC asks you to make it right. Rollbacks of changes to the Official Plans are a start, but the Ontario Land Tribunal decisions that relied on those changes must also be reversed.

For Ancaster, we ask your government to act decisively and roll back the Ontario Land Tribunal decisions made on the basis of revisions imposed by the province November 4, 2022 on the City of Hamilton Urban Official Plan.

In particular we refer to amendments to section E2.2.3.12 that permitted a density increase from 50 persons/hectare to 150 units/hectare (about 260 pers/hectare) and a height increase from 2.5 stories to up to 8 stories. These developer originated changes were not minor tweaks. **AVHC asks:**

1. Your government initiates whatever process is necessary to vacate the Ontario Land Tribunal approval for two projects in Ancaster's Village Core for two over-size developments approved under the Official Plan wording advanced by Mr. Johnston. These are OLT files 22-003888 and 22-004156.
2. Impose a full hold on these developments pending the outcome of the UHOP reversals and handling of OLT decisions to ensure construction does not start. There is a development hold on both approvals pending a revised Functional Servicing Report. However, AVHC believes developers need a crystal-clear message to stop all work today.

AVHC recognizes there is no easy path back to honest, open, transparent development decisions as a twisted mess of this magnitude is unprecedented, but we believe citizens deserve your leadership with a quick and simple move on your part.

Background

These revisions tied the hands of the Tribunal with the 2 developments in the Ancaster Community Node (Village Core) before them as they brought the Official Plan into alignment with the application, the reverse of what should have happened.

Worse still the revisions originated with a specific request from an individual with an interest in one of the developments. The province just “cut and pasted” the requested wording into the Official Plan revisions imposed on Hamilton to the benefit of the OLT appeal the individual was involved with.

AVHC sees this as a significant breakdown of integrity in your government. A quick check on active OLT appeals would have shown this.

Hamilton Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cesar in an October 27, 2023, statement said “These revelations also call into question outcomes of the OLT hearings for two appeals on Wilson Street in Ancaster (Wilson/Rousseaux St and Wilson/Academy St). The unilateral changes of the City's Official Plan undoubtedly had a significant positive impact for proponents once it was modified with input from private interests.”

Councillor Cesar is too kind by half. We do not yet know who invited Urban Solutions Planner Matt Johnston to submit a wish list for a project he was involved with to the Housing Ministry, but I believe we do know what happened:

1. Mr. Johnston advanced specific wording for amendments to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan to Steve Clark, then Minister of Housing on July 2, 2022.
2. Mr. Clark's Chief of Staff, Ryan Amato, invited Mr. Johnston to review several planned changes to Official Plans on October 31, 2022. Mr. Johnston indicated he was comfortable with them.
3. On November 4, 2022 the Housing Ministry imposed 77 changes to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan, not appealable, with no consultation with the City including the changes suggested by Mr. Johnston which were copied word for word from his July 2 submission.
4. The behaviour by Urban Solutions and the province did much more than make a “positive impact” as Councillor Cassar says.

The changes made it impossible for the Ontario Land Tribunal to ultimately do anything but approve the development Mr. Johnston was involved with in a subsequent settlement hearing. The “cut and paste” amendments brought the development into alignment with the “new” Official Plan. The development height was 3.2 times higher, and its density was about 5 times higher than permitted in the Urban Hamilton Official Plan (UHOP) in place before the province copied Mr. Johnston's requested wording into the November 4, 2022 Official Plan. The Development Application had been filed under the lower Official Plan provisions. AVHC believes the OLT would not have approved Official Plan amendments of this magnitude in a hearing free of outside interference.

5. Next, after his changes were incorporated into the UHOP Mr Johnston was an expert witness for the Applicant at the written Settlement Hearing for OLT 22-003888.

6. If there is any doubt of the impact of all this a short quote from Tribunal decision 22-003888, issued September 19, 2023 where Mr Johnston was an expert witness should dispel it.

Member Bitu M Rajae stated “Both Messrs. Kasprzak and Johnston attested to the Proposal’s satisfaction of the City’s new policies governing heights and density within the Community Node”. Yes, those are the “new” policies Mr Johnson submitted on July 2.

7. Further, the Tribunal Decision states “Mr. Kasprzak and Mr. Johnston are relied upon by the Tribunal and, without objection, their opinions are qualified as expert opinion evidence in their respective fields of Urban Design and Land Use Planning”.

You as the Premier can Make This Right

Citizens of Hamilton were victims of these back room politics. If the OLT decision stands the impact lasts for generations:

--A low density neighbourhood is expected to absorb a development with 5 times the density of surrounding properties.

--The sewer system this development would rely on is at capacity.

--Traffic is among the worst in the City by the City’s own admission.

--A key heritage structure on the streetscape, Marr Philipo House, would likely be destroyed to allow the build

--the height and mass of the building is totally out of proportion with the surrounding structures

While there is no indication Mr Johnston was involved in OLT file 22-004156 it benefited from the revised Official Plan changes he submitted. It brings its own set of significant negative issues in its 7 stories just 100 meters east of the structure in 22-004156.

AVHC is not aware of any other Hamilton OLT decisions affected by the amendments referred to, but a full investigation by the Province and reversal of any decisions that relied on amendments to Urban Hamilton official Plan E.2.3.3.12 is essential.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and trust it is one of many steps needed to restore confidence in the development system in Ontario.

Sincerely



Jim MacLeod
Vice President
Ancaster Village Heritage Community

cc Hon Paul Calandra--Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Sandy Shaw, MLA
Donna Skelly, MLA
Hamilton City Council



October 27, 2023

Via email: TC.MinisterofTransport-MinistredesTransports.TC@tc.gc.ca

Minister of Transport Canada
5th Floor 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Dear Hon. Pablo Rodriguez,

Re: Floating Accommodations

At the meeting of October 23, 2023, the Council of the Town of Huntsville adopted the following resolution in support of the Township of Lake of Bays Resolution #B(a)/04-12-22 and Township of Georgian Bay Motion C-2022-164 and C-2023-157 on Floating Accommodations:

Motion 222-23

Moved by Monty Clouthier, seconded by Helena Renwick

WHEREAS: the Township of Georgian Bay and the Township of Lake of Bays has identified concerns with Floating Accommodations.

AND WHEREAS: the Township of Georgian Bay and the Township of Lake of Bays has requested that Transport Canada address the issue;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Town of Huntsville supports Township of Lake of Bays Resolution #B(a)/04-12-22 and Township of Georgian Bay Motion C-2022-164 and C-2023-157;

AND FURTHER THAT: Council hereby directs staff to forward this Resolution to the Minister of Transport, the Premier of Ontario, Scott Aitchison - MP, Graydon Smith - MPP, Associations of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all municipalities in Ontario (Township of Lake of Bays Resolution to be included in this correspondence).

In accordance with Council's direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the Lake of Bays resolution for your reference as well.

Yours truly,


Jessica Boyes
Deputy Clerk

Copy to: Premier of Ontario
Scott Aitchison – MP
Graydon Smith – MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Municipalities in Ontario

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS
Council Meeting

RESOLUTION #8(a)/04/12/22
NO.:

MOVED
BY:



DATE: April 12, 2022

SECONDED
BY:



WHEREAS floating accommodations have become a growing concern in that they will affect the environment, character, tranquillity and the overall enjoyment of Lake of Bays and regulating these floating accommodations is a top priority for the Township of Lake of Bays;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby requests that Transport Canada amend the Canada Shipping Act 2001 by adding the following to the Act:

- All vessel greywater be discharged into a holding tank and disposed of as per Provincial regulations for new vessels; and
- All floating accommodations are required to conform to all Provincial and municipal regulations and by-laws.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby requests that Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNR) amend Ontario Regulation 161/17 to include the following:

- Post signs to restrict floating accommodation/camping on the water in southern Ontario (Muskoka ~~south~~) and that a permit from the NDMNR is required and a permit will not be granted without the consent of the local municipality;
- Camping is reduced from 21 days to 7 days;
- Not permit any camping on the water within 300m of a developed lot or within a narrow water body of 150m; and
- Should a municipality have more restrictive by-laws related to camping, these by-laws would apply.

AND FURTHER, THAT Council hereby directs the Clerk to forward this resolution to the Minister of Transport Canada, the Premier of Ontario, Scott Aitchison, MP, Norm Miller, MPP, Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNR), Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario.

RECORDED VOTE	Yeas	Nays
Councillor Mike Peppard		
Councillor Robert Lacroix		
Councillor Nancy Tapley		
Councillor Rick Brooks		
Councillor George Anderson		
Councillor Jacqueline Godard		
Mayor Terry Glover		

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MAYOR _____



Terry Glover

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Brief observations on item 11.2 on the planning committee agenda for October 31

From: Don Mclean

Sent: October 30, 2023 10:17 PM

To: Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Ted McMeekin <tedmcmeekin299@gmail.com>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca

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1. The report assumes the urban boundary expansion that has been cancelled so needs to be updated before planning committee approval.
2. The process is backward. The natural heritage features should be the starting point, not an add-on after road and infrastructure locations and sizes have been decided. The report admits that our knowledge of natural heritage has not even been updated.
3. The entire AEGD vision needs to be re-examined in the light of the climate emergency and the biodiversity crisis. The AEGD originally called the "Aerotropolis" was proposed over twenty years ago as the expected central economic future of Hamilton in the strange belief that airports were already the central organizing feature of the economy, in a way similar to which ports, and then railways, and then highways were in the past. The key authors of the scheme in 2002 were the airport managers (Tradeport) and the land speculators.
4. The expected half billion in costs (construction only!) should call the whole project into question. The actually collected development charges will only cover a small portion of this.
5. The realistic employment expectations in the AEGD are mainly warehousing, and the rapid shift to robotics mean these jobs are disappearing very fast. The AEGD was falsely sold on 'high-tech jobs' that are even less likely to appear. The AEGD assumed that there were virtually no development opportunities on the Bayfront, which we now know to be false.
6. We now know that air traffic emissions must be eliminated and there isn't any clear way that can be accomplished in the AEGD in a 'net zero' future.

Don McLean

Pilon, Janet

Subject: RETIRING OF LOCAL BUS 58
Attachments: petition 1.jpg; petition 2.jpg; petition 3.jpg; petition 4.jpg; petition 6.jpg; petition 7.jpg; petition5.jpg

From: Linda Allen

Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 5:24:31 PM

To: Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Chad - M.P. Collins <chad.collins@parl.gc.ca>; Chad Collins <chad.collins@hamilton.ca>; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; contact@chch.com <contact@chch.com>

Subject: RETIRING OF LOCAL BUS 58

Hello all

Please let me introduce myself

My name is Linda Allen i am a resident of the village of Stoney Creek.

as well as many others who live in the village i am emailing regarding the retirement of bus 58 which went through the village (but Thanks to Andrea it no long does)

i have started a petition on line as well as paper copies we will fight to get this bus back .

i have a 194 signatures so far and more to come.

seniors especially have lost so much in the village and now they are stranded in their homes because they cant get to eastgate and surrounding areas, they depend on that bus for social interaction, banking , doctors , eye appointments and others.

I realize that there is another bus that will take people from the village to eastgate actually you have to take two buses now, here is the thing with that.

1- most important people have to cross king and centennial parkway(AKA KILLER CORNER) THIS IS A VERY DANGEROUS INTERSECTION AND FOR A SENIOR WHO CANT WALK THAT FAST THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO GET HIT.

2- no bus shelters (winter is coming) never mind the rain every second day and blowing winds.

So instead of removing things that help out (seniors) lets take it away

That is not the answer we owe them more respect they are our mothers and fathers and grandparents and they have given us life so lets treat them like dirt.

They don't deserve to be locked up in their homes because its not in the budget.(its not in their budget to take the grocery bus on Wednesday and shop at fortinos because they cant get to giant tiger where they can afford to buy food.

Its not in their budget to go to the local hair dressers and spend \$60.00 on a haircut because they cant get to firstchoice where the same hair cut cost \$ 20.00.

They have tp take a taxi to go to the bank or doctors that taxi is not in their budget.

Do you see my point.

Bring in a small bus (old school bus) 12 seater .

ask for volunteer drivers maybe some people that are retired and want to kill a few hours a day .

JUST BRING THE BUS SERVICE BACK PLEASE.

I have the signed petitions if you want them i will send them.

Have a lovely week

looking forward to hearing back with some good news

Linda Allen

They Took OUR BUS 58

LETS FIGHT TO Get IT BACK

Petition To:

Printed Name	Address	Signature
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This petition contains 127 signatures
A copy of the petition is available
for viewing in the Office of the City
Clerk

November 1, 2023

Janet Pilon
City Clerk
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Ms. Pilon:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) to seek City Council's support to update the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between RBG and the City in regard to the City's two appointees to RBG's Board of Directors.

Previously, MOUs were updated at the start of every new Council and the current MOU expired in November 2022.

If the City is amenable, RBG would like to propose changing the duration article of the MOU so that the MOU does not need to be updated with every new Council, but rather, as required, by either party.

Please refer to the attached Appendix for the proposed change to the duration article.

For Council's reference, I have attached the most recent signed MOU and a new Word version with the proposed changes in article 4.

There is one additional minor change in article 5 (c) to reflect the Consultation process described in article 6.

Please let me know if City Council requires any further information to consider this request.

Sincerely,



Nancy Rowland, CEO
Royal Botanical Gardens

cc: Keith Scott, Chair, Board of Directors, Royal Botanical Gardens

Attachments

APPENDIX

Proposed Change

4. DURATION

~~This MOU shall be in effect until the expiry of the term of Council which commenced on December 1, 2018.~~ This MOU shall be in effect as of the date of its last signature and will continue to apply until such time as a new MOU has been approved and signed by both parties, or until it is terminated upon agreement of the parties or upon reasonable notice given by either party to the other. This MOU supersedes and replaces any previous MOUs or other agreement between the parties dealing with the subject matter hereof.

At any point, either party through its Council or Board may request a review.

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THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING DATED THE 3rd DAY OF December, 2018

BETWEEN

ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

OF THE FIRST PART

AND

CITY OF HAMILTON

OF THE SECOND PART

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LEGAL SERVICES

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POSITION: Mayor
DATE:

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NAME: Janet Pilon
POSITION: Acting City Clerk
DATE:

ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

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POSITION: Chair
DATE:

[Signature]
NAME: Mark Runciman
POSITION: Chief Executive Officer
DATE:

WITNESS NAME: _____

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We have authority to bind the Corporation

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
APPROVED BY COUNCIL
DATE: April 25, 2018
AUTHORITY: AP&A 18-005 Item 8(a)
INTL: CW YEAR/FILE: 2018-13516

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POSITION: Mayor
DATE:

NAME: ~~Chris Murray~~ ~~Mike Zegarac~~ ~~Janette Smith~~
POSITION: ~~Interim~~ City Manager
DATE:

ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

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POSITION: ~~Chair~~
DATE:

NAME: ~~Mark Runciman~~Nancy Rowland
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November 2, 2023

Office of the Municipal Clerk
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5

By email: clerk@hamilton.ca
jason.thorne@hamilton.ca

Dear City of Hamilton,

Re: 2024 Grand River Conservation Authority Draft Budget for Consultation

Please be advised that the General Membership of the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) approved the GRCA's Budget 2024 Draft #1 for consultation purposes at their meeting on October 27, 2023. The approved motion is as follows:

THAT Report Number GM-10-23-80 – Budget 2024 – Draft #1 be approved for consultation purposes, circulated to all participating municipalities, and posted to the GRCA website.

This consultation circulation is required under [Ontario Regulation 402/22: Budget and Apportionment](#) which came into effect July 1, 2023, and sets out requirements for Conservation Authority budgets and municipal apportionment starting with the 2024 budget process. This regulation replaced *O.Reg.139/96 Municipal Levies* and *O.Reg.670/00 Conservation Authority*. As a result of these changes, the format of the 2024 budget for the GRCA is different from prior years.

The attached report and draft 2024 budget outline the programs and services of the GRCA and how those programs are expected to be funded in 2024. Also attached is the municipal apportionment information.

This draft budget includes a total municipal apportionment amount of \$13,292,000 which represents a 2.5% increase over 2023. Municipal apportionment of General Operating Expenses, Category 1 Operating Expenses, and Category 2 Operating Expenses have been allocated to participating municipalities using Modified Current Value Assessment (MCVA) information in the watershed, which was provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF). Although not all participating municipalities have signed the Category 2 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at this time, the MCVA allocation for Category 2 reflects an assumption of agreement by all participating municipalities.

Under O.Reg.402/22, municipal apportionment and the budget must be approved at separate meetings. The Municipal Apportionment vote is scheduled to occur at the GRCA General Membership meeting on January 26, 2024, and the Final 2024 Budget vote is scheduled for the meeting on February 23, 2024.

Should you have any questions or feedback concerning the draft budget or municipal apportionment, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "KArmstrong".

Karen Armstrong,
Deputy CAO and Secretary-Treasurer

Grand River Conservation Authority

Report number: GM-10-23-81

Date: October 27, 2023

To: Members of the Grand River Conservation Authority

Subject: Budget 2024 – Draft #1 – Municipal Apportionment

Recommendation:

THAT Report Number GM-10-23-81 – Budget 2024 – Draft #1 – Municipal Apportionment be received as information.

Summary:

The distribution of the proposed 2024 Municipal Apportionment to participating municipalities is attached, based on the first draft of the 2024 Budget.

Report:

Ontario Regulation 402/22: Budget and Apportionment, which came into effect July 1, 2023, details the Conservation Authority (CA) budget process and municipal apportionment methods and requirements. This regulation replaced O.Reg.139/96 Municipal Levies and O.Reg.670/0 Conservation Authority Levies.

Different apportionment methodologies are available depending on the category of expense. General operating expenses are to be apportioned using Modified Current Value Assessment (MCVA). General capital expenses may be apportioned using MCVA or by agreement. Category 1 operating and capital expenses may be apportioned using MCVA or by benefit-based apportionment agreements. Category 2 operating and capital costs are to be apportioned based on the methodology agreed to in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Where Category 3 operating and capital costs are apportioned to municipalities, that calculation may be determined by MCVA, MOU, or benefit-based apportionment agreement.

At the Grand River Conservation Authority, municipal apportionment is allocated to participating municipalities based on Modified Current Value Assessment information in the watershed, which the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) provided.

Using the 2023 assessment information provided, the resulting allocation of the proposed 2024 Municipal Apportionment based on the first draft of the 2024 budget is attached. The expenses are categorized separately as General Operating Expenses, Category 1 Operating Expenses, and Category 2 Operating Expenses. Although not all participating municipalities have signed the Category 2 MOU at this point, the MCVA allocation for Category 2 reflects an assumption of agreement by all participating municipalities.

Financial Implications:

The first draft of the 2024 Budget proposes a total municipal apportionment amount of \$13,292,000, representing an increase of \$324,000, or 2.5%, over 2023. After allocating this amount in accordance with O.Reg. 402/22, individual municipalities will experience increases ranging from 1.3% to 7.4% compared to 2023.

Other Department Considerations:

Not Applicable

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Grand River Conservation Authority Summary of Municipal Apportionment - 2024 Budget

DRAFT - October 27th, 2023

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Southgate Twp	6.0%	1,171,985,196	70,319,112	0.03%	1,092	2,958	336	4,386	4,082	7.4%
Haldimand County	41.0%	7,540,022,556	3,091,409,248	1.45%	48,029	130,037	14,753	192,819	188,187	2.5%
Norfolk County	5.0%	9,936,265,436	496,813,272	0.23%	7,719	20,898	2,371	30,988	30,398	1.9%
Halton Region	10.6%	49,388,040,845	5,220,626,448	2.45%	81,109	219,600	24,914	325,623	317,066	2.7%
Hamilton City	26.7%	98,248,255,488	26,281,408,343	12.33%	408,315	1,105,497	125,421	1,639,233	1,605,656	2.1%
Oxford County	36.1%	4,704,097,710	1,696,921,269	0.80%	26,364	71,379	8,098	105,841	103,618	2.1%
North Perth T	2.0%	2,497,940,188	49,958,804	0.02%	776	2,101	238	3,115	2,933	6.2%
Perth East Twp	40.0%	2,108,636,244	843,454,498	0.40%	13,104	35,479	4,025	52,608	51,654	1.8%
Waterloo Region	100.0%	107,591,348,898	107,591,348,898	50.49%	1,671,568	4,525,707	513,453	6,710,728	6,542,324	2.6%
Centre Wellington Twp	100.0%	5,519,221,813	5,519,221,813	2.59%	85,748	232,160	26,339	344,247	335,603	2.6%
Erin T	49.0%	2,632,734,184	1,290,039,750	0.61%	20,042	54,264	6,156	80,462	79,394	1.3%
Guelph C	100.0%	28,678,588,984	28,678,588,984	13.46%	445,558	1,206,332	136,861	1,788,751	1,757,601	1.8%
Guelph Eramosa Twp	100.0%	2,990,332,288	2,990,332,288	1.40%	46,459	125,785	14,271	186,515	182,089	2.4%
Mapleton Twp	95.0%	1,936,823,480	1,839,982,306	0.86%	28,586	77,397	8,781	114,764	111,066	3.3%
Wellington North Twp	51.0%	1,842,795,052	939,825,477	0.44%	14,601	39,533	4,485	58,619	57,083	2.7%
Puslinch Twp	75.0%	2,856,920,480	2,142,690,360	1.01%	33,289	90,130	10,225	133,644	129,031	3.6%
Total		355,872,351,049	213,107,216,762	100.00%	3,310,888	8,964,112	1,017,000	13,292,000	12,968,000	2.5%

*Operating Expenses include maintenance of capital infrastructure, studies, and/or equipment.

Grand River Conservation Authority

Report number: GM-10-23-80

Date: October 27, 2023

To: Members of the Grand River Conservation Authority

Subject: Budget 2024 – Draft #1

Recommendation:

THAT Report Number GM-10-23-80 - Budget 2024 - Draft #1 be approved for consultation purposes, circulated to all participating municipalities, and posted to the GRCA website.

Summary:

This report summarizes the first draft of the 2024 Budget. The final budget for 2024 will be presented for approval at the February 24, 2024 Annual General Meeting. See Attachment A “Budget 2024 Timetable” for additional details on budget timelines.

Budget 2024- Draft #1 reflects the continuation of programs and services delivered in 2023 and maintains breakeven results. Total draft expenditures for 2024 are \$34,442,188. For context, the October 2022 draft budget for 2023 included expenditures of \$33,279,188. Preliminary budget financial figures are outlined in Attachment G which includes the Statement of Operations and detailed Program and Services statements. The individual programs and services budgets have been categorized as Operating, Capital Maintenance, and Special projects.

Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) programs and services are funded by:

- Municipal Apportionment (in prior years referred to as Municipal General Levy)
- Municipal Funding as per Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs)
- Other Municipal Funding (by special agreements)
- Provincial and Federal Grants
- Self-Generated Revenue
- Funding from Reserves

Overall, the municipal funding request has been increased by 2.5% (or \$324,000) to \$13,292,000 in 2024. For a breakdown of municipal funding by Category 1, 2, and general operating expenses see Attachment C “Budget 2024 Municipal funding breakdown”.

As required under *O.Reg.687/21 Transition Plans and Agreements for Programs and Services Under Section 21.2.2 of the Act*, the GRCA has developed an Inventory of Programs and Services based on the categories identified in the Regulation. These categories include: (1) Mandatory, (2) Municipally requested, (3) Other (Authority determines are advisable), and General Operating Expenses.

Attachment B “Programs & Services Inventory” outlines the expenditures and funding sources applicable to each category, along with the reallocation of program surplus between programs and services.

Appendix D “Summary of Municipal Apportionment” details the municipal apportionment and MOU funding requests by participating municipalities.

TABLE A -BUDGET 2024 EXPENDITURES

	2024	2023 (Oct draft)	Increase/(decrease)
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Operating Expenses	\$29,066,688	\$28,148,688	\$918,000
Capital Expenses	\$4,419,000	\$4,104,000	\$315,000
Special Projects	\$840,000	\$840,000	\$0
Funding to Reserve (hydro)	\$116,500	\$116,500	\$0
TOTAL	\$34,442,188	\$33,209,188	\$1,233,000

Note: Use of the term capital expenses for spending that is funded with municipal apportionment refers to major maintenance, water control structure studies, or water management equipment.

Report:

A. CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ACT - NEW REGULATIONS

The Conservation Authorities Act (CA Act) outlines three categories of programs and services: (1) Mandatory, (2) Municipally requested, and (3) Other (Authority determines are advisable).

O. Reg. 402/22 - Budget and Apportionment also defines “general operating expense or capital cost” as an operating expense or capital cost that is not related to the provision of a program or service that an authority provides. The regulations require that these costs be identified separately, and municipal funding be apportioned using Modified Current Value Assessment (MCVA).

O. Reg. 402/22 requirements came into force for the 2024 budget process. See Attachment A – Budget 2024 Timetable for timeline details. This regulation outlines Four Phases to the budget process

- Phase 1: Categorizing revenue and expenses as per the categories listed above, and amounts of municipal apportionment
- Phase 2: Board approval of draft budget for consultation (vote required), distribution to participating municipalities, and posting on the GRCA’s Governance section on the website. Consultation with municipalities will occur as required.
- Phase 3: Board apportionment approval process (weighted vote required)
- Phase 4: Final budget approval process (vote required)

B. OPERATING BUDGET

In general, the 2024 budget assumes the same level of program and service delivery as provided in 2023. Any exceptions to specific program areas are included in the commentary below as applicable.

(a) Resource Planning

- Resource Planning fee revenue declined in 2023 and therefore this draft of the budget reduced revenue by \$100,000.
- Compensation and benefits costs reduced by \$50,000 to recognize vacancy and/or rate savings which have resulted historically (budget assumes no change in staffing complement).

(b) Residential Property Rental Program

- The Residential Property Rental Program is in the process of winding down. The budgeted 2023 revenue of \$110,000 assumes no decrease in occupancy during 2024.
- The budgeted net result for this program is a \$25,000 deficit.

(c) Outdoor Environmental Education

- Negotiations with school boards for 2023/24 contracts have been completed. The first draft of the budget assumes that 2023/24 school contracts will be extended for the 2024/25 school year. This draft does not include any community or day camp program delivery. Decisions regarding the future format and scope of the Outdoor Environmental Education program will be incorporated into future budget drafts as applicable.

(d) Conservation Areas

- Conservation Area 2024 budgeted revenue of \$10,500,000 is approximately \$1,000,000 less than projected revenue of \$11,500,000 for 2023.
- Operating expenses are being increased by \$350,000.
- Conservation Area program and services expenses have been expanded to include 100% of Manager of Conservation Area Operations, 50% of Luther Marsh operations, and 100% of hazard tree management in the Conservation Areas. The funding for these three additional components is being funded with surplus from other Category 3 programs.
- The Conservation Areas budget excludes any allocation for corporate services overhead expenses.
- The revenue and cost assumptions will be revisited once actuals for the full 2023 season are available. Any adjustments to operating revenue or expenses will be the transfer to/from the Conservation Areas Reserve.

(e) Investment Income

- Income increased \$50,000 due to higher interest being earned on cash balances.

(f) Section 39 Funding

- It is assumed that there will no further cutbacks in the provincial Section 39 grant for the period April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 and therefore the Section 39 grant amount is anticipated to remain at \$449,688.

(g) Municipal Funding

- The 2024 Budget includes \$12,275,000 of funding for Category 1 Mandatory Programs and General Operating Expenses along with \$1,017,000 for Category 2 MOU Programs for a total of \$13,292,000 which is a \$324,000 (or 2.5%) increase over the 2023 General Municipal Levy of \$12,968,000.

(h) Surplus Assumption

- The draft budget assumes a \$100,000 surplus carry forward from 2023. If additional surplus is applicable, staff will recommend that it be incorporated in the final budget and used for non-recurring expense demands (i.e. consulting, professional development, and other administrative costs).

(i) Transition Reserve (created in 2021)

- The purpose of the reserve is to fund expenditures related to the transitioning of the GRCA to new provincial regulations requirements and/or fund costs related to managing expenses impacted by COVID-19 or revenue losses due to COVID-19. As at December 31, 2022, the reserve balance is approximately \$2.0 million.
- The strategy for Budget 2024 draft #1 is to utilize the transition reserve to fund one staff position (\$100,000) to assist with some of the deliverables required by the new regulations and to fund the Outdoor Environmental Education program deficit (\$312,000).

(j) Compensation and Benefits and Staffing Comments:

- The 2024 draft budget includes a 3% increase for compensation and benefits which allows for a general wage increase, grid steps within wage scales, and benefit cost increases. In addition, one administrative position is being added to the budget.
- Non-union salary adjustments are required to be approved by the General Membership which is typically presented in November or December for the subsequent year.
- Union wage adjustments have been incorporated into the budget in accordance with the Collective Agreement which is effective until December 31, 2025.

(k) Source Protection Program

- The province has identified that this program is considered a Category 1 mandatory program that is required to be delivered by Conservation Authorities. Funding until March 2024 was secured. The province, which currently fully funds this program, has not guaranteed funding for future years, nor has it announced an end to program funding.

C. CAPITAL & MAJOR MAINTENANCE BUDGET

(a) Major Maintenance Spending Water Control Structures

- The budget is set at \$1,500,000. Any demands that arise more than that amount can be funded with the Water Control Structures reserve and/or the Land Sale Proceeds reserve. Staff continue to seek funding to repair and update the water control infrastructure from provincial and federal government. Government funding included in budget 2024 relates to provincial Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) funding which is subject to provincial approval of projects. Changes to this budget line will not impact the request for municipal funding. Any additional spending will be funded with WECI funding or reserves.

(b) Capital Spending Conservation Areas

- The budget is set at \$2,000,000. This spending is budgeted to be funded with \$1,650,000 of fee revenue and \$350,000 from the conservation area reserve. Future budget drafts will be revised as capital projects are prioritized. Any increases in budgeted spending will be facilitated by either increased revenue or use of the conservation area reserve. Any decrease in budgeted expenses would be offset by a transfer to the conservation reserve.

(c) Water Monitoring Equipment and Flood Forecasting and Warning Expenses

- The budget is being held constant at \$300,000. The gauge reserve will be used to fund \$100,000 of total costs and the remaining costs will be funded with Category 1 Municipal Apportionment funding.

(d) Information Systems and Motor Pool

- Costs of \$379,000 for Information Systems and \$240,000 for Motor Pool represent the costs not funded through internal cost allocations to programs and services and are funded through the IS reserve and MP reserve respectively. See Attachment G 'P&S #16 - Supplemental Information – IS and MP' for detailed expense information.

D. SPECIAL PROJECTS

(a) Special projects do not rely on Municipal Apportionment funding.

(b) This draft of the budget only includes items that are known or highly likely to be undertaken and a cost can be estimated. At present, the budget includes \$840,000 in spending. By the time the 2024 budget is finalized, special project spending, along with

matching revenue, is expected to increase as projects are approved and carryover amounts are confirmed.

(c) The \$840,000 in special projects included in this draft budget are:

- \$800,000 Rural Water Quality Capital Grants
- \$40,000 Species at Risk Program

(d) New Guelph Lake Nature Centre Building

To date, the purchasing process for this project has not commenced, therefore, a reliable cost estimate is not available. The final budget draft will incorporate this project as applicable with funding to be provided via donations and potentially using GRCA reserves.

E. RESERVES

For 2024, reserves are budgeted to decrease by \$331,500. Significant budgeted drawdowns to reserves include \$350,000 for Conservation Area capital projects, \$315,000 to fund the Environmental Education deficit, \$100,000 to fund one staff position, \$379,000 for Information Systems, and \$240,000 for Motor Pool. See Attachment E 'Summary of Reserves' for details of reserve movements budgeted for 2024. The use of reserves is integral to GRCA operations. The GRCA sets aside certain funds to reserves (i.e. Land Sale Proceeds, Hydro Revenue, Interest Earned on Reserves) in order to be able to draw upon these reserves at a later date in accordance with either legislative mandates and/or board-approved use

Reserves can be viewed as:

- Planned savings set aside for future capital projects (facilitates smoothing of funding requests)
- Surpluses set aside for future operating or capital needs (i.e. Conservation Area revenue in excess of budget)
- Contingency funds for unplanned expenditures
- Legislated amounts to be used in accordance with regulations (i.e. land sale proceeds)

A detailed report on reserves will be presented at the November 24, 2023 meeting.

F. CATEGORY 2 – WATERSHED SERVICES

The programs and services included under watershed services are:

- Subwatershed Studies
- Conservation Services
- Water Quality
- Wastewater Optimization Program
- Groundwater Resources
- Watershed Services

See Attachment F 'Budget 2024 Category 2 - Watershed Services Program Breakdown'

This budget assumes that all participating municipalities will enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the GRCA and agree to apportioning the funding requirements using MCVA, the same as Category 1 apportionment and the same method that was used in prior years.

G. MUNICIPAL APPORTIONMENT (referred to as General Municipal Levy in prior years)

Where municipal funding is applicable, namely, Category 1, 2, and General Operating Expenses, the methodology of apportionment used is Modified Current Value Assessment (MCVA) on the basis that there is a watershed benefit for all participating municipalities from the programs and services. See Attachment D 'Budget 2024 Summary of Municipal Apportionment' for details.

The methodology for calculating the MCVA and distributing apportionment is outlined *in O. Reg. 402/22 Section (7)*. Agreements with participating municipalities for Category 2 programs and services have not been finalized therefore the funding allocation is subject to change and would be communicated and agreed to accordingly if applicable.

OTHER MAJOR ASSUMPTIONS

- (a) Cottage Lot Rental Program revenue increased by 2.5% or \$57,000 in accordance with the Residential Tenancy Act.
- (b) Total Insurance expense increased by 5% or \$24,000 to reflect 2023 rate increases and projected 2024 rate increases.
- (c) Total Property Tax expense increased \$20,000.
- (d) Admin Operating expense held constant.
- (e) Other Operating expenses increased between 0% and 5% as applicable.
- (f) Motor Pool charge-out rates held constant.
- (g) Computer charge-out rates held constant.

H. SIGNIFICANT OUTSTANDING BUDGET ITEMS

- (a) Year 2023 Carry forward Adjustments
2023 Surplus carry forward - this draft of the 2024 Budget assumes a \$100,000 surplus carryover from year 2023. The actual "2023 Net Surplus" will be incorporated into the 2024 budget.
- (b) 2023 Special Projects carry forward
Any projects commenced in year 2023 and not completed by December 31, 2023 will be carried forward and added to Budget 2023 (i.e. both the funding and the expense will be added to Budget 2023 and therefore these adjustments will have no impact on the breakeven net result).
- (c) Water Control Structures Major Maintenance Expenditures
A final determination of the amount of spending to be added to the Budget 2024 (i.e. unspent amounts from 2023, new projects) will be made, including use of reserves for 2024 projects. Any decisions to increase spending should not impact the general municipal apportionment request but would be funded with reserves, WECl funding, and/or new funding sources, as applicable.
- (d) Conservation Area Revenue and Expenses
Final revenue, operating, and capital expense figures are to be determined following the year-end actuals review.
- (e) Environmental Education
Final revenue and operating expense figures are to be determined following further information on program delivery developments.

The following are attached:

- Attachment A: Budget 2024 Timetable
- Attachment B: Budget 2024 Program and Services Inventory
- Attachment C: Budget 2024 Municipal Funding Breakdown
- Attachment D: Budget 2024 Summary of Municipal Apportionment
- Attachment E: Budget 2024 Summary of Reserves
- Attachment F: Budget 2024 Category 2 - Watershed Services Program breakdown
- Attachment G: Statement of Operations & Detailed Program and Services Statements

Financial Implications:

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The main budgetary challenges faced by the GRCA are:

- Cost pressures created by the economic environment including inflation, supply chain issues, and labour force shortages.
- Conservation Area operating revenue is impacted by fluctuations in consumer demand and weather conditions which are difficult to predict.
- An aging infrastructure in the Conservation Areas and aging Nature Centre facilities.
- Increased demands on managing passive lands (i.e. land use decisions, hazard tree management, trespassing, infrastructure).
- Keeping pace with digital innovation and technological advancements.
- Meeting new regulation reporting requirements (Conservation Area Strategy, etc.)

Other Department Considerations:

None

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ATTACHMENT A
Grand River Conservation Authority
Budget 2024 Timetable
October 27, 2023

- Oct 27, 2022: Draft Budget #1 to General Meeting and Board approval of the draft budget for consultation purposes
- November 2023: Distribute Draft Budget #1 to Participating Municipalities and post it on the GRCA website in the Governance section
- Nov & Dec 2023: Consultation with Participating Municipalities as requested
- December 15, 2023: Board Motion to send 30 days' notice to Participating Municipalities of Municipal Apportionment Vote at January 26, 2024 General Meeting
- December 22, 2023: Send Notice to Participating Municipalities of Municipal Apportionment Vote and include apportionment amounts and most recent draft Budget
- Jan 26, 2024: Draft Budget #2 to General Meeting and Municipal Apportionment Vote – weighted majority and recorded. Once approved, distribute to Participating Municipalities.
- Feb 23, 2024: Final 2024 Budget Vote – weighted majority (as per by-law) and recorded. Once approved, distribute to Participating Municipalities, post on the GRCA website, and send to MNRF

Grand River Conservation Authority
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES INVENTORY
BUDGET 2024

to General Meeting October 27th, 2023

ATTACHMENT B

Programs & Services Inventory		TOTAL EXPENDITURES (includes transfers to reserves)	MUNICIPAL APPORTIONMENT/ Cat 2-MOA FUNDING	MUNICIPAL- OTHER	SELF-GENERATED REVENUE	PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL GRANTS	Funding from RESERVES	Programs & Services SURPLUS allocation	TOTAL REVENUE (after P&S surplus allocation)	NET RESULT
CATEGORY 1	Watershed Resources-Planning	1,416,100	1,303,600			37,500	75,000		1,416,100	-
	FFW & Flood Plain Mapping	1,101,000	911,662			164,338	25,000		1,101,000	-
	Water Control Structures	3,628,700	2,593,350			985,350	50,000		3,628,700	-
	Resource Planning	2,609,600	1,525,600		1,044,000	40,000			2,609,600	-
	Conservation Lands Mgmt	2,871,900	2,629,900		42,000		200,000		2,871,900	-
	Source Protection Planning	640,000	-			640,000			640,000	-
	Total Category 1	12,267,300	8,964,112		1,086,000	1,867,188	350,000	-	12,267,300	-
			73%	0%	9%	15%	3%	0%	100%	
General Operating	General Operating Expenses (note 5)	4,449,188	3,310,888		250,000		684,000	204,300	4,449,188	-
			74%	0%	6%	0%	15%	5%	100%	
CATEGORY 2	CATEGORY 2 Watershed Services	1,868,000	1,017,000	850,000			1,000		1,868,000	-
			54%	46%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	
CATEGORY 3	Tree Planting/Nursery Program	892,900			580,000			312,900	892,900	-
	Conservation Services	82,200				30,000		52,200	82,200	-
	Environmental Education	912,000			600,000		312,000		912,000	-
	Property Rentals	1,109,200			3,038,000			(1,928,800)	1,109,200	-
	Hydro Production	212,000			580,000			(368,000)	212,000	-
	Conservation Areas	11,432,000			10,571,000		351,000	510,000	11,432,000	-
	Administrative Support (note 6)	1,217,400						1,217,400	1,217,400	-
Total Category 3	15,857,700	-	-	15,369,000	30,000	663,000	(204,300)	15,857,700	-	
			0%	0%	97%	0%	4%	-1%	100%	
TOTAL Programs & Services		34,442,188	13,292,000	850,000	16,705,000	1,897,188	1,698,000	-	34,442,188	-
			39%	2%	49%	6%	5%	0%	100%	

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COMMENTARY:

- NOTE 1 Total Programs & Services expenditures (includes transfers to reserves) is funded 39% by the combined total of mandatory municipal apportionment and Category 2 MOA municipal funding.
- NOTE 2 Almost 50% of total expenses is funded with self-generated revenue.
- NOTE 3 Category 3 'Property Rentals' and 'Hydro Production' generate a surplus which is allocated to Category 3 programs and General Operating expenses to achieve breakeven results for each P&S.
- NOTE 4 In 2023 General Municipal Levy funding totalled \$12,968,000. Therefore Municipal funding is increasing by \$324,000 (or 2.5%) to \$13,292,000 in 2024 compared to 2023.
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Grand River Conservation Authority
MUNICIPAL FUNDING BREAKDOWN (note 1)

BUDGET 2024

to General Meeting October 27th, 2023

ATTACHMENT C

	2024	2023
	Municipal Apportionment	Municipal Levy
CATEGORY 1 - Mandatory	8,964,112	
General Operating Expenses	3,310,888	
CATEGORY 2 - Municipally Requested MOU's (note 2)	1,017,000	
Matching Admin & Mtce Levy		449,688
Non-Matching Admin & Mtce Levy		11,568,312
Capital Maintenance Levy		950,000
	13,292,000	12,968,000
	<i>dollar Increase</i>	324,000
	<i>percentage Increase</i>	2.5%

Note 1
Funding under special agreements with Municipalities is not included in above municipal funding breakdown (i.e. RWQP, Subwatershed studies)

Note 2
 Participation of all member municipalities for Category 2 programs and services has not been confirmed as at Oct 27/23. Adjustments may be applicable.

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East Garafraxa Twp	80.0%	659,250,495	527,400,396	0.25%	8,194	22,184	2,517	32,895	32,145	2.3%
Town of Grand Valley	100.0%	629,306,057	629,306,057	0.30%	9,777	26,471	3,003	39,251	37,414	4.9%
Melancthon Twp	56.0%	621,036,905	347,780,667	0.16%	5,403	14,629	1,660	21,692	21,055	3.0%
Southgate Twp	6.0%	1,171,985,196	70,319,112	0.03%	1,092	2,958	336	4,386	4,082	7.4%
Haldimand County	41.0%	7,540,022,556	3,091,409,248	1.45%	48,029	130,037	14,753	192,819	188,187	2.5%
Norfolk County	5.0%	9,936,265,436	496,813,272	0.23%	7,719	20,898	2,371	30,988	30,398	1.9%
Halton Region	10.6%	49,388,040,845	5,220,626,448	2.45%	81,109	219,600	24,914	325,623	317,066	2.7%
Hamilton City	26.7%	98,248,255,488	26,281,408,343	12.33%	408,315	1,105,497	125,421	1,639,233	1,605,656	2.1%
Oxford County	36.1%	4,704,097,710	1,696,921,269	0.80%	26,364	71,379	8,098	105,841	103,618	2.1%
North Perth T	2.0%	2,497,940,188	49,958,804	0.02%	776	2,101	238	3,115	2,933	6.2%
Perth East Twp	40.0%	2,108,636,244	843,454,498	0.40%	13,104	35,479	4,025	52,608	51,654	1.8%
Waterloo Region	100.0%	107,591,348,898	107,591,348,898	50.49%	1,671,568	4,525,707	513,453	6,710,728	6,542,324	2.6%
Centre Wellington Twp	100.0%	5,519,221,813	5,519,221,813	2.59%	85,748	232,160	26,339	344,247	335,603	2.6%
Erin T	49.0%	2,632,734,184	1,290,039,750	0.61%	20,042	54,264	6,156	80,462	79,394	1.3%
Guelph C	100.0%	28,678,588,984	28,678,588,984	13.46%	445,558	1,206,332	136,861	1,788,751	1,757,601	1.8%
Guelph Eramosa Twp	100.0%	2,990,332,288	2,990,332,288	1.40%	46,459	125,785	14,271	186,515	182,089	2.4%
Mapleton Twp	95.0%	1,936,823,480	1,839,982,306	0.86%	28,586	77,397	8,781	114,764	111,066	3.3%
Wellington North Twp	51.0%	1,842,795,052	939,825,477	0.44%	14,601	39,533	4,485	58,619	57,083	2.7%
Puslinch Twp	75.0%	2,856,920,480	2,142,690,360	1.01%	33,289	90,130	10,225	133,644	129,031	3.6%
Total		355,872,351,049	213,107,216,762	100.00%	3,310,888	8,964,112	1,017,000	13,292,000	12,968,000	2.5%

*Operating Expenses include maintenance of capital infrastructure, studies, and/or equipment.

Grand River Conservation Authority
BUDGET 2024 - SUMMARY of RESERVES

ATTACHMENT E

General Meeting - October 27th, 2023

	BUDGET 2023	"NET CHANGE" INCREASE/(DECREASE) 2023 VS 2024	DETAILS OF "NET CHANGE" BUDGET 2023			BUDGET 2024
			Transfer In (Interest Income)	Transfer In	Transfer Out Description of Transfer	
Type A: GRCA Controlled						
Operating Reserves (designated)						
Property & Liability Insurance	270,383	0	0			270,383
Building & Mechanical Equipment	1,231,833	0	0			1,231,833
Small Office Equipment	8,013	0	0			8,013
Personnel	1,039,112	(65,000)	0		(65,000) OUT- Vacation Accrual, Wages	974,112
Transition	2,003,704	(357,000)	55,000		(412,000) OUT-\$100K Staff Position, \$312,000 Environmental Education	1,646,704
Forestry	1,347,640	35,000	35,000			1,382,640
Information Systems and Technology	1,063,602	(344,000)	35,000	1,437,000	(1,816,000) IN-Chargebacks; OUT-Operating/Capital costs	719,602
Cottage Operations	1,215,650	35,000	35,000			1,250,650
Grand River Watershed Management Plan	116,939	3,000	3,000			119,939
Planning Enforcement	542,179	16,000	16,000			558,179
Property Rental Expenses	757,976	20,000	20,000			777,976
Watershed Restoration	276,275	8,000	8,000			284,275
Master Planning	439,958	15,000	15,000			454,958
Water Management Operating NEW-2022	850,000	25,000	25,000			875,000
Motor Pool Equipment	1,445,368	(185,000)	55,000	1,300,000	(1,540,000) IN-Chargebacks;OUT-Operating/Capital costs	1,260,368
Motor Pool Insurance	95,064	3,000	3,000			98,064
Capital Reserves (designated)						
Water Control Structures	2,759,473	25,000	75,000		(50,000) OUT-Water Control Structures major repairs	2,784,473
Cambridge Desiltation Pond	4,709	(1,000)	0		(1,000) OUT-Cambridge Desiltation Pond costs	3,709
Completion of Capital Projects	162,000	0	0			162,000
Conservation Areas-Stabilization/Capital	7,049,262	(140,000)	210,000		(350,000) OUT-Cons Area Capital costs	6,909,262
Gauges	901,275	(70,000)	30,000		(100,000) OUT-Gauge costs	831,275
Capital Reserves (undesignated)						
General Capital Reserve	1,314,608	151,500	35,000	116,500	IN-Hydro Generation Revenue	1,466,108
Total Type A: GRCA Controlled	24,895,023	(825,500)	655,000	2,853,500	(4,334,000)	24,069,523
Type B: Reserves with Outside Control/Interest						
With MNRF Interest (Capital Reserves)						
Gravel	263,716	4,000	5,000		(1,000) OUT-Gravel Pit License	267,716
Land Sale Proceeds Reserve	22,606,367	479,000	579,000		(100,000) OUT-\$100K Demolition costs	23,085,367
With School Board Interest (Operating Reserves)						
App's Nature Centre	75,501	2,000	2,000			77,501
Laurel Creek Nature Centre	123,611	3,000	3,000			126,611
Guelph Lake Nature Centre	142,487	3,000	3,000			145,487
Taquanyah Nature Centre	23,197	1,000	1,000			24,197
Shade's Mills Nature Centre	79,836	2,000	2,000			81,836
Total Type B: Outside Control/Interest	23,314,715	494,000	595,000	0	(101,000)	23,808,715
TOTAL	\$48,209,738	(331,500)	\$1,250,000	\$2,853,500	(\$4,435,000)	\$47,878,238

BUDGET 2024 - CATEGORY 2 - WATERSHED SERVICES PROGRAM BREAKDOWN

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Programs & Services	Cost	Offsetting Funding	NET COST	Description of Funding
Sub-watershed Services	\$ 285,000	\$ (50,000)	\$ 235,000	Municipal Funding
Conservation Services	\$ 1,339,000	\$ (800,000)	\$ 539,000	Municipal Funding
Water Quality	\$ 148,000	\$ (1,000)	\$ 147,000	
Water Quality - Waste Water Optimization Program	\$ 87,600		\$ 87,600	
Water Quality - Groundwater Resources	\$ 8,400	\$ -	\$ 8,400	
Watershed Sciences & Collaborative Planning *				
TOTAL	\$ 1,868,000	\$ (851,000)	\$ 1,017,000	

** Costs related to this activity integrated in the above listed programs and services.*

**GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
BUDGET 2024**

	New Regulations		NEW REGS Budget 2023 (draft Oct version)	NEW REGS Budget 2024
	Category	P&S Ref #		
<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Municipal</u>				
Municipal Apportionment	Category 1	various	11,976,000	12,275,000
Memorandums of Understanding Apportionment	Category 2	various	992,000	1,017,000
Other	Category 2	8	850,000	850,000
			13,818,000	14,142,000
<u>Government Grants</u>				
MNRF Transfer Payments	Category 1	various	449,688	449,688
Source Protection Program-Provincial	Category 1	various	640,000	640,000
Other Provincial	Category 1	various	737,500	737,500
Other Provincial	Category 3	various	30,000	30,000
Federal	Category 1	various	40,000	40,000
			1,897,188	1,897,188
<u>Self Generated</u>				
User Fees and Sales				
<i>Resource Planning</i>	Category 1	4	1,144,000	1,044,000
<i>Tree Planting</i>	Category 3	9	580,000	580,000
<i>Conservation Lands Income</i>	Category 3	14	71,000	71,000
<i>Conservation Lands Income</i>	Category 1	5	15,000	15,000
<i>Conservation Areas User Fees</i>	Category 3	14	10,000,000	10,500,000
<i>Environmental Education</i>	Category 3	11	500,000	600,000
Property Rentals	Category 3	12	2,981,000	3,038,000
Hydro Generation	Category 3	13	580,000	580,000
Grand River Conservation Foundation	Category 1,2,3	various	27,000	27,000
Investment Income	General Operating	7	1,350,000	1,400,000
			17,248,000	17,855,000
Total Self-Generated Revenue			17,248,000	17,855,000
TOTAL REVENUE			32,963,188	33,894,188

**GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
BUDGET 2024**

	New Regulations		NEW REGS Budget 2023	NEW REGS Budget
	Category	P&S Ref #	(draft Oct version)	2024
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
OPERATING				
Watershed Management	Category 1	1	1,276,000	1,306,100
Flood Forecasting and Warning	Category 1	2	895,000	911,000
Water Control Structures	Category 1	3	2,143,200	2,128,700
Resource Planning	Category 1	4	2,551,800	2,569,600
Conservation Lands Management	Category 1	5	2,954,600	2,871,900
Source Protection Program	Category 1	6	640,000	640,000
General Operating Expenses	General Operating	7	3,495,788	3,830,188
Watershed Services	Category 2	8	1,043,000	1,068,000
Tree Planting	Category 3	9	867,300	892,900
Conservation Services	Category 3	10	81,200	82,200
Environmental Education	Category 3	11	775,100	912,000
Property Rentals	Category 3	12	1,095,200	1,109,200
Hydro Production	Category 3	13	95,500	95,500
Conservation Areas	Category 3	14	9,037,000	9,432,000
Administrative Support	Category 3	15	1,198,000	1,217,400
Total OPERATING Expenses			28,148,688	29,066,688
CAPITAL				
Watershed Management	Category 1	1	110,000	110,000
Flood Forecasting and Warning	Category 1	2	190,000	190,000
Water Control Structures	Category 1	3	1,500,000	1,500,000
Conservation Areas	Category 3	13	2,000,000	2,000,000
Information Systems	General Operating	16	290,000	379,000
Motor Pool	General Operating	16	14,000	240,000
Total Capital Expenses			4,104,000	4,419,000
SPECIAL				
Resource Planning	Category 1	4	40,000	40,000
Conservation Services	Category 2	8	800,000	800,000
Total SPECIAL PROJECTS Expenses			840,000	840,000
Total Expenses			33,092,688	34,325,688
Gross Surplus			(129,500)	(431,500)
Prior Year Surplus Carryforward			100,000	100,000
Net Funding FROM/(TO) Reserves			29,500	331,500
NET SURPLUS			0	0

GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
P&S #1 - Watershed Management
BUDGET 2024

NEW REGS Budget 2023	NEW REGS Budget 2024
(draft Oct version)	

How much does it cost, and who pays for it?

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Expenditures and Funding to Reserves

Compensation and Benefits	1,013,900	1,044,000
Administration Expenses	197,000	197,000
Other Operating Expenses	65,100	65,100
Total OPERATING Expenditures	1,276,000	1,306,100
Instrumentation	60,000	60,000
Water Quality Monitoring Equipment	50,000	50,000
Total CAPITAL Expenditures	110,000	110,000

TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND FUNDING TO RESERVES	1,386,000	1,416,100
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Funding

Municipal

Municipal Apportionment (levy)	1,273,500	1,303,600
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Government Grants

Other Provincial	37,500	37,500
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Funding From Reserves

Gauges	75,000	75,000
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TOTAL FUNDING	1,386,000	1,416,100
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Net Surplus/(Deficit)	0	0
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**GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
P&S #2 - Flood Forecasting and Warning
BUDGET 2024**

NEW REGS Budget 2023	NEW REGS Budget 2024
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(draft Oct version)

How much does it cost, and who pays for it?

Expenditures and Funding to Reserves

Compensation and Benefits	551,000	567,000
Administration Expenses	236,000	236,000
Other Operating Expenses	108,000	108,000
Total OPERATING Expenditures	895,000	911,000
Hardware	88,000	88,000
Stream Gauges	102,000	102,000
Total CAPITAL Expenditures	190,000	190,000

TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND FUNDING TO RESERVES	1,085,000	1,101,000
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Funding

Municipal

Municipal Apportionment (levy)	835,662	911,662
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Government Grants

MNRF Transfer Payments	164,338	164,338
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Funding From Reserves

Floodplain Mapping Projects & Gauges	25,000	25,000
Water Management Operating	60,000	0

TOTAL REVENUE	1,085,000	1,101,000
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Net Surplus/(Deficit)	0	0
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**GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
P&S #3 - Water Control Structures
BUDGET 2024**

NEW REGS Budget 2023	NEW REGS Budget 2024
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How much does it cost, and who pays for it?

Expenditures and Funding to Reserves

Compensation and Benefits	1,399,500	1,441,000
Administration Expenses	29,200	29,200
Insurance	199,000	143,000
Property Taxes	170,700	170,700
Other Operating Expenses	344,800	344,800
Total OPERATING Expenditures	2,143,200	2,128,700
Total CAPITAL Expenditures	1,500,000	1,500,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND FUNDING TO RESERVES	3,643,200	3,628,700

Funding

Municipal

Municipal Apportionment (levy)	2,537,850	2,593,350
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Government Grants

MNRF Transfer Payments	285,350	285,350
Provincial	700,000	700,000

Funding From Reserves

Water Control Structures/Water Mgmt Operating Reserve	120,000	50,000
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TOTAL REVENUE AND FUNDING FROM RESERVES	3,643,200	3,628,700
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Net Surplus/(Deficit)	0	0
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**GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
P&S #4 - Resource Planning
BUDGET 2024**

NEW REGS Budget 2023	NEW REGS Budget 2024
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(draft Oct version)

How much does it cost, and who pays for it?

Expenditures and Funding to Reserves

Compensation and Benefits	2,275,200	2,293,000
Administration Expenses	221,900	221,900
Other Operating Expenses	54,700	54,700
Total OPERATING Expenditures	2,551,800	2,569,600
Species at Risk	40,000	40,000
Total SPECIAL PROJECT Expenditures	40,000	40,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND FUNDING TO RESERVES	2,591,800	2,609,600

Funding

Municipal

Municipal Apportionment (levy)	1,362,800	1,525,600
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Government Grants

Federal	40,000	40,000
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Self Generated

Solicitor Enquiry Fees	90,000	80,000
Permit Fees	500,000	470,000
Plan Review Fees	554,000	494,000

Funding from Reserves

Water Management Operating Reserve	45,000	-
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TOTAL REVENUE	2,591,800	2,609,600
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Net Surplus/(Deficit)	0	0
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**GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
P&S #5 - Conservation Lands Management
BUDGET 2024**

NEW REGS Budget 2023 (draft Oct version)	NEW REGS Budget 2024
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How much does it cost, and who pays for it?

Expenditures and Funding to Reserves

Compensation and Benefits	1,789,700	1,813,000
Administration Expenses	165,100	165,100
Insurance	201,000	60,000
Property Taxes	285,200	305,200
Other Operating Expenses	513,600	528,600
Total OPERATING Expenditures	2,954,600	2,871,900

TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND FUNDING TO RESERVES	2,954,600	2,871,900
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Funding

Municipal

Municipal Apportionment (levy)	2,712,600	2,629,900
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Self Generated

Timber Sales	15,000	15,000
Donations - Foundation	27,000	27,000

Funding From Reserves

Land (Demolitions)	100,000	100,000
Transition Reserve (Staffing)	100,000	100,000

TOTAL REVENUE	2,954,600	2,871,900
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Net Surplus/(Deficit)	0	0
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**GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
P&S #6 - Source Protection Program
BUDGET 2024**

NEW REGS	NEW REGS
Budget 2023	Budget 2024
(draft Oct version)	

How much does it cost, and who pays for it?

Expenditures

Compensation and Benefits	490,000	490,000
Administration Expenses	50,000	50,000
Other Operating Expenses	90,000	90,000
Water Budget - Technical Studies	10,000	10,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	640,000	640,000

Funding

Government Grants

Provincial	640,000	640,000
TOTAL FUNDING	640,000	640,000

**GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
P&S #7 General Operating Expense
BUDGET 2024**

NEW REGS Budget 2023	NEW REGS Budget 2024
(draft Oct version)	

How much does it cost, and who pays for it?

Expenditures and Funding to Reserves

Compensation and Benefits	2,327,500	2,441,000
Administration Expenses	370,000	370,000
Insurance	63,500	284,500
Other Operating Expenses	804,788	804,688
LESS: Recovery of Corporate Services Expenses	(70,000)	(70,000)
Total OPERATING Expenditures	3,495,788	3,830,188
Interest Income	1,250,000	1,250,000
Total FUNDING to RESERVES	1,250,000	1,250,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND FUNDING TO RESERVES	4,745,788	5,080,188

Funding

Municipal

Municipal Apportionment (levy)	3,253,588	3,310,888
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Self Generated

Investment Income	1,350,000	1,400,000
Personnel	65,000	65,000

TOTAL REVENUE	4,668,588	4,775,888
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Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(77,200)	(304,300)
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**GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
P&S #8 - Watershed Services - CAT 2
BUDGET 2024**

NEW REGS Budget 2023 (draft Oct version)	NEW REGS Budget 2024
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How much does it cost, and who pays for it?

Expenditures and Funding to Reserves

Compensation and Benefits	825,100	850,000
Administration Expenses	117,900	118,000
Other Operating Expenses	100,000	100,000
Total OPERATING Expenditures	1,043,000	1,068,000
RWQP Grants	800,000	800,000
Total SPECIAL PROJECT Expenditures	800,000	800,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND FUNDING TO RESERVES	1,843,000	1,868,000

Funding

Municipal

Memorandums of Understanding Apportionment	992,000	1,017,000
Municipal Other	850,000	850,000

Funding From Reserves

Cambridge Desiltation Pond	1,000	1,000
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TOTAL REVENUE	1,843,000	1,868,000
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	0	0

**GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
P&S #9 Tree Planting Program
BUDGET 2024**

NEW REGS Budget 2023	NEW REGS Budget 2024
(draft Oct version)	

How much does it cost, and who pays for it?

Expenditures and Funding to Reserves

Compensation and Benefits	278,000	287,000
Administration Expenses	30,900	30,900
Other Operating Expenses	558,400	575,000
Total OPERATING Expenditures	867,300	892,900

TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND FUNDING TO RESERVES	867,300	892,900
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Funding

Self Generated

Nursery	400,000	400,000
Landowner Contributions (Tree Planting)	180,000	180,000

TOTAL REVENUE	580,000	580,000
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Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(287,300)	(312,900)
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**GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
P&S #10 - Conservation Services
BUDGET 2024**

NEW REGS Budget 2023	NEW REGS Budget 2024
(draft Oct version)	

How much does it cost, and who pays for it?

Expenditures and Funding to Reserves

Compensation and Benefits	26,000	27,000
Administration Expenses	33,200	33,200
Other Operating Expenses	22,000	22,000
Total OPERATING Expenditures	81,200	82,200
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND FUNDING TO RESERVES	81,200	82,200

Funding

Government Grants

Other Provincial	30,000	30,000
TOTAL REVENUE	30,000	30,000
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(51,200)	(52,200)

**GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
P&S #11 - Environmental Education
BUDGET 2024**

NEW REGS Budget 2023	NEW REGS Budget 2024
(draft Oct version)	

How much does it cost, and who pays for it?

Expenditures and Funding to Reserves

Compensation & Benefits	574,500	642,000
Administration Expenses	57,000	57,000
Other Operating Expenses	143,600	213,000
Total OPERATING Expenditures	775,100	912,000

Guelph Lake Nature Centre		
Total SPECIAL PROJECT Expenditures	0	0

TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND FUNDING TO RESERVES	775,100	912,000
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Funding

Self Generated

Nature Centre Revenue - Schools	500,000	600,000
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Funding from Reserves

Transition Reserve		312,000
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TOTAL REVENUE	500,000	912,000
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Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(275,100)	0
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**GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
P&S #12 - Property Rentals
BUDGET 2024**

NEW REGS Budget 2023	NEW REGS Budget 2024
(draft Oct version)	

How much does it cost, and who pays for it?

Expenditures and Funding to Reserves

Compensation and Benefits	456,000	470,000
Administration Expenses	37,500	37,500
Other Operating Expenses	601,700	601,700
Total OPERATING Expenditures	1,095,200	1,109,200

TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND FUNDING TO RESERVES	1,095,200	1,109,200
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Funding

Self Generated

Belwood	1,040,000	1,066,000
Conestogo	1,245,000	1,276,000
Agricultural	250,000	250,000
Residential	110,000	110,000
Miscellaneous	336,000	336,000

TOTAL REVENUE	2,981,000	3,038,000
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Net Surplus/(Deficit)	1,885,800	1,928,800
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**GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
P&S #13 - Hydro Production
BUDGET 2024**

NEW REGS	NEW REGS
Budget 2023	Budget 2024
(draft Oct version)	

How much does it cost, and who pays for it?

Expenditures and Funding to Reserves

Compensation and Benefits	70,000	70,000
Other Operating Expenses	25,500	25,500
Total OPERATING Expenditures	95,500	95,500
General Capital/Land Sale Proceeds	116,500	116,500
Total FUNDING to RESERVES	116,500	116,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND FUNDING TO RESERVES	212,000	212,000

Revenue

Government Grants

Provincial	0	0
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Self Generated

Hydro Production-Belwood	265,000	265,000
Hydro Production-Conestogo	260,000	260,000
Hydro Production-Guelph	40,000	40,000
Hydro Production-Elora	15,000	15,000
Miscellaneous Income	0	0

Funding from Reserves

Land Sale Proceeds	0	0
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TOTAL REVENUE	580,000	580,000
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Net Surplus/(Deficit)	368,000	368,000
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**GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
P&S #14 - Conservation Areas
BUDGET 2024**

NEW REGS Budget 2023	NEW REGS Budget 2024
(draft Oct version)	

How much does it cost, and who pays for it?

Expenditures and Funding to Reserves

Compensation and Benefits	5,033,000	5,224,000
Administration Expenses	215,000	220,000
Property Tax	65,000	65,000
Other Operating Expenses	3,724,000	3,923,000
Total OPERATING Expenditures	9,037,000	9,432,000
Total CAPITAL Expenditures	2,000,000	2,000,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND FUNDING TO RESERVES	11,037,000	11,432,000

Funding

Self Generated

Brant	1,100,000	1,175,000
Byng Island	1,000,000	1,100,000
Belwood Lake	400,000	375,000
Conestogo Lake	550,000	600,000
Elora Gorge	2,000,000	2,100,000
Elora Quarry	450,000	450,000
Guelph Lake	1,300,000	1,400,000
Laurel Creek	650,000	650,000
Pinehurst Lake	850,000	900,000
Rockwood	1,250,000	1,300,000
Shade's Mills	450,000	450,000
Total Fee Revenue	10,000,000	10,500,000

Miscellaneous Income (Luther)	71,000	71,000
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Funding From Reserves

Gravel	1,000	1,000
Conservation Areas - Capital Projects	500,000	350,000

TOTAL REVENUE	10,572,000	10,922,000
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Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(465,000)	(510,000)
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**GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
P&S #15 - Administrative Support - CATEGORY 3
BUDGET 2024**

NEW REGS Budget 2023	NEW REGS Budget 2024
(draft Oct version)	

How much does it cost, and who pays for it?

Expenditures and Funding to Reserves

Compensation and Benefits	648,600	668,000
Administration Expenses	100,900	100,900
Insurance	208,500	208,500
Other Operating Expenses	240,000	240,000
LESS: Recovery of Corporate Services Expenses		
Total OPERATING Expenditures	1,198,000	1,217,400

TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND FUNDING TO RESERVES	1,198,000	1,217,400
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Funding

TOTAL REVENUE	0	0
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Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,198,000)	(1,217,400)
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GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
P&S #16 - Supplemental Information - Information Systems and Motor Pool
BUDGET 2024

NEW REGS	NEW REGS
Budget	Budget
2023	2024
(draft Oct version)	

How much does it cost, and who pays for it?

Expenditures

Information Systems

Compensation and Benefits	1,290,000	1,329,000
Administrative Expenses	25,500	25,500
Software and Hardware Maintenance	187,500	187,500
Supplies and Services	54,000	54,000
Total OPERATING Expenditures	1,557,000	1,596,000
Capital Expenses	170,000	220,000
LESS Internal Charges	(1,437,000)	(1,437,000)
NET Unallocated Expenses	290,000	379,000

Motor Pool

Compensation and Benefits	312,000	321,000
Administrative Expenses	26,000	26,000
Insurance	50,600	63,000
Motor Pool Building and Grounds Maintenance	10,400	10,000
Equipment, Repairs and Supplies	286,000	336,000
Fuel	254,000	284,000
Total OPERATING Expenditures	939,000	1,040,000
Capital Expenses	375,000	500,000
LESS Internal Charges	(1,300,000)	(1,300,000)
NET Unallocated Expenses	14,000	240,000

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	304,000	619,000
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Funding

TOTAL REVENUE	0	0
Gross Surplus (Deficit)	(304,000)	(619,000)
Funding From Reserves	3,041,000	3,356,000
Funding to Reserves	(2,737,000)	(2,737,000)
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	0	0

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234-2023-5307

November 2, 2023

**Re: Announcement Impacting Provincial Decisions on Municipal Official Plans/
Official Plan Amendments**

Dear Sir, Madam:

Since becoming the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, I have made it a priority to review past decisions related to land use planning, including official plans and minister's zoning orders, to ensure that these earlier decisions support our goal of building at least 1.5 million homes in a manner that maintains and reinforces public trust.

In November 2022 and April 2023, the ministry issued decisions on official plans impacting the cities of Barrie, Belleville, Guelph, Hamilton, Ottawa and Peterborough, the regional municipalities of Halton, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo and York, and Wellington County. As a result of my review of these decisions, on October 23, 2023, I announced my intent to introduce legislation as soon as possible that would reverse the province's changes to these plans.

For clarity, the proposed legislation will, if passed, bring into effect the official plans or official plan amendments as adopted by municipal council without provincial modifications, except for any modifications that are necessary to protect matters of public health and safety, or which are required to align with legislation or regulations.

The ministry appreciates that the decisions that were made in November 2022 and April 2023 are currently in effect, and I understand that many municipalities are working to actively implement the decisions. I also appreciate that productive collaboration and coordination between the ministry and your municipality is going to be needed to ensure clarity going forward.

As stated in my announcement on October 23, 2023, we are providing 45 days for municipalities to submit information about the modifications to the official plans that were originally submitted to the Ministry, including:

1. Circumstances or projects where construction has already begun in relation to the official plan or official plan amendment decisions, particularly those projects that are directly reliant on the modifications made to the plan through the ministry's decision; and

2. If there are changes that the municipality would like to see made to the official plan, based on the modifications that the province had previously made, and which you support. Municipal feedback on the original official plan submitted to the province will be important to supporting its implementation.

We are asking mayors of impacted single and lower tier municipalities to submit this feedback, including proposed changes and updates to the official plans/official plan amendments, to ministry staff **by December 7, 2023**. Please submit feedback to the following email address: MMAHOfficialPlans@Ontario.ca.

To ensure the province receives the necessary feedback within the 45-day window, we will accept changes directly from heads of council of single and lower-tier municipalities, including to official plans that were originally submitted with council endorsements from upper tier municipalities. Heads of council may choose to seek a council endorsement of their proposed changes, but that is not required.

While I intend to introduce legislation prior to the conclusion of the 45-day period, please rest assured that municipal feedback received during the 45-day window, and through consultation on the legislation, will be carefully considered to determine the best approach for moving forward, including if further legislative steps or the use of other provincial tools are required.

We are also interested in receiving information and supporting documentation that outlines related planning costs that may have been incurred by your municipality arising out of the provincial decisions. This information can be submitted to the ministry outside of the 45-day window through municipal staff.

Official plans are an important tool for addressing Ontario's shortage of housing. To that end, as you prepare your feedback, I encourage you to ensure your proposed approach to meet your housing targets is ambitious and reflective of the serious need to get more homes built quickly. In particular, I encourage you to look for opportunities to systematically increase density and align this density with existing and planned transit within your municipality. Getting more homes built faster will help more people in your municipality find a home that meets their needs and budget and help municipalities access funding under Ontario's all-new \$1.2 billion Building Faster Fund.

If your staff have questions or concerns, ministry staff are available to discuss this matter further. Please have municipal staff contact the ministry at the email address above and we will connect you with the relevant staff in my ministry.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Calandra', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Pilon, Janet

Subject: For upcoming Council: Resignation of current HPSB member

From: Fred Bennink

Sent: Friday, November 3, 2023 12:11 PM

To: Kolar, Loren <Loren.Kolar@hamilton.ca>

Cc: Stevenson, Kirsten <Kirsten.Stevenson@hamilton.ca>; Pat Mandy

Subject: HPSB member

Good day. I hereby am resigning my position as the municipal appointee on the Hamilton Police Service Board.
Thank you.

Fred Bennink

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Support changes to transit fare assist program

From: Joshua Weresch

Sent: November 2, 2023 2:03 PM

To: Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>

Cc: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Support changes to transit fare assist program

Dear Councillor Danko and Mayor Horwath,

Good morning. I hope this finds you well. I write as a resident in Ward 8, regarding the CBC Hamilton article written by Samantha Beattie, People with disabilities will soon have to pay Hamilton bus fare as new program slated for 2024 (2 Nov 2023 [<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/hsr-fare-assist-1.7015114>]; accessed 2 Nov 2023). I ask that this letter be included on the public agenda of the Council meeting to be held on 8 November 2023.

I am appalled that the price of more transit for the poor, to which I am not at all opposed, is the disenfranchisement of low-vision users of public transit, users who are, according to advocates, members of a historically vulnerable population. The only just solution to pitting one group of vulnerable users against another group is free transit for all users, beginning with the adoption of the C.A.R.E.-free transit programme proposed by the district labour council. Moreover, I would like to know how many members of council even use public transit and what makes them more qualified to speak to and vote on how public transit is enacted than the very communities that will be deeply impacted and disenfranchised by this decision.

I have been using public transit through the week and week-end since 2011 and have seen only fares increase in the past decade. The increases at the fare-box serve only to make transit more and more unaffordable for those who most rely on it to enjoy freedom of mobility, a right guaranteed under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. According to Hamilton Citizens at City Hall (hamiltoncatch.org), in an article published in October 2020 (see <https://hamiltoncatch.org/articles/2020/10/05/gasoline-drop-will-hit-city-1>), the city has long relied on the flawed methodology of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to under-fund systematically public transit; under that methodology, the provincial gasoline tax revenue, all of which is to be directed to public transit directly, is siphoned off so that 90% of that revenue is directed to road maintenance and repairs and 10% to public transit. If 100% of that revenue were directed to public transit, more buses, perhaps even electric ones, and unionized drivers for them, would be on the roads decreasing wear and tear on the roads themselves and reducing the need for maintenance.

I urge you and Council as a whole to support changes to this fare-assist program so that the voluntary pay program can continue and to re-consider their decision to support the fare-assist program altogether. Please extend the voluntary pay programme so that low-income users can also ride for free and continue to pressure the province to fund fully all forms of public transit so that it can be made free for all users, a step that would certainly help address the growing problem of climate change in the city.

I look forward to your actions in these regards.

Power to the people,

Joshua Weresch

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Information to help Hamilton pass bylaws to regulate graphic imagery of aborted fetuses

From: joyce@arcc-cdac.ca <joyce@arcc-cdac.ca>

Sent: November 5, 2023 11:23 AM

To: Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>

Cc: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Information to help Hamilton pass bylaws to regulate graphic imagery of aborted fetuses

Dear Mayor Andrea Horwath and Councillor Maureen Wilson,

I'm the Executive Director of Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada (ARCC), and am writing to strongly support the idea of Hamilton passing a "viewer discretion" bylaw to regulate flyers with graphic imagery, requiring them to be fully concealed in an envelope with a warning label and identifying info from the sender. Thank you to Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson for requesting a staff report on the feasibility of this bylaw, including looking at ways to regulate graphic imagery displayed in public spaces.

ARCC has been working for years on this issue and has developed resources to help cities. May I please provide some background information that could be of help to your staff? Please feel free to forward this email to staff, as well as to other Councillors.

Graphic Flyers

The graphic flyers are hand-delivered by volunteers with the anti-abortion group "Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform" (CCBR). The CCBR produces and distributes these graphics, which are sometimes purchased and distributed by local groups on behalf of the CCBR. The deliveries happen in dozens of communities across Canada and cause significant harm, especially to families with young children and people who've had miscarriages or abortions. They also violate the privacy of peoples' homes, essentially forcing them to view these images.

Six municipalities have so far passed Viewer Discretion bylaws to regulate these flyers: London ([May 2022](#)), Woodstock ([Feb 2023](#), see pg 7), Calgary ([May 2023](#)), Ingersoll ([June 2023](#)), Strathmore AB ([July 2023](#)), Okotoks AB ([Aug 2023](#)), and St. Catharines ([Sept 2023](#), see Section 7.3). Further, [Norwich](#), [Oakville](#), and [Toronto](#) are moving towards passing a flyer bylaw soon, while it's now on the agenda of other cities including Burlington, Mississauga, Vancouver, and others.

Notably, these bylaws make enforcement easier by stating that "a director or officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs in the contravention of any provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence." (wording from London's bylaw). This means it's not necessary to identify the particular volunteer who delivered the flyer – instead a municipality can charge the CCBR, which is a registered corporation in Alberta.

Graphic signage in public

The CCBR is also responsible for producing and showing the graphic signage shown on city streets, outside schools, and at universities. Several other municipalities are examining this issue:

- **Toronto:** On July 10, 2023, City Council passed a motion and directed the Municipal Licensing and Standards department to report to the April 2024 meeting of the Economic and Community Development Committee on how to regulate the unsolicited delivery of graphic images to residences in a similar manner as in London, as well as to report on the feasibility of prohibiting advocacy signs in public that display graphic images.
- **London:** In July 2022, the Community and Protective Services Committee supported a motion to direct staff to prepare a report about potentially expanding its existing graphic flyer bylaw to also prohibit graphic images in

public. In January 2023, city staff with the Building Division, Planning and Economic Development, indicated that more time for research was required but a report is hopefully expected by the end of the year.

- **Oakville:** On June 19, 2023, Town Council directed staff to look at placing restrictions on graphic anti-abortion flyers and public displays. Staff were instructed to come back with recommendations before the end of fall, to allow the matter to be discussed as part of a review of the town's licensing bylaw.

In **Calgary**, due to the CCBR displaying graphic signage in front of high schools, the city prohibited prohibit signage outside schools in a clever way. It passed a bylaw amendment on Oct 5, 2020 to the [Temporary Signs on Highways](#) bylaw (section 3.3.1(a)). The amendment limits signs with advocacy messaging to just 5" x 3.5" within 150 metres of any Calgary school. The restriction applies from 7:30 am to 9 pm on days when students would normally be present, and does not apply on school-owned property or private property. Violators face a ticket and fine up to \$1,000. The city's law department believes the restriction is justifiable under the Charter.

ARCC's resources for cities

Our updated report to cities on [How Local Governments Can Regulate Public Messaging](#) comprehensively covers all options available to cities to control graphic images and other unacceptable messages. It describes what other municipalities have done, explains how to address constitutional issues related to freedom of expression, and contains Appendices with bylaw excerpts, stories of the harms of the graphic images, and upheld complaints to Ad Standards. (Please feel free to share this report with City Councillors and staff, but not publicly.)

In the meantime, if Councillors receive complaints from their constituents about graphic flyers, they can encourage residents to use our [Provincial Trespass Remedy](#) to protect their homes from people delivering the graphic flyers.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Joyce Arthur (she/her)
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Pilon, Janet

Subject: Article 11.2 on Agenda Airport Employment Growth District Transportation Master Plan Update (PED17175(a)) (Wards 11 and 12)

From: Maxine Morris-Zecchini

Sent: November 7, 2023 9:27 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; johnpaul.danko@hamilton.ca; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Article 11.2 on Agenda Airport Employment Growth District Transportation Master Plan Update (PED17175(a)) (Wards 11 and 12)

Please deny this development which will have a disastrous effect on our wetlands. The “Move The Marsh” effort must be stopped.

Maxine Morris-Zecchini and Mario Zecchini
Ancaster Residents and Taxpayers

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Stay firm

From: Harriet Woodside

Sent: November 6, 2023 5:53 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Stay firm

Our City has put up an effective and seemingly successful fight to save natural land, contain urban sprawl and make sensible plans for creating more housing within city boundaries. Let's not lose your resolve now. Please DON'T agree to new roads and buildings in the area around the airport at the Council meeting on November 9th.

Thank you.

Harriet Woodside
Ward 13

Pilon, Janet

Subject: AEGD planning proposal needs to be delayed

From: charles langford

Sent: November 6, 2023 9:01 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: AEGD planning proposal needs to be delayed

Hello Clerk and Councillors,

Warehouse development on top of Hamilton farmland and wetlands was referred to as "industrial sprawl" at the October 31 Planning meeting where Councillors got a look at the proposed Airport Employment Growth Area (AEGD) Transportation Master Plan

Are we going to truly build warehouses on greenspaces during a climate emergency??
For 39 low paying warehouse jobs per hectare?

1. At that meeting we heard \$75million to be paid by taxpayers? does this sound fair with those kind of employment numbers?
2. The expansion lands have not be removed from this plan. Nothing can go forward until they lands are removed.
3. This plan will cost \$500 Million - some of it will be borne by developers and some by taxpayers up front. What will our tax base pay? how can taxpayers possibly afford more property taxes in this inflationary disaster we're living in?
4. How is the environment and its natural heritage a last resort? to be dealt with AFTER everything is said and done?

Can we please delay this and discuss properly the implications here?

Please delay

thank you

Pilon, Janet

Subject: How many times?

From: Mary Love

Sent: November 5, 2023 7:39 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: How many times?

Dear Mayor Horwath and City Councillors,

After all the efforts made by yourselves, the City staff, and countless Hamilton citizens like myself to win back the Hamilton Greenbelt and urban expansion lands, I can't believe we have nature-destroying developers at the gates again!

I think you have been very clear with the Province that Hamiltonians want and expect you to protect Nature, and I am calling on you to be as clear with ONE Properties, Urban Solutions and Sergio Manchia. In this case the stakes are equally high, though the acreage is lower. If not forcefully protected, we stand to lose the tributaries and headwaters of Ancaster Creek, the beautiful Garner Marsh, and all the wetlands, woodlots, hedgerows, ponds, and other natural habitat that the proposed AEGD "Madster" Transportation Plan would destroy.

We need more respect for nature, not more roads! Biodiversity is under huge threat and is much more important than saving seconds on commutes that should be achieved by public transit and by making new jobs and neighbourhoods within the urban boundary Hamilton voted to keep.

An important aspect of the societal shift we must make in this century is not just reducing the number of cars and roads, but the rampant consumerism these huge warehouses represent. Consumerism fuelled by manipulative advertising uses up too many resources, makes too much waste, and inevitably leads to proposals such as this one that threaten to ravage farmlands, wetlands, and woodlands. More and more consumer products do not make people happier and healthier; they just make a few people richer and richer! Healthier relationships with our fellow humans, the land and its creatures makes people happier and healthier. You as our city's elected officials have an opportunity to foster those healthier relationships in your public messaging, and in your decisions.

There's so much wrong with these highway and warehouse proposals! Reliance on an outdated natural heritage map from 2011 which does not identify all the wetlands, woodlots, creeks and hedgerows in this 1300 acre parcel is just plain dishonest and profoundly stupid. I saw the same thing in the developers' webinar on widening highway 6. It won't wash anymore!

This plan needs to wait until the cost to both nature and the public purse can be evaluated. Ramming roads through wetlands to accommodate industrial sprawl is no longer acceptable in the face of the climate and biodiversity crises.

I feel for you in this confusing situation because the urban boundary lands are in the process of being returned but there they are in the AEGD proposal because it was put together before the Province backed down. Surely a hold should be put on this proposal as not only its heritage markers but even its actual available land parameters are all out of date?

To paraphrase a famous song Pete Seeger loved to sing, Hamiltonians won't stand for this:

Where have all the turtles (hedgerows, marshes, barn owls, farmlands) gone, long time passing?

Where have all the turtles gone, long time ago?

Where have all the turtles gone? Gone for warehouses/highways, every one,

When will they/we ever learn?

As an 8 year old child's sign at a recent Dundas rally said,

"Nature is worth more than money."

Hamilton young people are counting on you to say No! to these kinds of massive developments that rob them of precious and irreplaceable farmland and animal and plant species forever.

We are all treaty people, and I count on you to honour the Dish With One Spoon wampum belt covenant. Stop developers from taking much more than their share of wealth from these Indigenous lands and from dirtying the dish!

Respectfully,

Mary Love

Ward 7

Sent from my iPhone

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Against proposal for 370 Garner Road E

From: Laurel Imeson

Sent: November 5, 2023 7:55 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Against proposal for 370 Garner Road E

Hello,

This proposal relies on an outdated natural heritage map from 2011 which does not identify all the wetlands, woodlots, creeks and hedgerows in this 1300 acre parcel. Building roads through wetlands to accommodate industrial sprawl is no longer acceptable in the face of the climate and biodiversity crises. Warehouse development on top of Hamilton farmland and wetlands is dangerous and destructive industrial sprawl. The proposed mammoth buildings will wipe out a headwater tributary of the Ancaster creek, many kilometers of hedgerows, unevaluated wetlands and unprotected woodlots. Moving the marsh is not a solution. As well, we need to protect all remaining farmland.

Thank you for your consideration of this. The province is watching Hamilton carefully.
Laurel Imeson

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Concerns about warehouse development on wetlands and farmland in Ancaster

From: Teresa Busch

Sent: November 5, 2023 8:13 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Concerns about warehouse development on wetlands and farmland in Ancaster

Good day,

As long time Ancaster residents since 1976, we hereby register our deep concern about the proposal that ONE properties, Urban Solutions, and Sergio's Manchia wish to build massive warehouses onto the Garner Marsh, obliterating the headwaters of the Ancaster Creek and causing permanent injury to its natural wetlands including wildlife, plants, etc., paving over paradise as it were.

In this age of heightened awareness of, and reality of climate change, it makes no sense to us to undermine and destroy wild areas that are desperately needed to help protect us and all creatures who depend on it. It's unconscionable and terribly short-sighted! Surely we can do better, not only for ourselves now, but looking forward to the future generations.

Thank you,
Robert and Teresa Busch

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Airport area road network

From: David Lloyd

Sent: November 6, 2023 7:29 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Airport area road network

Good evening Clerk, Councillors and Madam Mayor,

Please add my email to the Nov 8 2023 Council agenda respecting the Aerotropolis - Transportation Masterplan

I wish to express my surprise that a **\$500 million road network** for the Aerotropolis was passed at the Oct 31 planning meeting with very few questions about how those costs will filter down to taxpayers. It has not escaped my notice that councillors who regularly obstruct progressive policies with far smaller price tags, simply looked the other way and voted to pass this gargantuan expense. What a painfully obvious double standard.

I am requesting that someone put this plan on ice until such time as we know

Exactly who will pay for it and how the costs will be broken down?

Whether any other provincial legislation will reduce the development charges that would be payable?

Whether we will be forced to pay for roads to be built first and collect development charges later?

Whether the cost will outweigh the benefit?

What kind of jobs will the area attract?

What kind of tax base do logistics complexes offer?

Please pause this plan and only proceed once you have asked the right questions and received satisfactory answers.

David Williams

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Airport business park

From: Ron Joice

Sent: November 6, 2023 8:08 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Airport business park

Please stop and consider what damage will be done by this development to our environment. Apply current standards and environmental protection to this project, Stop the destruction before it starts.

Ron Joice

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Roads, Warehouses at the Airport

From: Christiane de Savigny

Sent: November 5, 2023 7:08 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Roads, Warehouses at the Airport

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am asking you to consider what is at stake if wetlands and sensitive ecosystems near the airport are eliminated in favour of roads and warehouses. Industrial sprawl in times of warming climate and the fallout of it, such as increased precipitation and loss of species will only exacerbate the bad situation the world is in. Paved over wetlands cannot absorb downpours, fauna and flora once lost cannot be brought back. Paved roads, large roof and walls store heat and add to warming. Money could be much better spent for healthcare, especially when we can expect that costs in this sector to increase as the environment heats up.

Please be the councillor that thinks ahead and weighs carefully how that kind of expansion is handled. Be intelligent, be concerned, be considerate and be kind to all species, including humans and their future.

Thank you.

Christiane de Savigny

Ancaster

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Wetlands

From: Mothersill, Carmel

Sent: November 5, 2023 4:42 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Wetlands

Please don't build roads through Hamilton's few remaining wetlands.

Carmel Mothersill
Canada Research Chair, McMaster University

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Warehouse development on Hamilton farmland and wetlands

From: LSAUNDERS

Sent: November 5, 2023 3:45 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Warehouse development on Hamilton farmland and wetlands

I am very concerned about the industrial sprawl and the taxpayer's responsibilities to the AEGD.

. [Item 11.2 on the agenda](#). The \$10 Million per km network will be partially funded **through the tax levy** and will blanket the 1300 acre parcel with roads that plough through wetlands, woodlots, streams, hedgerows and habitat. It is a plan designed to suit warehouse developers and based on a natural heritage map of Hamilton that was created way back in 2011 and desperately needs updating.

There are already massive issues with flooding and overland water as a result of the area development

The proposal for 370 Garner Road E demonstrates how buildings will wipe out a headwater tributary of the Ancaster creek, many kilometers of hedgerows, unevaluated wetlands and unprotected woodlots.

The [warehouse complex](#) that ONE Properties, Urban Solutions and Sergio Manchia wish to drop onto the Garner Marsh, headwaters of Ancaster Creek is at 140 Garner Road east in the northwest corner of the AEGD was not approved

Some concerns with the road network are:

-A \$500 Million dollar construction price tag, a percentage of which **taxpayers will be funding**. Exactly what percentage is unclear. What we do know is that future repairs, maintenance, replacement of roadways will be borne 100% by taxpayers. Hamilton is currently behind in infrastructure repairs by \$2 Billion so building more roads when we cannot maintain the ones we currently own would only add to the deficit. Further understanding is required before this expense is approved.

-Three of the roads on the Transportation Master Plan plough through the urban expansion area farmland which the province has now promised to remove from the urban area. This plan should not be approved until the urban expansion area roads are removed.

-Reliance on an outdated natural heritage map from 2011 which does not identify all the wetlands, woodlots, creeks and hedgerows in this 1300 acre parcel.

This plan needs to wait until the cost to both nature and the public purse can be evaluated. Ramming roads through wetlands to accommodate industrial sprawl is no longer acceptable in the face of climate change

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter
Jen Saunders

Subject: Garner Marsh

From: Sue Yarwood

Sent: November 5, 2023 3:14 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; McMeeKin, Ted <Ted.McMeeKin@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Garner Marsh

I call on city council to recognize this historic opportunity to make a bold and precedent setting statement to defend Nature...

even if it adds costs to private development.

Your decision to protect the Garner Marsh (a natural resource that provides ALL Hamilton citizens with immeasurable value as the headwaters of Ancaster Creek) can place Hamilton on the global map of those willing to protect our increasingly fragile earth.

Requiring that the warehouse proposed for Garner Rd. be built on infinitely less sensitive ecosystems

makes the profound statement that Hamilton takes its part in land stewardship seriously.

I expect a city willing to show such necessary leadership will attract much beneficial attention.

Trusting in your decision to, literally, draw a line in the sand,

Susan Yarwood

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Million dollar roads to nowhere**From:** Mike Gill**Sent:** November 5, 2023 3:10 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; Steven.Guilbeault@parl.gc.ca; Andrea.Khanjinco@pc.ola.org

Subject: Fwd: Million dollar roads to nowhere

I have been reading about this horrible plan to pave over the wetlands at 140 Garner Rd. in Hamilton for many years. It cannot go ahead. You are aware that the wetland feeds Ancaster Creek which runs through 10 kilometers of sensitive environmental lands. This affects hundreds of properties in Hamilton and will have a drastic effect on plants and animals that live here.

I am outraged and it absolutely must be stopped.

Michael Gill
resident of ward 14, Hamilton, ON

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

From: **Save our Streams Hamilton via ActionNetwork.org** <info+sustainable-steeltown-info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Date: Sun, Nov 5, 2023 at 1:04 PM

Subject: Million dollar roads to nowhere

To:

MILLION DOLLAR ROADS THROUGH HAMILTON WETLANDS

Warehouse development on top of Hamilton farmland and wetlands was referred to as "industrial sprawl" at the October 31 Planning meeting where Councillors got a look at the proposed Airport Employment Growth Area (AEGD) Transportation Master Plan. [Item 11.2 on the agenda](#). The \$10 Million per km network will be partially funded **through the tax levy** and will blanket the 1300 acre parcel with roads that plough through wetlands, woodlots, streams, hedgerows and habitat. It is a plan designed to suit warehouse developers and based on a natural heritage map of Hamilton that was created way back in 2011 and desperately needs updating.

To get an idea of what is coming for the AEGD watch [this short promo video](#) of the proposal for 370 Garner Road E which gleefully demonstrates how their mammoth buildings will wipe out a headwater tributary of the Ancaster creek, many kilometers of hedgerows, unevaluated wetlands and unprotected woodlots.

The [warehouse complex](#) that ONE Properties, Urban Solutions and Sergio Manchia wish to drop onto the Garner Marsh, headwaters of Ancaster Creek is at 140 Garner Road east in the northwest corner of the AEGD (at "H" on the map below). That application ended up at the Ontario Land Tribunal when the HCA refused to issue a permit to "move the marsh".

Some concerns with the road network are:

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This plan needs to wait until the cost to both nature and the public purse can be evaluated. Ramming roads through wetlands to accommodate industrial sprawl is no longer acceptable in the face of the climate and biodiversity crises.

Please take five minutes and use [THIS LINK](#) to copy and paste straight into your "To" box the contact emails of all councillors and the Mayor and urge them in your own words to put the

brakes on this multi million dollar roads through wetlands scheme at the council meeting on Wednesday, November 9.

Please send your email by noon on Tuesday November 8 so it appears on the public agenda for the Wednesday council meeting.

Read Environment Hamilton's take [HERE](#)

PROVINCE ROLLS BACK URBAN EXPANSION AND GREENBELT DEVELOPMENT

Thank you to everyone who wrote and called MPPs and Councillors, rallied, attended meetings and generally pressured the Ontario government to backtrack on its plans to develop on the Greenbelt and the Urban Expansion lands. People power has won the day! Stay tuned for a newsletter next week to let everyone know what steps we can take to make sure our urban boundary is restored and 5400 acres of prime farmland is saved.

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If you haven't yet read the explosive Narwhal article above you can find it [HERE](#)

And read in CBC Hamilton about the direct copy / paste from Urban Solutions' emails to the Ministry straight into our official plan [HERE](#)

And read in the Spec about Hamilton council's call for the RCMP to extend their Greenbelt probe to include Hamilton's forced urban expansion [HERE](#)

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Pilon, Janet

Subject: proposed Airport Employment Growth Area (AEGD) Transportation Master Plan

From: Jen Baker

Sent: November 5, 2023 2:17 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: proposed Airport Employment Growth Area (AEGD) Transportation Master Plan

Hello Mayor and Councilors,

After the incredible wins with reversal of the land grabs through Greenbelt and forced urban boundary expansion, I think it is prudent to take a step back and re-evaluate plans, particularly those that might have some changes with the reversed decisions. This includes the proposed Airport Employment Growth Area (AEGD) Transportation Master Plan.

I believe staff made some changes to the initial plan after the news about the forced urban boundary expansion. Now that Hamilton will be sticking with the no urban boundary expansion, I think that some of the roads in the proposed plan will no longer be needed. Given the environmental sensitivity of the roads going through natural areas, and the cost of each kilometre of road, I urge you to wait until all of the information is available, including updated natural history data for the area. This will allow decisions about the official plan to be made to ensure that the roads development that is done fits with city-wide plans.

It makes sense to pause on this proposed TMP until more information is available, particularly now that Hamilton can make its own decisions again. Let's make sure that the decisions make sense for future planning and not rush forward.

Sincerely,
Jen Baker
Ward 1 resident

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Email Hamilton city council — Save Our Streams

From: Joanne Palangio

Sent: November 6, 2023 1:08 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Email Hamilton city council — Save Our Streams

Good Morning Mayor Horwath and Hamilton Councillors,

Since The Hamilton Spectator first reported on the proposed industrial expansion for a large warehouse project on Garner Road, at the Garner Marsh, my family has been concerned; concerned for the disruption of wetlands at the headwaters of the Ancaster stream system, destruction of habitat for endangered species, proposed roads built through farmland that the province has recently promised to remove from the urban expansion areas, and ultimately costs downloaded to taxpayers associated with this development, both for the development and for future road maintenance.

Also concerning is the recent revelations that Sergio Manchia had met with Premier Doug Ford to have his land removed from the Greenbelt for his development projects. So from an integrity point of view how much of this project is strictly in the benefit of the developers alone.

It is our opinion that this project should be put on hold to further ascertain the value versus the cost to nature and Hamilton tax payers.

Regards,
Joanne and Ron Palangio

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Save our streams

Importance: High

From: Elizabeth Fedorkow

Sent: November 7, 2023 9:43 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Cc: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Save our streams

Importance: High

Dear members of Hamilton Council

I am very concerned about the proposed plan for the road network and have a number of questions that need your response.

A \$500 Million dollar construction price tag, a percentage of which **taxpayers will be funding. Exactly what percentage is unclear.** What we do know is that future repairs, maintenance, replacement of roadways will be borne 100% by taxpayers. Hamilton is currently behind in infrastructure repairs by \$2 Billion so building more roads when we cannot maintain the ones we currently own would only add to the deficit. **Further understanding is required before this expense is approved.**

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This plan needs to wait until the cost to both nature and the public purse can be evaluated. Ramming roads through wetlands to accommodate industrial sprawl is no longer acceptable in the face of the climate and biodiversity crises.

I look forward to hearing from you, your response and the need to put the brakes on this devastation to the the future of our environment.

Regards

Elizabeth Fedorkow

Pilon, Janet

Subject: warehouse development - garner rd.

From: brenda broer

Sent: November 7, 2023 8:27 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: warehouse development - garner rd.

Hello to all,

I wanted to share my opinion on the proposed Garner Rd. warehouse development. I am very much opposed to this development.

The land around hamilton is so precious we cannot pave over this resource. There are many places to put warehouses which are already part of hamilton's infrastructure. The cost to taxpayers is completely irresponsible. We need to develop in hamilton where empty storefronts, and parking lots are all waiting to be developed. Places where roads, bus service, and sewers exist already.

Do the right thing!

thank you

Brenda Broer

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Roads through the wetlands

From: Julie Palmese

Sent: November 5, 2023 10:01 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Roads through the wetlands

From a family of 5 voters,

Kindly pause the plans to build roads through the wetlands until the effect on nature and the cost to the public purse have been assessed properly with enough time to do a thorough job. It's better to avoid making a mistake than have to fix it. Do what is best for the place we all call home. You are our appointed stewards and the people born after us will have to live with your decisions. So be well informed and make educated decisions.

Sincerely,

Julie Palmese and family

Pilon, Janet

Subject: development on Garner Marsh

From: NatashaH

Sent: November 5, 2023 2:07 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: development on Garner Marsh

Marshes are fragile ecosystems and yet do a massive amount of work in cleaning our air and water. It is impossible to 'move' such an ecosystem. Please do not develop this marsh.

Thank you,
Natasha Huyer

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Million dollar roads to nowhere

From: Peter Appleton

Sent: November 6, 2023 10:54 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; katie@wildernesscommittee.org; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Million dollar roads to nowhere

Hello Clerk and Councillors,

We are in the middle of a life altering climate emergency. Our biodiversity has never been in worse shape. Food security is become a serious problem. Freshwater is being contaminated with runoff and microplastics.

Warehouse development on top of Hamilton farmland and wetlands was referred to as "industrial sprawl" at the October 31 Planning meeting where Councillors got a look at the proposed Airport Employment Growth Area (AEGD) Transportation Master Plan

1. At that meeting it appears they said **taxpayers would have to pay around \$75M for this? Is this accurate, is this acceptable?** Can Hamilton afford this for 39 jobs per hectare? Most of those jobs will be automated within the decade.....
2. Currently the plan they are going to approve still shows three roads in the urban expansion lands which should be removed. **Wait until the urban boundary areas are removed** and the approved and accurate map with no roads in the urban expansion farmland.
3. This plan will cost \$500 Million - some of it will be borne by developers and some by taxpayers up front, but how much? We don't know. How much will it cost over its entire lifetime? Why build more infrastructure when we can't pay for what we have? **We currently have a \$2billion deficit** in worn out infrastructure through the rest of the city.
4. Why is natural heritage the last consideration? Update the natural heritage mapping first then design the road network.
After the hard work done by scientists regarding Greenbelt removals and expansion lands we know that there are at least **8 federally protected SPECIES AT RISK in this area**. The federal government will be notified about this. The Canadian Wilderness Committee has also been notified and we look forward to presenting this information.

thank you for your cooperation and i ask that you DELAY the Nov 8th meeting and all approvals

Peter Appleton

Pilon, Janet

Subject: AEGD roadworks

From: Janice currie

Sent: November 6, 2023 2:27 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: AEGD roadworks

I have recently read the Spectator article concerning proposed roadworks through the AEGD and the urban expansion lands which the province has now promised to remove from the urban boundary. I would implore you to avoid committing to any decision to approve such roadwork at this time. Any such consideration should only be made once the urban boundary has been (hopefully) finalized.
Janice Currie

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Warehouse development on farmlands and wetlands

From: Roman Caruk

Sent: November 6, 2023 4:20 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Warehouse development on farmlands and wetlands

Scientists across the globe and the United Nations are appealing to all communities to preserve all natural ecosystems and biodiversity.

The masterplan that intends to cover about 1300 acres with roads that will destroy farmlands, wetlands, woodlots, steams, hedgerows and habitats is unacceptable.

The COP15 conference on biodiversity in Monreal clearly mandated countries to protect its own biodiversity.

The cost to the city of about 500 million dollars is not acceptable. This is paid in part by taxpayers. However, 100% of future repair and replacement costs comes from taxpayers.

I know that developers will be running to the Ontario Land Tribunal to get the permits. I appeal to staff and council to oppose this massive use of taxpayers money to appease developers. An environmental assessment will never approve this destruction of our biodiversity.

Roman Caruk

Pilon, Janet

Subject: AEGD Item 11.2 Planning Committee Meeting November 8/2023 Delegation**From:** Carolanne Forster**Sent:** November 6, 2023 4:14 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: AEGD Item 11.2 Planning Committee Meeting November 8/2023 Delegation

Dear Mayor Horwath and City Councillors:

This letter is to request a **delay** of the AEGD Transportation Master Plan before your committee today. Information about this plan has put a price tag of \$500 Million dollars with an unknown percentage of which the Hamilton **taxpayers will be funding**. As I drove across Hamilton Mountain, from west to east and back today, for a rare Hospital appointment, my entire trip was on crumbling roads. Clearly Hamilton has a massive infrastructure deficit. With the City in tatters, you are considering barreling **new roads** through headwaters of the **Ancaster Creek**, kilometers of hedgerows, unevaluated wetlands and unprotected woodlots. All in the pursuit of warehouse sprawl! And at an unknown cost to the beleaguered Hamilton taxpayer.

Three of these new roads plough through the urban expansion farmland, which the residents of this City fought to preserve, and the Province has now promised to restore to farmland.

Lastly, the 'natural heritage map' being used is from 2011 and does not even identify all of the natural features contained within these sensitive rural areas. These facts tell me, and I speak for many citizens with the same concerns, this warehouse sprawl must stop. Fix the roads we have already paid for, and work to **preserve every natural feature that remains**.

Respectfully yours,
 Carolanne Forster
 Ward 12 Resident

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Next Planning Meeting submission - AEGD - Transportation Master Plan

From: Marie Covert

Sent: November 6, 2023 4:11 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Maureen <Maureen.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Kroetsch, Cameron <Cameron.Kroetsch@hamilton.ca>; Nann, Nrinder <Nrinder.Nann@hamilton.ca>; Hwang, Tammy <Tammy.Hwang@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Danko, John-Paul <John-Paul.Danko@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Cassar, Craig <Craig.Cassar@hamilton.ca>; Wilson, Alex <Alex.Wilson@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Next Planning Meeting submission - AEGD - Transportation Master Plan

Dear Mayor Horwath, and Honourable City Councillors,

When discussion of the updated AEGD - Transportation Master Plan occurs at the next Planning Committee meeting, please consider a delay in approving the TMP. Consider a pause, please, until the lands forced into the AEGD by the Urban Boundary Expansion are fully delineated and then removed. That is the only way to make an informed decision: to work with the most correct and current information. In this way, everyone - Planners, Growth Management, and yourselves - do the work only once and do it correctly. This is much more efficient than making interim decisions which then must be re-worked.

As you wait for updated maps with complete studies of streams, wetlands, thickets, and other natural features, perhaps you can consider different ways to approach the TMP.

1. Discover the most productive, least costly method of land use and development:
 - a. Rather than starting construction from the outermost perimeter of the Study Lands and working towards already completed spaces, consider expanding outwards from the areas already completed and closest to the working airport and cargo areas. This is certainly the fastest and most efficient way to access new lands and erect new buildings because of the already existing road work. By starting as close to existing warehouses, as close to runways as possible, expansion will occur only as it is needed and when/if it is needed. Please don't begin the major roadways, sidewalks, trails, bike paths, etc., at the extreme outer edge of the AEGD and then work inwards, destroying everything as you go.
2. Do the least harm:
 - a. From the perspective of climate change and all the protection which these lands will provide to Hamiltonians, please work around all the natural features: the streams (some yet to be mapped), the wetlands, the thickets, and hedgerows which provide habitat for our now endangered, threatened, and at-risk species. Acres of warehouses, pavement, asphalt roads, and cement stormwater management ponds provide NO deterrent from flooding, soil erosion, and landslides. In fact, the construction of them and their mere existent will exacerbate an already perilous situation. Please conduct the Environmental Impact Assessments **first, before drafting a Plan**. That is the only way to guarantee smart development, allowing generous

buffers, planning for safe corridors and tunnels for animals and water creatures – instead of tacking them on as an afterthought – “if it’s feasible”.

- b. Turtles have navigated this earth for 325,000 years but now, 7 of the 8 species of turtles found in Ontario are threatened, according to the Toronto Zoo. Seven out of eight, many of whom reside on the lands under study! After 325,000 years, whole species face annihilation.
- c. The AEGD is home to 4 different watersheds, the Ancaster watershed being the most powerful and significant for Hamilton. As the climate crisis escalates and every city/province faces unknown extreme weather events, the residents need assurance that all offices of the Municipal government are working together to ensure the best outcomes. By pausing any decision making, there will be time to include input from the Biodiversity Action Plan project, the Office of Climate Change, the Tree Canopy Program, and multiple other environmental groups whose experts understand the importance of maintaining as many natural features as possible. In fact, we should be restoring those areas which have become degraded and trying to create more habitat for birds and bats and bees. Hamilton and surrounding areas have been remarkably lucky, so far, in that we have not experienced winds and flooding such as seen in Europe. It is just luck. Now, without the oversight and guidance of the Conservation Authorities, whose powers have been stripped by the provincial government, the expert hydrologists, ecohydrologists, biologists, etc., are no longer on hand to ensure safe water management and safe construction practices. We have been ‘protected’ by the Conservation Authorities for 70 years, and now, when we need them most, they are not available. In the absence of their expertise, you must exercise extreme caution in decision-making as Hamilton residents face double jeopardy with respect to the safety of their homes and property.

3. Employment:

- a. While employment must be one of your main goals and consideration, please be wary of promises made by ambitious developers. Ontario has learned, to its detriment, that developers have only one objective and that is NOT the well-being of towns, residents, or even employees. While the promises are alluring, the reality may be very different and it will be too late to call the developers into account when warehouses populated by robots and managed by Artificial Intelligence (AI) engulf our landscape. Please look at this Image of an Amazon warehouse. [Amazon roles out robots to pack orders and replace jobs](#) There are no employees. Amazon proudly shows this kind of warehouse in their online marketing.
- b. The Star reported this week: https://www.thestar.com/business/more-than-a-third-of-ontario-job-vacancies-remained-unfilled-report-finds-and-sick-days/article_d48868a0-b704-590c-b728-ee0ae0781e6c.html



More than a third of Ontario job vacancies remained unfilled, report finds — and sick days are surging too. “Of all job vacancies in Ontario, 36.3 per cent remained unfilled for 90 days or more in the third quarter of 2022, according to the Financial Accountability Office’s report on the province’s labour market performance last year, released on Tuesday.” Jobs are available, but they are low-paying, with no prospect of promotion or advancement and do not allow families to pay their bills. More warehouse jobs will not change this sad scenario.

In closing, this TMP requires much more thought. It states that more land and funding will be required. "Many of the recommended projects are already captured in the Ten-Year Capital Forecast and the Development Charges Background Study, but will **need increased funding to support additional infrastructure to implement Complete Streets elements, wider ditches, additional land, and account for inflation.**" The obvious questions are how much more land? How much more funding? Clearly, the Planning and Economic Development Department is not in tune with Hamilton residents who cannot afford adequate shelter, food, or clothing yet who are asked at every turn to support Food Banks because the shelves are empty. This is a time for belt-tightening - not huge expenditures.

Please take the time to ask more questions, protect our natural features, and tread gently on this good Earth.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Covert
Dundas

Pilon, Janet

Subject: HSR Fare Assist Program Pilot**From:** Nolan, Tim**Sent:** November 7, 2023 11:36 AM**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca**Subject:** HSR Fare Assist Program Pilot

To the Clerk,

The message below is being sent to members of City Council for deliberation at its meeting on Wednesday, November 08, 2023. Please advise of any questions. Thank you so much.

Tim Nolan

To Mayor and Members of City Council,

The Accessibility Hamilton Alliance (AHA) writes to request Council respectfully reconsider its decision with regard to the HSR Fare Assist Program Pilot.

Should Council and the HSR continue as planned with the Fare Assist program there will be a significant and adverse impact upon persons who live both with a disability and in poverty. The program as cited by the HSR Director will make transit better for across-the-board for HSR passengers. However, for the most vulnerable and economically challenged HSR passengers the program as designed will cause irrevocable harm.

The AHA was established in 2022 to address concerns with accessibility as they affect seniors, persons with disabilities and taxpayers in the City of Hamilton and beyond. The AHA has been supported by many individuals and organizations across the City and province. The undersigned are supportive of this correspondence and position undertaken by AHA on the Fare Assist matter.

There exists an indisputable correlation between disability and poverty. Hamilton has one of the largest populations of persons with disabilities (27.7%) per capita compared with Ontario and Canada. There is equally a strong correlation between disability and poverty with 28% of people with disabilities living below the poverty line (Canada Survey on Disability, 2017) with an annual income of less than \$19,100 annually. The unemployment rate for persons with disabilities is between 24% - 69% depending upon severity of disability (Canada Survey on Disability 2017). The median income for people with severe disabilities is less than half of that for people without a disability (Canada Survey on Disability, 2017).

Many people with disabilities survive with income only from Ontario Works or the Ontario Disability Support Program; that means a monthly income of less than \$1,300 or less than \$16,000 annually. Rent alone consumes as much as 77% of total support. This leaves very little for food and even less for transit. Property insurance is nothing more than a passing thought. Transportation then is but a luxury to the most vulnerable disabled.

No cost transit for persons with disabilities, and in particular persons with disabilities living at or below the poverty line, in Hamilton has been a benefit for at least 25 years and as many as 75 years. The City by its actions has established a dependency upon affordable transit which it cannot now simply reverse without some form of substitution for its most economically and disabled citizens. No cost transportation is more akin to an income support mechanism than it is a free ride.

The AHA understands that Hamilton may be the only transit property in the local area which currently grants no cost transit to persons with disabilities. However, other municipalities have granted near 0 transit costs by requiring persons with disabilities pay only a nominal annual fee for transit (e.g. \$10 per year in London). Were a person with a disability to take four return trips weekly aboard a bus, and assuming they qualify for the 30% discounted fare, they would pay \$15.50 per week or \$804 annually. From where is this money supposed to come when their annual income is below \$19,100 annually or less?

According to HSR staff many community agencies purchase bus tickets from the HSR to support people who use their programs. But, typically it is only people with more severe disabilities who participate in community programs. What about the rest of the people who have no connection with community agencies and therefore do not receive any bus fare support? Who covers the cost of this bus fare support to community agencies? The City? A great deal of effort, time and cost can be saved if the City were to simply waive bus fares rather than to transfer funds to agencies to pay for bus fares.

In the opinion of the AHA the Fare Assist program ought to be paused in order that many of the foregoing issues involved in transit for people with disabilities can be more closely explored. However, it is understood that Council may not have the appetite to put a pause on the program.

Council, then, at the very least must respect the significant and adverse affect this program will have upon the disabled poor in our community. In this regard Council must at the very least direct staff, now, to revisit the Fare Discount Schedule with the view to ensuring that the most economically vulnerable disabled members of Hamilton continue to travel aboard the HSR at no cost for the life of the pilot. Additionally, City staff ought to be directed by Council to consult persons with disabilities and advocates (including agencies) about how people with disabilities and their transit practices can be tracked during the life of the pilot such that the HSR has the necessary metrics to make a more informed decision about transit needs of people with disabilities at the conclusion of the pilot.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of:

The Accessibility Hamilton Alliance
Above and Beyond
The Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB) Hamilton Chapter
The Canadian Council of the Blind (CCB) National
The Canadian National Institute for the Blind
The Ontario Disability Coalition

40 individuals from the community who also endorse the letter and can be identified upon request.

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**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
REPORT 23-016**

1:30 p.m.

Monday, October 30, 2023

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Councillors N. Nann (Chair), E. Pauls (Vice-Chair), J. Beattie, C. Cassar, J. P. Danko, M. Francis, T. Hwang, T. Jackson, C. Kroetsch, T. McMeekin, M. Spadafora, M. Tadeson, A. Wilson and M. Wilson

**THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 23-016 AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

**1. Waste Management Sub-Committee Report 23-003 - September 29, 2023
(Item 9.1)**

That the Waste Management Sub-Committee report 23-003 – September 29, 2023, be received.

**2. Opportunities to Partner with Educational Institutions to Plant Trees
(PW23066) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 11.2)**

(a) That Forestry and Horticulture staff be authorized and directed to:

- (i) Pursue opportunities with representatives from Conservation Authorities and educational institutions (the “Organizations”) in the City of Hamilton to plan tree planting projects on lands which are readily accessed by the public and owned by these Organizations; and
- (ii) Present these opportunities to Ward Councillors and assist in drafting motions which detail the project(s) and which requests the use of the Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Discretionary Funds following Ward-Specific Funding Initiatives Procedures outlined in Report FCS18014(a).

- (b) That the General Manager, Public Works, or their designate, be authorized and directed to:
 - (i) Apply for grant funding on behalf of the City of Hamilton for forestry initiatives related to increasing tree canopy on all City of Hamilton owned lands;
 - (ii) Support grant applications initiated by collaborating Organizations, including not for profit organization by providing letters of support, and/or by assisting with the completion of applications for grants respecting forestry initiatives related to increasing tree canopy on all City of Hamilton owned lands;
 - (iii) Approve and execute any letters of support, grant applications, grant agreements or any other agreements and documentation required to give effect to the recommendations made within this report, provided they are in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and
 - (iv) To accept any grant funding that supports forestry initiatives related to increasing tree canopy on all City of Hamilton owned lands.

3. MacNab Street South Lighting Enhancements (Ward 2) (Item 12.1)

WHEREAS, members of the community raised safety concerns due to inadequate street lighting conditions on MacNab Street South between Bold Street to Hurst Place;

WHEREAS, adequate street lighting enhances public safety and security which promotes the use of public spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Division conducted an assessment of existing lighting levels and determined them to be lower than required, particularly on sidewalks.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Transportation Division be directed to upgrade the existing lighting on MacNab Street South between Bold Street and Hurst Place by replacing the existing decorative street light poles and luminaires with lighting equipment that will improve the lighting of the sidewalks and roadways to City standard; and

- (b) That all costs associated with upgrading the street lighting on MacNab Street South between Bold Street and Hurst Place be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Re-investment Reserve Account (#108052) at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$40,000.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.1(e) Sharon Ruttan, Canadian Council of the Blind Hamilton Chapter
- 6.1(f) Tim Nolan, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance

The Agenda for the October 30, 2023 Public Works Committee meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) October 16, 2023 (Item 4.1)

The Minutes of the October 16, 2023 meeting of the Public Works Committee were approved, as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

(i) Various Delegation Requests respecting the HSR Fare Assist Program (Item 6.1)

The Delegation Requests for today's meeting were approved, as follows:

- (a) David Smith (Item 6.1(a))
- (b) James Kemp (Item 6.1(b))
- (c) Siena Trigiani (Item 6.1(c))
- (d) Bernard Akouko, Canadian National Institute for the Blind (Item 6.1(d))

- (e) Sharon Ruttan, Canadian Council of the Blind Hamilton Chapter (Added Item 6.1(e))
- (f) Tim Nolan, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance (Added Item 6.1(f))

(e) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Various Delegations respecting the HSR Fare Assist Program (Items 7.1 and 7.2)

The following Delegates addressed the Committee respecting the HSR Fare Assist Program:

- (a) Cheryl Hurd respecting Cancellation of Complimentary HSR Ridership for Individuals Who are Blind (Item 7.1)
 - (b) David Smith (Item 7.2(a))
 - (c) James Kemp (Item 7.2(b))
 - (d) Siena Trigiani (Item 7.2(c))
 - (e) Bernard Akouko, Canadian National Institute for the Blind (Item 7.2(d))
 - (f) Sharon Ruttan, Canadian Council of the Blind Hamilton Chapter (Item 7.2(e))
 - (g) Tim Nolan, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance (Item 7.2(f))
- (ii)** Tim Nolan, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance, was granted an additional 5 minutes, beyond the 5-minute time limit, to complete their delegation respecting the HSR Fare Assist Program.
- (iii)** The following Delegations respecting the HSR Fare Assist Program, were received:
- (a) Cheryl Hurd respecting Cancellation of Complimentary HSR Ridership for Individuals Who are Blind (Item 7.1)
 - (b) David Smith (Item 7.2(a))
 - (c) James Kemp (Item 7.2(b))
 - (d) Siena Trigiani (Item 7.2(c))
 - (e) Bernard Akouko, Canadian National Institute for the Blind (Item 7.2(d))

- (f) Sharon Ruttan, Canadian Council of the Blind Hamilton Chapter (Item 7.2(e))
- (g) Tim Nolan, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance (Item 7.2(f))

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 11)

(i) Wild Waterworks and Confederation Beach Park - Future Direction (PW23067) (Ward 5) (Item 11.1)

- (a) That staff be directed to begin a comprehensive review of the Wild Waterworks area within the Confederation Beach Park master plan with consideration of how changes to Wild Waterworks may impact other parts of the larger park master plan, to support work including:
 - (i) A report back to committee with the results of public consultation to establish guiding principles for the master plan design;
 - (ii) A report back to committee with the final draft master plan for approval; and
- (b) That the cost of the review be funded by reallocating \$200,000 from existing Project ID 4401956802 Beach Park Dev Program to a new Project ID.

Report PW23067 respecting Wild Waterworks and Confederation Beach Park - Future Direction, was deferred to the December 4, 2023, Public Works Committee meeting.

(g) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 14)

(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 14.1)

The following amendments to the Public Works Committee's Outstanding Business List, were approved:

- (1) Items Considered Complete and Needing to be Removed (Item 14.1(a))
 - (i) Opportunities to partner with Educational Institutions to Plant Trees (14.1(a)(a))
Item on OBL: ADR
Addressed as Item 11.2 (PW23066) (on today's agenda)

- (2) Items Requiring a New Due Date: (Item 14.1(b)):
 - (i) Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Review of the City-Owned Escarpment Staircases (Item 14.1(b)(a))
Item on OBL: ADP
Current Due Date: November 13, 2023
Proposed New Due Date: December 4, 2023
 - (ii) Review of Level of Service for Winter Control in Alignment with the Principles of Vision Zero (Item 14.1(b)(b))
Item on OBL: ADN
Current Due Date: October 30, 2023
Proposed New Due Date: December 4, 2023
 - (iii) Roadway Safety Measures on Aberdeen Avenue from Queen Street to Longwood Road (Item 14.1(b)(c))
Item on OBL: AZ
Current Due Date: November 13, 2023
Proposed New Due Date: Q1 2024

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 16)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor N. Nann, Chair,
Public Works Committee

Carrie McIntosh
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk



**PLANNING COMMITTEE
REPORT
23-018**

October 31, 2023

9:30 a.m.

**Council Chambers, Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West**

Present: Councillor C. Cassar (Acting Chair)
Councillors J.P. Danko (Chair) J. Beattie, M. Francis, T. Hwang,
C. Kroetsch, T. McMeekin, E. Pauls, M. Tadeson, A. Wilson,
M. Wilson

Absent with Regrets: Councillors N. Nann – City Business

Also in Attendance: Councillor T. Jackson

**THE PLANNING COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 23-018 AND RESPECTFULLY
RECOMMENDS:**

1. **Appeal of Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment Application UHOPA-23-006 and Zoning By-law Amendment Application ZAC-23-012 to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) for Lack of Decision for Lands Located at 1284 Main Street East, Hamilton (PED23226) (Ward 4) (Item 9.1)**

That Report PED23226 Appeal of Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment Application UHOPA-23-006 and Zoning By-law Amendment Application ZAC-23-012 to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) for Lack of Decision for Lands Located at 1284 Main Street East, Hamilton, be received.

2. **Strategic Zoning By-law Updates for Lands Fronting on Rymal Road East between Nebo Road and Trinity Church Road (PED23213) (Ward 6) (Item 10.1)**

(a) That approval be given to City Initiative CI-23-L for modifications and updates to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan on the following basis:

- (i) That the Draft Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED23213, be adopted by Council;

- (ii) That the proposed Official Plan Amendment is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), 2020 and conforms to A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2019, as amended;
- (b) That approval be given to City Initiative CI-23-L for modifications and updates to the City of Hamilton Zoning By-law No. 05-200 on the following basis:
 - (i) That the Draft By-law, attached as Appendix “B” to Report PED23213, which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be enacted by Council;
 - (ii) That the proposed changes in zoning are in conformity with the Urban Hamilton Official Plan upon approval of Draft Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment No. 192 (Appendix “B” attached to Report PED23213);
 - (iii) That the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), 2020 and conforms to A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2020, as amended.

3. Provincial Amendments to Greenbelt Plan - Reinstatement of Hamilton Greenbelt Lands (PED23046(d)) (City Wide) (Item 11.1)

- (a) That the Greenbelt Plan Public Engagement 2023 Summary Report, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED23046(d) be received;
- (b) That the Director of Planning and Chief Planner be authorized and directed to submit the Greenbelt Plan Public Engagement 2023 Summary Report, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED23046(d), to the Government of Ontario to be considered as part of the public consultation on Bill 136, *Greenbelt Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023* and future Greenbelt Plan reviews.

4. Airport Employment Growth District Transportation Master Plan Update (PED17175(a)) (Wards 11 and 12) (Item 11.2)

- (a) That the Airport Employment Growth District Transportation Master Plan Update review and update, Appendix “A1” attached to Report PED17175(a) be approved;

- (b) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to file the Airport Employment Growth District's Transportation Master Plan Update with the Municipal Clerk for a minimum 30-day public review period;
- (c) That the recommended road projects identified to support the Airport Employment Growth District, and associated funding needs and timing as identified in Appendix "A1" attached to Report PED17175(a), be used to inform the annual Capital Budget process and Development Charges Background Study;
- (d) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff be directed to schedule a public meeting of the Planning Committee to consider proposed amendments to the applicable policies and mapping schedules of the Airport Employment Growth District Secondary Plan through a future City-initiated Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment to reflect the approval of Recommendation (a) to Report PED17175(a);
- (e) That staff be directed to work with applicants to preserve natural corridors and establish new trails and pathways around the edges of natural heritage systems through the development application approval process, and implementation of the Airport Employment Growth District Transportation Master Plan Update and any future amendments to the Secondary Plan.

5. Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee Report 23-010 (Item 11.3)

- (a) **Recommendation to Designate 7 Ravenscliffe Avenue, Hamilton, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED23187) (Ward 2) (Item 10.1)**

That the City Clerk be directed to give notice of Council's intention to designate 7 Ravenscliffe Avenue, Hamilton, shown in Appendix "A" attached to Report PED23187, as a property of cultural heritage value pursuant to the provisions of Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, in accordance with the Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and Description of Heritage Attributes, attached as Appendix "B" to Report PED23187, subject to the following:

- (i) If no objections are received to the notice of intention to designate in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, City Council directs staff to introduce the necessary by-law to designate the property to be of cultural heritage value or interest to City Council;

- (ii) If an objection to the notice of intention to designate is received in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, City Council directs staff to report back to Council to allow Council to consider the objection and decide whether or not to withdraw the notice of intention to designate the property.

(b) Heritage Permit Application HP2023-042 to Demolish the Remnant Structure at 1541 Fiddlers Green Road, Ancaster, and Recommendation to Repeal Designation By-law No. 84-55 under Section 31 of the Ontario Heritage Act (PED23220) (Ward 12) (Item 10.1)

- (i) That Heritage Permit Application HP2023-042, for the demolition of the designated property at 1541 Fiddlers Green Road, Ancaster, as shown in Appendix “A” to Report PED23220, be approved, subject to the following Heritage Permit condition:
 - (1) That the applicant make every reasonable effort to facilitate salvaging any remaining heritage features as part of the demolition process as may be safely permitted, to the satisfaction and approval of the Director of Planning and Chief Planner;
- (ii) That the City Clerk be directed to give notice of Council’s intention to repeal Bylaw No. 84-55, being a by-law designating 1541 Fiddlers Green Road, Ancaster attached as Appendix “B” to Report PED23220, in accordance with the requirements of Section 31(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act, subject to the following:
 - (1) If no objections to the notice of intention to repeal are received in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, City Council directs staff to introduce the necessary by-law to repeal to City Council;
 - (2) If an objection to the notice of intention to repeal is received in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, City Council directs staff to report back to Council to allow Council to consider the objection and decide whether or not to withdraw the notice of intention to repeal.

- (c) **Notice of Intention to Demolish the Building Located at 309 James Street North, Hamilton, being a Non-Designated Property Listed on the Municipal Heritage Register (PED23225) (Ward 2) (Item 10.2)**
- (i) That the non-designated property located at 309 James Street North, Hamilton, be removed from the Municipal Heritage Register.
- (d) **Heritage Permit Application HP2023-036, Under Sections 33 and 34 of the Ontario Heritage Act, for the Adaptive Reuse of the Former Delta Secondary School Building (circa 1924), Removal of the Rear Additions (circa 1948-1950), Construction of New Four-Storey Rear Additions and Modifications to the Landscape at 1284 Main Street East, Hamilton (PED23224) (Ward 4) (Item 10.3)**
- (i) That Heritage Permit Application HP2023-036 for the adaptive reuse of the former Delta Secondary School Building (circa 1924), removal of the rear additions (circa 1948- 1950), construction of new four storey rear additions and modifications to the landscape at 1284 Main Street East, Hamilton, under Sections 33 and 34 of the Ontario Heritage Act, be refused.
- (e) **Heritage Permit Application HP2023-041, Under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act, for the Erection of a New Front Detached Accessory Structure at 79 Markland Street, Hamilton (PED23223) (Ward 2) (Item 10.4)**
- (i) That Heritage Permit Application HP2023-041, for the erection of a front detached accessory structure on the designated property at 79 Markland Street, Hamilton (Durand-Markland Heritage Conservation District), as shown in Appendix “A” attached to Report PED23223, be approved, subject to the approval of any required Planning Act applications and the following Heritage Permit conditions:
- (1) That the final details for the proposed stucco be submitted to the satisfaction and approval of the Director of Planning and Chief Planner, prior to installation;
- (2) That any minor changes to the plans and elevations following approval shall be submitted, to the satisfaction and approval of the Director of Planning and Chief Planner, prior to submission as part of any application for a Building Permit and / or the commencement of any alterations;

- (3) That construction and site alterations, in accordance with this approval, shall be completed no later than November 30, 2025. If the construction and site alterations are not completed by November 30, 2025, then this approval expires as of that date, and no alterations shall be undertaken without a new approval issued by the City of Hamilton.

6. A Bylaw to Regulate the Distribution and Display of Graphic Images (Item 12.1)

WHEREAS section 10 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, (the “Municipal Act, 2001”) as amended provides that a Municipality may pass by-laws respecting: economic, social and environmental well-being of the Municipality; health, safety and well-being of persons; and the protection of persons and property;

WHEREAS residents have expressed concerns that unsolicited non-commercial flyers showing graphic images of aborted fetuses are being delivered to properties across Hamilton;

WHEREAS these unsolicited flyers are causing harm to some recipients, including children and youth who are exposed to the flyers while collecting the mail and individuals who have experienced pregnancy loss;

WHEREAS residents have also expressed concerns with the same graphic imagery being carried, held or displayed in public spaces; and

WHEREAS residents should have an opportunity to choose whether they wish to view such images;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to prepare a report for Planning Committee’s consideration no later than Q2 2024, on the feasibility of the City of Hamilton adopting and enforcing a by-law to regulate the distribution and display of graphic images:
 - (i) Requiring that flyers containing one or more images showing, or claiming to show, a fetus or any part of a fetus, conceal these images from view; and

- (ii) Requiring that these said flyers be fully concealed within a sealed envelope or package, and that the sealed envelope or package containing the graphic image be marked with the following notice and information:
 - (1) the name and address of the person responsible for the delivery of the graphic image(s); and
 - (2) a warning that the envelope or package contains a graphic image that may be offensive or disturbing to some people;
- (b) That the by-law to regulate the distribution and display of graphic images would not apply to:
 - (i) mail that is delivered to a residence by Canada Post; and
 - (ii) material that is delivered to the residence at the request or with the consent of the addressee
- (c) That staff also be requested to explore the feasibility of regulating or prohibiting graphic imagery that is carried, held or displayed in public spaces.

7. Appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) for lands located at 909 North Waterdown Drive, Waterdown, for Lack of Decision on Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment Application (ZAC-22-032/UHOPA-22-018) (LS23006(a)) (Ward 15) (Item 15.2)

- (a) That the directions to staff in closed session respecting Report LS23006(a) be approved;
- (b) That the directions to staff in closed session with respect to Report LS23006(a) be released to the public, following approval by Council; and,
- (c) That the balance of Report LS23006(a) and its Appendices remain confidential.

8. Appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal for lands located at 487 Shaver Road, Hamilton, for Lack of Decision on Official Plan Amendment Application (UHOPA-22-002) and Zoning By-law Amendment Application (ZAC-22-005) (LS23038) (Ward 12) (Added Item 15.3)

- (a) That the directions to staff in closed session respecting Report LS23038 be released to the public, following approval by Council; and
- (b) That the balance of Report LS23038 remain confidential.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.2 Medora Uppal, CEO of YWCA Hamilton, respecting the Distribution and Display of Graphic Images (Item 12.1)
- 5.3 Caroline Hill Smith respecting Airport Employment Growth District Transportation Master Plan (Item 11.2)

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.1 Katie Dean with Viewer Discretion Legislation Coalition, respecting a By-law to Regulate the Distribution and Display of Graphic Images (Item 12.1) (For today's meeting)
- 6.2 Peter Appleton respecting the Airport Employment Growth Plan Transportation Master Plan Update (Item 11.2) (For today's meeting)

10. PUBLIC MEETINGS

- 10.1 Strategic Zoning By-law Updates for Lands Fronting on Rymal Road East between Nebo Road and Trinity Church Road (PED23213) (Ward 6)
Revised Report and Appendix B to say Ward 6 (not Ward 11)

15. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

- 15.3 Appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal for lands located at 487 Shaver Road, Hamilton, for Lack of Decision on Official Plan Amendment Application (UHOPA-22-002) and Zoning By-law Amendment Application (ZAC-22-005) (LS23038) (Ward 12)

ADDED:

Staff Presentations for Items 10.1 and 11.2.

The agenda for the October 31, 2023 Planning Committee meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

No declarations of interest were made.

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

(i) October 17, 2023 (Items 4.1)

The Minutes of the October 17, 2023 meetings were approved, as presented.

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Various Communications (Items 5.1 and Added Items 5.2 and 5.3)

The following communication items were received and referred to the consideration of the appropriate agenda item.

5.1 Katie Dean with Viewer Discretion Legislation Coalition respecting the Distribution and Display of Graphic Images (Item 12.1)

5.2 Medora Uppal, CEO of YWCA Hamilton, respecting the Distribution and Display of Graphic Images (Item 12.1)

5.3 Caroline Hill Smith respecting Airport Employment Growth District Transportation Master Plan (Item 11.2)

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

(i) Various Delegation Requests (Added Items 6.1 and 6.2)

The following Delegation Requests were approved for today's meeting:

6.1 Katie Dean with Viewer Discretion Legislation Coalition, respecting a By-law to Regulate the Distribution and Display of Graphic Images (Item 12.1)

6.2 Peter Appleton respecting the Airport Employment Growth Plan Transportation Master Plan Update (Item 11.2)

(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Michael Sabelli and Paul Kocsis respecting an Exemption to the Demolition By-law for 47 Whitfield Avenue (Approved at the October 17th meeting) (Item 7.1)

Michael Sabelli and Paul Kocsis addressed the Committee respecting an Exemption to the Demolition By-law for 47 Whitfield Avenue.

The Delegation from Michael Sabelli and Paul Kocsis respecting an Exemption to the Demolition By-law for 47 Whitfield Avenue, was received.

(ii) Katie Dean with Viewer Discretion Legislation Coalition, respecting a By-law to Regulate the Distribution and Display of Graphic Images (Item 12.1) (Added Item 7.2)

Katie Dean addressed the Committee respecting a By-law to Regulate the Distribution and Display of Graphic Images (Item 12.1).

The Delegation from Katie Dean respecting a By-law to Regulate the Distribution and Display of Graphic Images (Item 12.1), was received.

(iii) Peter Appleton respecting the Airport Employment Growth Plan Transportation Master Plan Update (Item 11.2) (Added Item 7.3)

Peter Appleton addressed the Committee respecting the Airport Employment Growth Plan Transportation Master Plan Update (Item 11.2).

The Delegation from Peter Appleton respecting the Airport Employment Growth Plan Transportation Master Plan Update, was received.

(g) PUBLIC HEARINGS (Item 10)

In accordance with the *Planning Act*, Acting Chair C. Cassar advised those viewing the meeting that the public had been advised of how to pre-register to be a delegate at the Public Meetings on today's agenda.

In accordance with the provisions of the *Planning Act*, Acting Chair C. Cassar advised that if a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Council of the City of Hamilton before Council makes a decision regarding the Development applications before the Committee today, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the City of Hamilton to the Ontario Land Tribunal, and the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an

appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

(i) Strategic Zoning By-law Updates for Lands Fronting on Rymal Road East between Nebo Road and Trinity Church Road (PED23213) (Ward 6) (Item 10.1)

No members of the public were registered as Delegations.

The staff presentation was waived.

Chair Cassar called three times for public delegations and no one came forward.

- (a) There were no public submissions received regarding this matter; and,
- (b) The public meeting was closed.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

(h) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 11)

(i) Airport Employment Growth District Transportation Master Plan Update (PED17175(a)) (Wards 11 and 12) (Item 11.2)

Omar Shams, Project Manager - Transportation Planning New Initiatives and Margaret Fazio, Senior Project Manager - Infrastructure Planning, addressed the Committee respecting the Airport Employment Growth District Transportation Master Plan Update with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

The presentation from Omar Shams, Project Manager - Transportation Planning New Initiatives and Margaret Fazio, Senior Project Manager - Infrastructure Planning, respecting the Airport Employment Growth District Transportation Master Plan Update, was received.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 4.

The Committee recessed from 1:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

(i) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 14)

(i) General Manager's Update (Added Item 14.1)

Steve Robichaud, Acting General Manager, advised Committee that November 8 is World Town Planning Day 2023 and celebrations include the City's Urban Design Awards Ceremony at Mohawk College; and, the City is launching the public consultation on Zoning By-law Reform projects.

The General Manager's Update was received.

(j) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 15)

(i) Closed Session Minutes – October 17, 2023 (Item 15.1)

- (a) The Closed Session Minutes dated October 17, 2023, were approved as presented; and,
- (b) The Closed Session Minutes dated October 17, 2023, are to remain confidential.

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

(ii) Appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) for lands located at 909 North Waterdown Drive, Waterdown, for Lack of Decision on Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment Application (ZAC-22-032/UHOPA-22-018) (LS23006(a)) (Ward 15) (Item 15.2)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7.

(iii) Appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal for lands located at 487 Shaver Road, Hamilton, for Lack of Decision on Official Plan Amendment Application (UHOPA-22-002) and Zoning By-law Amendment Application (ZAC-22-005) (LS23038) (Ward 12) (Added Item 15.3)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 8.

(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 16)

There being no further business, the Planning Committee adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Councillor C. Cassar, Acting Chair
Planning Committee

Lisa Kelsey
Legislative Coordinator



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT 23-028

9:30 a.m.

November 1, 2023

Council Chambers, City Hall, 2nd Floor
71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

Present: Mayor A. Horwath
Deputy Mayor C. Cassar (Chair)
Councillors J. Beattie, B. Clark, J.P. Danko, M. Francis, T. Hwang,
T. Jackson, C. Kroetsch, T. McMeekin, N. Nann, E. Pauls,
M. Spadafora, M. Tadeson, A. Wilson, and M. Wilson

THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 23-028 AND RESPECTUFLY RECOMMENDS:

1. **2023 Economic Development Workforce Strategy (PED23194) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**
 - (a) That Council receive the Workforce Strategy attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED23194;
 - (b) That the strategy and the actions contained therein be used to guide the work and to inform future workplans of the Economic Development Division; and,
 - (c) That the City Manager ensures that all divisions throughout the City are informed of the Workforce Strategy and how it relates to their activities.

2. **Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) Report 23-010 - October 10, 2023 (Item 9.1)**
 - (a) **Donation in Memory of Mary Sinclair (Item 12.1)**

That a donation in memory of Mary Sinclair to Participation House in the amount of \$200 from account #300303, to be facilitated by the Diversity and Inclusion Office, be approved.

3. Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement Redevelopment Grant Application, 13-25 King Street East, Stoney Creek (PED23228) (Ward 5) (Item 10.1)

- (a) That Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement Redevelopment Grant Application ERG-23-01, submitted by KSE Holdings Inc. (KSE Investment Holdings Inc./Stoney Creek Holdings Inc./Beaver Creek Capital Inc.) owner of the properties 13-25 King Street East, Stoney Creek for an Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement Redevelopment Grant not to exceed \$3,912,000, for estimated eligible remediation costs provided over a maximum of ten years, be authorized and approved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement Redevelopment Agreement;
- (b) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to execute the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement Redevelopment Agreement together with any ancillary documentation required, to give effect to the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement Redevelopment Grant for KSE Holdings Inc. (KSE Investment Holdings Inc./Stoney Creek Holdings Inc./Beaver Creek Capital Inc.) owner of the properties 13-25 King Street East, Stoney Creek in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (c) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to administer the Grant and Grant Agreement including but not limited to: deciding on actions to take in respect of events of default and executing any Grant Amending Agreements, together with any ancillary amending documentation, if required, provided that the terms and conditions of the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement Redevelopment Grant, as approved by City Council, are maintained and that any applicable Grant Amending Agreements are undertaken in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

4. Entertainment Venues Municipal Capital Facility By-Law (PED18168(k)) (Ward 2) (Item 10.2)

- (a) That the eligible portions of the lands known as the FirstOntario Centre, located at 101 York Boulevard, Hamilton, be declared a municipal capital facility, operating as a sport and live entertainment complex for public use, with such parts to be exempted from taxation for municipal and school purposes;
- (b) That the eligible portions of the lands known as the FirstOntario Concert Hall, located at 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton, be declared a municipal capital facility, operating as a concert hall and entertainment complex for

public use, to be exempted from taxation for municipal and school purposes;

- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute Municipal Capital Facilities Agreements, and any ancillary documents, substantially in the form attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED18168(k), with such amendments deemed reasonable and necessary to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, effective on or prior to the lease commencement dates of the FirstOntario Centre and FirstOntario Concert Hall;
- (d) That the By-law, attached as Appendix "B" to Report PED18168(k), to establish Municipal Capital Facility Designation for the FirstOntario Centre and repealing the previous applicable Municipal Capital Facility Designation By-law, be passed;
- (e) That the By-law, attached as Appendix "C" to Report PED18168(k), to establish Municipal Capital Facility Designation for the FirstOntario Concert Hall and repealing the previous applicable Municipal Capital Facility Designation By-law, be passed;
- (f) That, upon approval by Council, staff be directed to give written notice of the following By-laws to the secretary of the school boards having jurisdiction, and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation:
 - (i) Municipal Capital Facility By-law – Arena;
 - (ii) Municipal Capital Facility By-law – Concert Hall;
- (g) That the Clerk be directed to give written notice of the By-law approving this staff Report in respect of recommendation (c) to the Minister of Finance.

5. ATU Local 107 Labour Disruption Contingency Planning Update – No Copy (Revised Title) (Added Item 14.2)

That ATU Local 107 Labour Disruption Contingency Planning Update, be received and remain confidential.

6. Encampment Litigation Update (LS20023(h)) (City Wide) (Added Item 14.3)

That Report LS20023(h), respecting Encampment Litigation Update, be received and remain confidential.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

14.2 ATU Local 107 Labour Disruption Contingency Planning Update –
No Copy (Revised Title)

14.3 Encampment Litigation Update (LS20023(h)) (City Wide)

The agenda for the November 1, 2023 General Issues Committee meeting, was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) October 18, 2023 (Item 4.1)

The minutes of the October 18, 2023, General Issues Committee meeting were approved, as presented.

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) 2023 Economic Development Workforce Strategy (PED23194) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

Jennifer Patterson, Manager of Business Investment & Sector Development, provided opening remarks and introduced Trudy Parsons, Deloitte, who addressed Committee with a presentation respecting Report PED23194, the 2023 Economic Development Workforce Strategy.

(i) That the presentation respecting Report PED23194, the 2023 Economic Development Workforce Strategy, be received.

(ii) The Report recommendations were put on the floor as follows:

(a) That Council receive the Workforce Strategy attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED23194; and,

- (b) That the strategy and the actions contained therein be used to guide the work and to inform future workplans of the Economic Development Division.
- (iii) That Report PED23194, respecting the 2023 Economic Development Workforce Strategy **be amended** by adding subsection (c), as follows:
 - (c) ***That the City Manager ensures that all divisions throughout the City are informed of the Workforce Strategy and how it relates to their activities.***

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

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

(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 13.1):

The amendments to the Outstanding Business List, be approved, as follows:

(a) Items Considered Complete and Needing to be Removed (Item 13.1(a)):

Parkland Acquisition Strategy

Added: June 4, 2018 - PW Report 18-008 (Item 9)

Completed: October 4, 2023 - GIC Report 23-026 (Item 2)

2023 Priority Focus Areas for the Office of Climate Change Initiatives (PED23064)

Added: April 5, 2023 - GIC Report 23-012 (Item 2)

Completed: October 18, 2023 - GIC Report 23-027 (Item 1)

Downtown Hamilton Office Report (PED23081) (Ward 2)

Added: June 14, 2023 - GIC Report 23-019 (Item 10.1)

Completed: October 18, 2023 - GIC Report 23-027 (Item 9)

(f) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)

(i) Closed Session Minutes – October 18, 2023 (Item 14.1)

The General Issues Committee Closed Session Minutes of October 18, 2023, were approved and remain confidential.

Committee moved into Closed Session pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-sections (d), (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (d), (e) and (f) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to labour relations or employee negotiations; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the City or a local board; and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

(ii) ATU Local 107 Labour Disruption Contingency Planning Update – No Copy (Revised Title) (Added Item 14.2)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 5.

(iii) Encampment Litigation Update (LS20023(h)) (City Wide) (Added Item 14.3)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 6.

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Craig Cassar
Chair, General Issues Committee

Angela McRae
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk



AUDIT, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT 23-017

9:30 a.m.
November 2, 2023
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall

Present: Councillors C. Kroetsch (Chair), J. Beattie, B. Clark, T. Hwang, M. Spadafora, M. Tadeson, A. Wilson and M. Wilson

THE AUDIT, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 23-017 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Discussion Items (Items 10.1 to 10.4)

(i) That the following Discussion Items be approved as presented:

(a) **2024 Budget Submission Committee Against Racism (CM23026) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)**

That the Committee Against Racism Advisory Committee 2024 base budget attached as Appendix A to Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 23-017 in the amount of \$8,900, be approved and referred to the 2024 budget process for consideration.

(b) **2024 Budget Submission Hamilton Women and Gender Equity Advisory Committee (CM23024) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)**

That the Hamilton Women and Gender Equity Advisory Committee 2024 base budget submission attached as Appendix B to Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 23-017 in the amount of \$3,500.00, be approved and referred to the 2024 budget process for consideration.

(c) **2024 Budget Submission Advisory Committee for Immigrants and Refugees (CM23023) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)**

That the Advisory Committee for Immigrants and Refugees 2024 base budget submission attached as Appendix C to Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 23-017 in the amount of \$3,500.00, be approved and referred to the 2024 budget process for consideration.

**(d) 2024 Budget Submission Mundialization Committee (CM23022)
(City Wide) (Item 10.4)**

That the Mundialization Committee 2024 base budget submission attached as Appendix D to Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 23-017 in the amount of \$5,890.00, be approved and referred to the 2024 budget process for consideration.

2. Governance Review Sub-Committee Report 23-004, October 27, 2023 (Added Item 10.5)

(a) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Logo (CM23029) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 9.1)

That Report CM23029, respecting Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Logo, be received.

(b) City of Hamilton Flag and Sign Policy (CM23014) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)

(i) That the City of Hamilton's Flag Protocol (Report 11-003 to Governance Review Sub-Committee) be repealed and replaced with the City of Hamilton Flag and Sign Policy in Appendix E to Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 23-017;

(ii) That the City of Hamilton Flag and Sign Policy be posted on the City website to guide the raising and lowering of flags and lighting of the 3D Hamilton sign; and,

(iii) That the City of Hamilton Flag and Sign Policy be brought forward for amendment at such time that the City adopts an official days of recognition policy.

(c) Review and Evaluation of Lobbyist Registry By-law (Added Item 11.1)

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton introduced a Lobbyist Registry By-law in 2015; and

WHEREAS the public interest would be served in having an updated review and evaluation of the Lobbyist Registry By-law, including its exemptions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The staff be requested to report back to Governance Review Sub-Committee in Q2 2024 with a review and evaluation of the City of Hamilton's Lobbyist Registry By-law including a scan of best practices in other municipal jurisdictions.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

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

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.5 Governance Review Sub-Committee Report 23-004, October 27, 2023

The agenda for the November 2, 2023 Audit, Finance and Administration Committee meeting, was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) October 19, 2023 (Item 4.1)

The Minutes of the October 19, 2023 meeting of the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee, were approved, as presented.

(d) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee, was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Cameron Kroetsch, Chair
Audit, Finance and Administration
Committee

Tamara Bates
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk

CITY OF HAMILTON

2024

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

BUDGET SUBMISSION FORM

COMMITTEE AGAINST RACISM

PART A: General Information

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Taimur Qasim (Chair)	
Marlene Dei-Amoah	
Simone McWatt	
Tyrone Childs	
Phillip Jeffrey	

MANDATE:

The Committee Against Racism is a Volunteer Advisory Committee of the City of Hamilton, appointed by Council. Members comprise residents of the city of Hamilton, representing diverse backgrounds and cultures. The mandate of the Committee Against Racism is to advise, advocate and consult on relevant issues in the community of Hamilton relating to racism and its consequences, including anti-racism strategies.

PART B: Strategic Planning

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

1. Make recommendations and give advice to the City of Hamilton’s staff and Council on issues relating to racism, equity, diversity and inclusion as well as issues relating to anti-racism.
2. Encourage every person, regardless of their race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, religion, creed or any other grounds based on the Ontario Human Rights Code (OHRC), to participate in programs and services for the improvement of community relations and the fulfilment of Human Rights.
3. Work actively with institutions and all other relevant organizations, including educational institutions, Police Services, Emergency Services, public, private, voluntary sector and all levels of government to advise, consult, advocate and to promote proactive measures pertaining to racism and its impacts.
4. Consult with individuals and/or groups with respect to complaints regarding racism and to make referrals within the community for complainants.
5. Initiate and facilitate discussions between individuals and/or groups to address issues and concerns of racism and/or while promoting respect and understanding in the community.

ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE GOALS:

Please check off which Council approved Strategic Commitments your Advisory Committee supports			
1) Community Engagement & Participation	X	2) Economic Prosperity & Growth	X
3) Healthy & Safe Communities	X	4) Clean & Green	
5) Built Environment & Infrastructure	X	6) Culture & Diversity	X
7) Our People & Performance			

PART C: Budget Request

INCIDENTAL COSTS:

Monthly meeting expenses (photocopying, refreshments, advertising, postage, etc.)	\$900
SUB TOTAL	\$ 900

SPECIAL EVENT/PROJECT COSTS:

Initiatives by the Committee, including the following: 1) Days of recognition such as, Lincoln Alexander Day, Black History Month, Emancipation Day, and other days related to the mandate of anti-racism 2) Supporting City of Hamilton initiatives related to anti-racism 3) Support of anti-racism related community events	
SUB TOTAL	\$ 8000

TOTAL COSTS	\$ 8900
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Funding from Advisory Committee Reserve (only available to Advisory Committees with reserve balances)	\$
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TOTAL 2024 BUDGET REQUEST (net of reserve funding)	\$ 8900
PREVIOUS YEAR (2023) APPROVED BUDGET (2023 Request \$ 8900)	\$ 8900

CERTIFICATION:

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Representative's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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CITY OF HAMILTON

2024

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

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**HAMILTON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUITY
COMMITTEE BUDGET 2024**

PART A: General Information**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Deanna Allain (Chair)	Jan Lukas
Melanie Cummings	Stephanie Scardellato
Anne Davey	Gagan Batra
Adriana Harris	
Autumn Getty	
Pascale Marchand	
Kathleen Shannon	
Yulena Wan	

MANDATE:

The Hamilton Women and Gender Equity Committee is a Council mandated advisory committee of the City of Hamilton. Serving and acting as an advisory committee of Council it provides input with respect to the issues of women, non-binary individuals and gender diverse people.

The Committee is empowered by City Council and is responsible to City Council for its services; it reports to City Council on issues and concerns pertaining to women, non-binary individuals, and gender diverse people through the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee.

PART B: Strategic Planning

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

To define, investigate, study and make recommendations on issues of concern affecting women, non-binary people, and gender diverse individuals in the City of Hamilton and other matters of social or municipal concern including matters referred to this Committee by City Council, staff, and City of Hamilton committees.

To inform citizens of the City of Hamilton on issues affecting women, non-binary people, and gender diverse individuals. To actively encourage women, non-binary people, and gender diverse individuals to participate in all aspects of society and support them in their life choices.

To advise residents of the City of Hamilton of decisions made by City Council which may impact women, non-binary people, and gender diverse individuals including matters of social concern and those referred to City Council by this Committee.

To review the progress and measure of success of the Committee and its activities on a regular basis.

ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE GOALS:

Please check off which Council approved Strategic Commitments your Advisory Committee supports			
1) Community Engagement and Participation	X	2) Economic Prosperity and Growth	X
3) Healthy and Safe Communities	X	4) Clean and Green	X
5) Built Environment and Infrastructure	X	6) Culture and Diversity	X
7) Our People and Performance	X		

PART C: Budget Request

INCIDENTAL COSTS:

Monthly meeting expenses (photocopying, refreshments, advertising, postage, etc.)	\$1000.00
SUB TOTAL	\$1,000.00

SPECIAL EVENT/PROJECT COSTS:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiatives to be determined by the Committee that further advance Women and Gender Equity issues within the City of Hamilton • Partnership in the development and sharing of community resources and information • Subsidizing membership participation in workshops / conferences relevant to committee objectives • Additional Special Event/Project Cost of \$2,000.00 (for International Women’s Day and other civic participation initiatives) 	
SUB TOTAL	\$2,500.00

TOTAL COSTS	\$3,500.00
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TOTAL 2024 BUDGET REQUEST (net of reserve funding)	\$3,500.00
PREVIOUS YEAR (2023) APPROVED BUDGET (2023 Request \$3,500.00)	\$3,500.00

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CITY OF HAMILTON

2024

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

BUDGET SUBMISSION FORM

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

PART A: General Information

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Name	
Aref Alshaikhahmed	
Dina Honig	
Rami Safi	
Eisham Abdulkarim (Vice Chair)	
Dorar Abuzaid (Recording Secretary)	
Ammira Ali	
Jennie Hamilton (Chair)	

MANDATE:

Makes recommendations to City Council and staff about policies, procedures and guidelines that address the needs of immigrants and refugees within the City of Hamilton.

PART B: Strategic Planning

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

1. Review and comment on pertinent reports, proposed legislation and studies that affect immigrants and refugees.
2. Be consulted by City of Hamilton staff and Council on the review, development and implementation of City policies, procedures, programs and services that affect, directly or indirectly, immigrants and refugees.
3. Facilitate, organize and promote open lines of communication with the school boards, police services, City of Hamilton, (e.g. Public Health Services, Healthy and Safe Communities, etc.) and other relevant organizations to provide advice and recommendations about the service needs of newcomers, immigrants, and refugees.
4. Make presentations, host workshops and/or open houses to educate service providers, police, Ontario Works, school boards, settlement agencies, employment agencies, professional regulating bodies and other relevant services and programs about immigrant and refugee issues.
5. Develop relationships with the Access to Fair Trades Office and training institutions to gain a better understanding of their processes and find some common ground that will assist newcomers and immigrants in their pursuit of timely certification and upgrading.
6. Complement and collaborate with the work of the City of Hamilton’s Volunteer Advisory Committees.

ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE GOALS:

Please check off which Council approved Strategic Commitments your Advisory Committee supports			
1) Community Engagement & Participation	X	2) Economic Prosperity & Growth	X
3) Healthy & Safe Communities	X	4) Clean & Green	X
5) Built Environment & Infrastructure	X	6) Culture & Diversity	X
7) Our People & Performance	X		

PART C: Budget Request

INCIDENTAL COSTS:

Monthly Meetings Expenses (photocopying, refreshments, advertising, postage, etc.)	\$1,500
SUB TOTAL	\$1,500

SPECIAL EVENT/PROJECT COSTS:

Special project	\$2,000
SUB TOTAL	\$2,000

TOTAL COSTS	\$3,500
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Funding from Advisory Committee Reserve (only available to Advisory Committees with reserve balances)	\$
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TOTAL 2024 BUDGET REQUEST (net of reserve funding)	\$3,500
PREVIOUS YEAR (2023) APPROVED BUDGET (2023 Request \$3500)	\$3,500

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CITY OF HAMILTON

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ADVISORY COMMITTEES

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HAMILTON MUNDIALIZATION COMMITTEE

PART A: General Information

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Anthony Macaluso (Chair)	
Rosemary Baptista (Co-Chair)	
Jan Lukas	
Rein Ende	

MANDATE:

The purpose of the Hamilton Mundialization Committee shall be:

- a) to promote Hamilton as "A World (Mundialized) City" dedicated to global awareness, international cooperation, and world law
- b) to further the work of the United Nations through publicity and education and to have the United Nations flag always flown with the Canadian flag the City Hall
- c) to undertake twinning programs in international cooperation with like-minded municipalities in this and other countries to foster an understanding of the increasing interdependence of the municipalities, peoples, and countries of the world
- d) to involve Hamilton residents of different cultures, especially those from the countries of our sister communities, to share in our multicultural programs
- e) to include representatives from City Council in the Committee for implementing the above programs.

PART B: Strategic Planning

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

The Hamilton Mundialization Committee’s goals and objectives include:

- Facilitating and supporting peace initiatives and the twinning relationships between Hamilton and its ten twin-cities around the world.
- Assisting Council in implementing its Mundialization resolution
- Complementing and affirming the objectives of the City’s "Strengthening Hamilton Community Initiative"
- Supporting any and all relationships with the City of Hamilton's Twin Cities

In alignment with the Committee’s mandate, key deliverables include leading the following efforts, activities, and initiatives:

- Ongoing Kaga/Hamilton events commemorating the 50+ year relationship between Kaga and Hamilton (Dundas)
- Anniversary twinning events or other twinning events as identified
- Racalmuto Regional events
- World Citizenship Award
- Photo Contest
- Hiroshima-Nagasaki Vigil

The Committee provides an ongoing review of Mundialization relationships and processes thereof. The benefit of participation is the enhancement of relationships between the residents of our twin communities, both locally and internationally, and the residents of the city of Hamilton.

ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE GOALS:

Please check off which Council approved Strategic Commitments your Advisory Committee supports			
1) Community Engagement & Participation	X	2) Economic Prosperity & Growth	X
3) Healthy & Safe Communities	X	4) Clean & Green	X
5) Built Environment & Infrastructure	X	6) Culture & Diversity	X
7) Our People & Performance	X		

PART C: Budget Request

INCIDENTAL COSTS:

Monthly Meetings Expenses (photocopying, refreshments, advertising, postage, etc.)	\$1,500.00
SUB TOTAL	\$1,500.00

SPECIAL EVENT/PROJECT COSTS:

Hiroshima — Nagasaki Vigil, World Citizenship Award and/or photo contest, other twinning events (e.g., Racalmuto events)	\$2,390.00
Kids for Kaga support for exchange program	\$2,000.00
SUB TOTAL	\$4,390.00

TOTAL COSTS	\$5,890.00
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Funding from Advisory Committee Reserve (only available to Advisory Committees with reserve balances)	\$
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TOTAL 2024 BUDGET REQUEST (net of reserve funding)	\$5,890.00
PREVIOUS YEAR (2023) APPROVED BUDGET (2023 Request \$5,890.00)	\$5,890.00

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City of Hamilton Flag and Sign Policy

Purpose: To provide direction with respect to Flag and Hamilton Sign etiquette and protocol, the half-staffing and the raising of flags at Hamilton City Hall and City of Hamilton-owned facilities, including the permanent flags on top of City Hall.

Scope: This protocol applies to all properties and facilities owned and operated by the City of Hamilton, as well as the locations of all City-run events, except those where the policies of another government body would take precedence.

Responsibility: The Communications and Strategic Initiatives Division is the owner of this protocol and responsible for periodically reviewing and updating this protocol. The Division is also responsible for the coordination of the raising or lowering of the flags and illumination of the sign as determined by this policy. This team will also prepare appropriate communications to inform the community of the lowering of the Flag. (i.e. social media/information on the City of Hamilton Website).

Definitions:

3D Hamilton Sign: refers to the 3D LED lightable HAMILTON sign in the City Hall forecourt

Half-Staff: refers to when a flag is flown at the half-way point on a freestanding flag pole, often referred to as half-mast.

Current Employee: refers to an individual employed by the City of Hamilton that is actively attending part-time or full-time work duties, on short term or long-term disability, or on a leave of absence from their role at the city.

Use of the Flag and Sign

The flag poles, permanent poles on City Hall, and the 3D Hamilton sign at City Hall are opportunities for the City to raise awareness and show respect for community events, causes, and major events. The City will observe major world events, commemorative dates, the passing of dignitaries and important community members, and the visitation of dignitaries via a raising or lowering of a flag or illumination of the 3D Hamilton sign. Where there are community requests for the same time, preference will be shown to the recognition of visiting dignitaries, including former and current political leaders of other Canadian and international jurisdictions.

Neither option will be used to promote hate, discrimination, oppression, political or religious factions, or other harmful causes. The City of Hamilton retains the right to make this determination on a case by case basis.

Flag Protocol:

All flag raising and lowering will be in line with Federal flag etiquette.

In recognition of the City's affiliations, flags be flown on the roof of City Hall in the following order beginning on the extreme left as viewed from the front of the building:

1. Canadian Flag
2. Provincial Flag
3. Municipal Flag
4. United Nations
5. Franco-Ontarian
6. Courtesy flags subject to change
7. Métis Nation
8. Mississauga of the Credit First Nation
9. Inuit Tapiriit-Kanatami
10. Haudenosaunee Confederacy

As a gesture of respect and friendship, the City of Hamilton will fly the appropriate flag on the occasion of a visiting dignitary, including former and current politicians from other Canadian and international jurisdictions. The flag will be flown from a courtesy flagpole at City Hall for the duration of the visit. In the event that there is a community request for a flag raising on a community pole at the same time, the visiting dignitary's flag will fly in a position of prominence. If there are no courtesy poles available to raise the dignitary's flag, a community requested flag will be lowered in deference to the visiting dignitary. The Canadian, Provincial, Municipal, and Indigenous flags will not be lowered to make space for community requests.

On days of significance, the Canadian Flag flying on the free-standing flagpole at City Hall may be changed, provided it still flies on a permanent pole on top of City Hall.

Flags are also to be flown at the five Municipal Service Centres, on their own masts, with the ability to raise and lower, in the following order:

1. Canadian Flag
2. Provincial Flag
3. Municipal Flag
4. Franco Ontarian Flag
5. Métis Nation
6. Mississauga of the Credit First Nation
7. Inuit Tapiriit-Kanatami
8. Haudenosaunee Confederacy

When there are less than eight flag poles available, preference will be shown to the Canadian, Provincial, and Municipal flag.

Flying of the Flag at Half-staff

Flags are flown at half-staff as a sign of mourning and respect upon death.

If there is more than one flag flying in unison, all flags flown together should be flown at half-staff.

Half-staffing will occur immediately upon notification of a death until sunset on the day of the funeral, or for a period of five business days if no funeral or visitation has been scheduled, for the following occasions:

1. Sovereign or a member of the Royal Family related in the first degree to the Sovereign (i.e. sibling, spouse, parent, child)
2. Governor General of Canada (current/former)
3. Lieutenant Governor of Ontario (current/former)
4. Canadian Prime Minister (current/former)
5. Ontario Premier (current/former)
6. Mayor (current/former)
7. Member of Council (current and former of Hamilton, Ancaster, Dundas, Flamborough, Stoney Creek, Glanbrook)
8. Local Member of Federal or Provincial Government (current/former)
9. All current City employees including Police, EMS and Fire Services to be lowered at the employee's immediate workplace. Should the workplace not fly flags, the flags flown at City Hall will be lowered to half-staff*.
10. A major tragic event, such event or remembrance of fatal natural disasters and mass shootings, at the discretion of the policy owner

**It would be the responsibility of the individual's people leader to notify the Communications & Strategic Initiatives team and coordinate a flag lowering.*

In the event that there are community emergencies which prevent the lowering of the flag on the dates of passing to the funeral, the City may designate a future date to acknowledge the passing with the flag at half-staff. This substitution should be communicated on City communication channels to ensure awareness for the acknowledgment. The determination of this day will be made by the policy owner in collaboration with the individuals' family/friends.

Half-staffing will also occur on events or special circumstances such as events deemed to represent a significant tragedy or a loss of life, including publicly announced Canadian Forces fatality on any Canadian or Canadian-involved mission at home or abroad.

Disposal of Flags

When a flag becomes worn, noticeably faded or otherwise unfit to be flown, it should be disposed of in a respectful manner and immediately replaced. The department of Public Works shall hold responsibility for ensuring this is done.

3D Hamilton Sign Protocol:

With respect to the 3D Hamilton Sign outside of the Hamilton City Hall, sign protocol is that the sign be illuminated in the appropriate colour to reflect commemorative dates identified by the Provincial government, and Federal government, such as

- Provincial or national celebrations
- Days of remembrance or mourning
- Significant days of diversity

Requests for sign illuminations will also be accepted from the community in accordance with the procedure below.

Annual Calendar

The Communications and Strategic Initiatives team, on an annual basis, will review the Federal and Provincial commemorative dates and schedule the appropriate sign lighting and flag raising/lowering. This calendar will be posted for public awareness.

Communications

Sign lighting schedule and flag raising and lowering information will be posted on the City's website, and/or social media channels as appropriate, to ensure community awareness.

Community Requests

In addition to the annual calendar, community members may make requests for flag raising, lowering, and sign lighting.

In general, flags raised through a community request will be raised for two business days. In the event of major awareness months, City of Hamilton staff retain the authority to raise flags for additional dates, where space allows.

The lighting of the sign by community request will be for a single night, from dusk until dawn of the following day. A maximum of two requests will be accommodated per day on a 30-minute rotating basis.

In all cases, flag and sign requests are approved on a first come first served basis, with the exception of visiting dignitaries which takes precedence over community requests.

Request Requirements:

To submit a request, the party must submit their information via webform, including

- Persons name, organizations name, and contact information
- Date and rationale of request
- Colour/flag requested
- Agree to provide a 3 foot by 5-foot flag with grommets, should the City not have the specific flag in storage
- Self-evaluation of the request against proscribed criteria.

The request must be made four weeks ahead of the requested date.

Evaluation Criteria:

Community requests will be evaluated against the following criteria.

1. The request is made by a local, provincial, or national organization
2. The request recognizes a municipally, provincially, nationally, or internationally recognized day or month of significance, cause, or initiative
3. The request does not contradict any City of Hamilton By-Laws, or Provincial or Federal statute.
4. The request does not duplicate a sign lighting/flag raising or lowering already scheduled within a calendar year.
5. The request is supportive of equity, diversity, and inclusion, and does not promote or encourage any hate, discrimination, or negative outcomes to marginalized populations
6. The request does not sponsor or promote the practice of a specific faith denomination or political ideology
7. The request does not imply any allegiance or support for a specific political movement, ideology or other statement of beliefs on behalf of the City of Hamilton
8. The request is not affiliated with any commercial, for-profit, or private entities
9. In the case of flag requests, the request aligns with the approved national days list approved by Global Affairs Canada

Evaluation Process

All requests will be reviewed by City of Hamilton staff and to ensure that they clearly adhere to the protocol criteria. Requests that do not clearly meet the criteria may be brought forward by City staff to other departments to support decision making.

Preference will be shown to the City's annual calendar of recognized days and months of significance. Following this, requests will be considered on a first come first serve basis with a maximum of two sign lightings per day (on a rotating basis).

The City of Hamilton staff have full and final authority to implement the flag raising/lowering and 3D Hamilton Sign Community Lighting Program criteria. By submitting a lighting request for the Flag raising or 3D Hamilton sign, the applicant agrees that the decisions of City staff are final.

Notification of Acceptance and Approval

Staff will endeavor to provide notification of acceptance within two weeks of the date that the request was received via webform.

Requests should not be submitted more than six months in advance.

History

The following stakeholders were consulted in the creation or revisions made to this Policy: Communications & Strategic Initiatives, Government Relations & Community Engagement, the Mayor's Office, and Facilities.

This policy replaces the former policy named the City of Hamilton Flag Protocol dated May 26, 2011.

The policy comes into force January 1, 2024



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (BUDGET) REPORT 23-029

3:00 p.m.

November 6, 2023

Council Chambers, City Hall, 2nd Floor
71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

Present: Mayor A. Horwath
Councillors J. P. Danko (Acting Chair), M. Wilson (Acting Vice Chair)
Councillors J. Beattie, C. Cassar, B. Clark, M. Francis, T. Hwang,
T. Jackson, C. Kroetsch, T. McMeekin, N. Nann, E. Pauls, M. Tadeson,
and A. Wilson

Absent: Councillor M. Spadafora - Personal

THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (BUDGET) PRESENTS REPORT 23-029 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

- 1. Appointment of Acting Chair and Acting Vice Chair of the General Issues Committee (Budget) for the November 6, 2023 Meeting (Added Item 1)**
 - (a) That Councillor John-Paul Danko, be appointed Acting Chair for the November 6, 2023 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting; and,
 - (b) That Councillor Maureen Wilson, be appointed Acting Vice Chair for the November 6, 2023 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting.

FOR INFORMATION:

- (a) Appointment of Acting Chair and Acting Vice Chair of the General Issues Committee (Budget) for the November 6, 2023 Meeting (Added Item 1)**

Councillor Craig Cassar nominated Councillor Brad Clark as Acting Chair to the General Issues Committee (Budget) for the November 6, 2023 meeting.

Councillor Maureen Wilson nominated Councillor John-Paul Danko as Acting Chair to the General Issues Committee (Budget) for the November 6, 2023 meeting.

Councillor Brad Clark declined the nomination.

The Committee voted on the appointment of the Acting Chair and Councillor John-Paul Danko assumed the Chair.

Councillor Cameron Kroetsch nominated Councillor Maureen Wilson as Acting Vice Chair to the General Issues Committee (Budget) for the November 6, 2023 meeting.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(b) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

1. Appointment of Acting Chair and Acting Vice Chair of the General Issues Committee (Budget) for the November 6, 2023 Meeting

4. COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 Correspondence respecting the 2024 Budget, from the following individuals:

- (a) Michael Chiarelli
- (b) Sebastián Valero
- (c) Peter Meyer
- (d) Graham Cubitt, Chair, Hamilton is Home Coalition

5. DELEGATION REQUESTS

5.1 Delegation Requests respecting the 2024 Budget, from the following individuals, for today's meeting:

- (a) Brenda Duke (In-Person)
- (b) Ted Hildebrandt, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton (In-Person)
- (c) Erin Davis (In-Person)
- (d) Christine Neale, ACORN (In-Person)
- (e) Brandi Lowry (Pre-Recorded Video)
- (f) Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network (In-Person)

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- (g) Marnie Schurter, ACORN (Hamilton Mountain Chapter) (Pre-Recorded Video)
- (h) Nikita Mahood (In-Person)
- (i) Beverley Wagar, Crown Point Garden Club (In-Person)
- (j) Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton (Virtual)

The agenda for the November 6, 2023 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting, was approved, as amended.

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(d) COMMUNICATION ITEMS (Item 4)

(i) Correspondence Respecting the 2024 Budget (Added Item 4.1)

The Correspondence respecting the 2024 Budget, from the following individuals, was received *and referred to the 2024 budget process*:

- (1) Michael Chiarelli (Added Item 4.1(a))
- (2) Sebastián Valero (Added Item 4.1(b))
- (3) Peter Meyer (Added Item 4.1(c))
- (4) Graham Cubitt, Chair, Hamilton is Home Coalition (Added Item 4.1(d))

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 5)

(i) Delegation Requests respecting the 2024 Budget (Item 5.1)

The following delegation requests, respecting the 2024 Budget, were approved for today's meeting:

- (1) Brenda Duke (In-Person) (Added Item 5.1(a))
- (2) Ted Hildebrandt, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton (In-Person) (Added Item 5.1(b))
- (3) Erin Davis (In-Person) (Added Item 5.1(c))
- (4) Christine Neale, ACORN (In-Person) (Added Item 5.1(d))

- (5) Brandi Lowry (Pre-Recorded Video) (Added Item 5.1(e))
- (6) Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network (In-Person) (Added Item 5.1(f))
- (7) Marnie Schurter, ACORN (Hamilton Mountain Chapter) (Pre-Recorded Video) (Added Item 5.1(g))
- (8) Nikita Mahood (In-Person) (Added Item 5.1(h))
- (9) Beverley Wagar, Crown Point Garden Club (In-Person) (Added Item 5.1(i))
- (10) Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton (Virtual) (Added Item 5.1(j))

(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Delegation Respecting the 2024 Budget (Added Item 6.1)

The following Delegates, addressed the Committee, respecting the 2024 Budget:

- (1) Brenda Duke (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(a))
- (2) Ted Hildebrandt, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton and Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable For Poverty (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(b))
- (3) Erin Davis (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(c))
- (4) Christine Neale, ACORN (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(d))
- (5) Brandi Lowry (Pre-Recorded Video) (Added Item 6.1(e))
- (6) Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(f))
- (7) Marnie Schurter, ACORN (Hamilton Mountain Chapter) (Pre-Recorded Video) (Added Item 6.1(g))
- (8) Nikita Mahood (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(h))
- (9) Beverley Wagar, Crown Point Garden Club (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(i))
- (10) Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton (Virtual) (Added Item 6.1(j))

The delegations respecting the 2024 Budget, were received, as follows:

- (1) Brenda Duke (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(a))
- (2) Ted Hildebrandt, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(b))
- (3) Erin Davis (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(c))
- (4) Christine Neale, ACORN (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(d))
- (5) Brandi Lowry (Pre-Recorded Video) (Added Item 6.1(e))
- (6) Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(f))
- (7) Marnie Schurter, ACORN (Hamilton Mountain Chapter) (Pre-Recorded Video) (Added Item 6.1(g))
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- (9) Beverley Wagar, Crown Point Garden Club (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(i))
- (10) Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton (Virtual) (Added Item 6.1(j))

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee (Budget) adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John-Paul Danko
Acting Chair, General Issues Committee

Angela McRae
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council Date: November 8, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN.....

Ward 2 Community Grants - Q4 2023 (Ward 2)

WHEREAS City Council approved a motion to allocate Ward 2 Community Grants on August 18, 2023;

WHEREAS the Ward 2 Community Grants program closed for Q4 on September 30, 2023 with a total of 17 applications;

WHEREAS City staff in Financial Planning, Administration and Policy and Community Engagement - Grants reviewed the recommendations from the Ward 2 Community Grants program and found that they were all eligible; and

WHEREAS the following \$28,950 in 6 individual grants is the second and final part of the fulfillment of this round of the Ward 2 Community Grants program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That up to \$5,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (3302309200) to the 272 Caroline Street South Tenant Association for assistance with costs for a building appraisal, insurance, and tenant meetings spaces for the pre-purchase process. The 272 Caroline Street South Tenant Association received \$84,000 from the City of Hamilton in 2023 through the Ward 2 Area Rating Reserve;
- (b) That up to \$5,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (3302309200) to Compass Community Health for the purchase of orthopaedic shoes for low-income seniors participating in their walking and fitness program. Compass Community Health received \$29,918.20 from the City of Hamilton in 2023 through the Welcome Baby program delivered by Public Health Services (\$24,968.20) and Ward 2 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account (\$4,950);

- (c) That up to \$5,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (3302309200) to Essential Aid and Family Services of Ontario's Infant and Toddler Food Bank for an improved storage system. Essential Aid and Family Services received \$15,000 from the City of Hamilton in 2023 through the One-Time Enhancement Grant in April 2023;
- (d) That up to \$5,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (3302309200) to Hamilton Out of the Cold for the purchase of takeout packaging for their low-barrier food programs at Christ's Church Cathedral and Trinity Lutheran Church;
- (e) That up to \$3,950 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (3302109200 and 3302309200) to the International Village BIA for seasonal on-street decor this fall and holiday season. The International Village BIA received \$20,970.74 (not including \$1,050 from Ward 2 Community Grants to date) in 2023 through the 2022 Christmas Grant received in January (\$1,300), 2023 Contribution to Operating Funds (\$7,308.03), and 2023 Parking Share Revenue (\$12,362.71);
- (f) That up to \$5,000 be allocated from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Discretionary Fund (3302309200) to St. Lawrence the Martyr Church for the purchase of two Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), a LifeVac for choking emergencies, and other first aid supplies;
- (g) That any funds allocated and distributed through the Ward 2 Community Grants Program be exempt on a one-time basis and not be counted toward any formula that restricts regular funding from the City including the City Enrichment Fund or the One-Time Enhancement Grant (e.g. the City's 30% formula); and
- (h) 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 MOTION

Council: November 8, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. WILSON.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR B. CLARK.....

Confidentiality of Closed Session Meeting Discussions while Participating Virtually

WHEREAS, the confidentiality of Closed Session meeting discussions is in keeping with good governance and benefits of all members of Council;

WHEREAS, members of Council and staff who are participating virtually during a Closed Session meeting should be located in a private room where those not participating in the Closed meeting would not have access to an attendee’s screen or overhear parts of a confidential discussion; and

WHEREAS, the wearing of headphones or some other type of hearing equipment would eliminate the opportunity for those not participating in the Closed meeting to overhear a confidential discussion.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That By-law 21-021, A By-law to Govern the Proceedings of Council and Committees of Council, the ‘Procedure By-law’, be amended by adding Sub-Section 10.6 under Section 10 – Virtual Participation at Council and/or Committee Meetings, as follows:

- 10.6** Members of Council and staff attending virtually, shall during Closed Meetings ensure they are in a private room/**area** and use headphones or some other type of hearing equipment that eliminates the opportunity for those not participating in the Closed meeting to access an attendee’s screen and/or overhear the confidential discussion.

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

Council: November 8, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR B. CLARK.....

SECONDED BY MAYOR A. HORWATH.....

Moving the Consideration of ‘Housing Services’ Matters to the General Issues Committee

WHEREAS Council has approved the following Outcome: Increase the supply of affordable and supportive housing and reduce chronic homelessness, as part of the 2022-2026 Council Priority: Safe & Thriving Neighbourhoods;

WHEREAS housing issues are strongly related to “economic development matters” already included within the mandate of the General Issues Committee; and

WHEREAS issues related to encampments are considered at General Issues Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That By-law 21-021, A By-law to Govern the Proceedings of Council and Committees of Council, the ‘Procedure By-law’, be amended by moving the consideration of ‘Housing Services’ matters from Emergency and Community Services Committee (Appendix ‘E’ of By-law 21-021) to General Issues Committee (Appendix ‘A’ of By-law 21-021).

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: November 8, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. CASSAR.....

**Appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair of General Issues Committee (Budget)
for the 2024 Budget**

WHEREAS, Council has been delegated the power to appoint the chair and vice chair of the General Issues Committee (Budget) for the 2024 Budget;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Councillor J.P. Danko, be appointed Chair of General Issues Committee (Budget) for the 2024 Budget; and
- (b) That Councillor M. Wilson, be appointed Vice Chair of General Issues Committee (Budget) for the 2024 Budget.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION UPDATES


October 20, 2023 to November 2, 2023

Council received the following Communication Updates during the time period listed above, the updates are also available to the public on City's website, as per Section 5.18 of By-law 21-021 (A By-Law To Govern the Proceedings of Council and Committees of Council) a member of Council may refer any of the items listed below, to a Standing Committee by contacting the Clerk and it will be placed on the next available agenda of the respective Standing Committee.

Item Number	Date	Department	Subject
1	October 20, 2023	Planning and Economic Development	Mayor Horwath's Response to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Affordability Task Force's Recommendations and Ranking Chart (City Wide)
2	October 23, 2023	Planning and Economic Development	Provincial Announcement – Reversal of Ministerial Official Plan Decisions (City Wide)
3	October 24, 2023	Public Works	Chedoke Creek Remediation - MECP Order Amendment - HW.23.07
4	October 26, 2023	Planning and Economic Development	Proposed Amendments to the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act (City Wide)
5	October 27, 2023	Planning and Economic Development	Hamilton Light Rail Transit – Building Transit Faster Act, Order-in-Council Update (City Wide)
6	October 30, 2023	Planning and Economic Development	School Crossing Guards' Duties (City Wide)
7	October 31, 2023	Planning and Economic Development	Ontario Regulation 73/23: Municipal Planning Data Reporting Q2 / 2023 (City Wide)
8	October 31, 2023	Public Works	Chedoke Creek Remediation - MECP Order Amendment - HW.23.08
9	November 2, 2023	Public Works	Claremont Access Update (ENG23005) (City Wide)



COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	October 20, 2023
SUBJECT:	Mayor Horwath's Response to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Affordability Task Force's Recommendations and Ranking Chart (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Anita Fabac Acting Director, Planning and Chief Planner Planning and Economic Development Department
SIGNATURE:	

The purpose of this Communication Update is to provide Council with an update on the Mayor's response to the Province's Housing Affordability Task Force's Recommendations and Ranking Chart.

On September 15, 2023, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, requested the Mayor's position with respect to the 74 Task Force Recommendations and the City's ranking of the five initiatives the City believes would have the most impact in creating additional housing. The Province requested this information be provided by no later than October 16, 2023. The request from the Province also noted that failing to return the completed chart by October 16, 2023 would disqualify the City from being eligible for the Province's new \$1.2 billion Building Faster Fund that was announced at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference in August 2023.

The Mayor's letter is attached as Appendix "A" and the completed chart is attached as Appendix "B". The Planning Division supported the Mayor's office with completing the chart.

Background

In February 2022, the Housing Affordability Task Force delivered its final report with recommendations to help Ontario tackle the housing supply crisis and build at least 1.5 million homes by 2031. The Task Force made 74 unique recommendations. Twenty-

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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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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Affordability Task Force's
Recommendations and Ranking Chart (City Wide) - Page 2 of 3**

three (23) recommendations have been implemented to date. The Province wants to move forward implementing further recommendations from the Task Force's report and therefore requested input on priorities from the City relative to the Task Force's report recommendations and comments on the other recommendations.

The City has provided feedback on the Province's proposed policy and legislative changes to build more homes faster such as commenting on the Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendations in March of 2022 (PED22071) and support for the Municipal Housing Pledge (PED23056).

In commenting initially on the Housing Affordability Task Force's recommendations, the City of Hamilton agreed with the overall intent of the Task Force's Report to:

- Make policy changes to prioritize growth and to allow for greater density and intensification while providing a variety of housing types;
- Investigate opportunities to reduce and streamline application processes;
- Prevent abuse of the appeal process, in particular non-decision appeals, and ensure effective case management by the Ontario Land Tribunal;
- Align efforts between all levels of government to incentivize more housing; and,
- Encourage and support more funding opportunities to both modernize technologies to improve our intake/review of applications, and to deliver the necessary municipal infrastructure (both "hard" and "soft") and services that growth requires.

Several of the Housing Affordability Task Force's recommendations have already been implemented at the Provincial and/or Municipal level. Of the remaining recommendations, the five initiatives the City believes would have the most impact in creating additional housing focus on:

- Reducing unnecessary OLT appeals would allow municipalities to focus resources on actual development applications, thereby significantly improving approval timelines (Action 26);
- Increasing the supply of new purpose built rental housing units to stabilize rapidly increasing rental rates through the provision of provincial and federal loan guarantees (Action 42);
- Creating an Affordable Housing Trust from a portion of Land Transfer Tax Revenue to in part develop/create incentives for projects serving and brought forward by Black- and Indigenous-led developers and marginalized groups (Action B-3);
- Enabling municipalities to withdraw infrastructure allocations from any permitted projects where construction has not been initiated to encourage the construction of permitted projects in a timely manner (Action 43); and,

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- Improving funding and undertake multi-stakeholder consultation to increase the supply of skilled trades vitally necessary to build more homes faster (Action 45).

Next Steps

Planning staff will continue to monitor the Province's next steps. The Mayor has notified the Province that the City of Hamilton looks forward to working with the Province to secure funds under the Province's new \$1.2 billion Building Faster Fund and to working together to help address the crisis of affordability in the City.

If you require any further information on the above matter, please contact Anita Fabac, Acting Director of Planning and Chief Planner by email at Anita.Fabac@hamilton.ca or at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 1258, or, Charlie Toman, Program Lead – Policy Planning & Municipal Comprehensive Review by e-mail at Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca or at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 5863.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix "A" - Mayor's Response Letter
Appendix "B" - Ranking Chart



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF HAMILTON

VIA: Email

The Honourable Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto ON, M7A 2J3

October 11, 2023

Re: Housing Affordability Task Force's Recommendations and Ranking Chart

Dear Hon. Minister Calandra,

Please find attached the City of Hamilton's response to your request of Sept 15, 2023. We have provided our position on each of the 74 Task Force recommendations and provided our ranking of the five initiatives we believe would have the most impact in creating additional housing in Hamilton.

Thank you for your efforts in understanding the municipal perspective on these important issues.

The City of Hamilton looks forward to securing funds under the Province's new \$1.2 billion Building Faster Fund that was announced at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference in August, and to working together to help address the crisis of affordability in our city.

Please let me know if we can be of any further assistance and I look forward to our continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrea Horwath".

Mayor Andrea Horwath

cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Associate Minister of Housing
Kirstin Jensen, Interim Chief of Staff, Minister's Office
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister
Joshua Paul, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market Housing Division
Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning and Growth Division
Caspar Hall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division

Attachment:

10-11-2023 City of Hamilton Response to HAFT Recommendations

Attachment: List of 74 Housing Affordability Task Force (HATF) Recommendations for Response

Please identify the top 5 HATF recommendations that you support, and rationale / comments	
1.	26) Require appellants to promptly seek permission ("leave to appeal") of the OLT and demonstrate that an appeal has merit, relying on evidence and expert reports, before it is accepted." This should include requirement to demonstrate insufficiency of existing permissions in cases where an applicant is appealing a recently-approved Secondary Plan. Reducing unnecessary appeals would allow municipalities to focus resources on actual development applications, thereby significantly improving approval timelines.
2.	42) Provide provincial and federal loan guarantees for purpose-built rental, affordable rental and affordable ownership projects. This recommendation would support the creation of new purpose built rental housing units which is required to stabilize rapidly increasing rental rates.
3.	B-3) Create an Affordable Housing Trust from a portion of Land Transfer Tax Revenue (i.e., the windfall resulting from property price appreciation) to be used in partnership with developers, non-profits, and municipalities in the creation of more affordable housing units. This Trust should create incentives for projects serving and brought forward by Black- and Indigenous-led developers and marginalized groups.
4.	43) Enable municipalities, subject to adverse external economic events, to withdraw infrastructure allocations from any permitted projects where construction has not been initiated within three years of build permits being issued. This encourages the construction of permitted projects in a timely manner after receiving approval ensuring that projects to increase housing supply are actually built. Consideration should be given to extending this "revocation authority" to certain planning permissions (.e.g site specific re-zoning applications).
5.	45) Improve funding for colleges, trade schools, and apprenticeships, encourage and incentivize municipalities, unions and employers to provide more on-the-job training and 46) Undertake multi-stakeholder education program to promote skilled trades.* Lack of skilled trades is a barrier to increasing housing supply.

HATF Recommendation <i>(Note: Bracketed numbers are per the numbering in the original Task Force report; numbering in the first column is for Ministry use) Recommendations with an asterisk * have been implemented</i>		Support or Oppose (Mandatory Field – Please only mark with an ‘X’ as appropriate)				
1.	1) Set a goal of building 1.5 million new homes in ten years.*	Already Achieved / Implemented X	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments February 22, 2023 Council Motion that the City “accepts the challenge of building 47,000 housing units by 2031 and continuing Council’s direction for growth through intensification within the former Urban Boundary excluding Greenbelt lands”.
2.	2) Amending the Planning Act, Provincial Policy Statement, and Growth Plans to set “growth in the full spectrum of housing supply” and “intensification within existing built-up areas” of municipalities as the most important residential housing priorities in the mandate and purpose.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position X	Oppose	Comments The City recognizes these as important planning / housing goals but it is important to ensure other provincial priorities are maintained (e.g. sustainability).

HATF Recommendation <i>(Note: Bracketed numbers are per the numbering in the original Task Force report; numbering in the first column is for Ministry use)</i> <i>Recommendations with an asterisk * have been implemented</i>		Support or Oppose (Mandatory Field – Please only mark with an ‘X’ as appropriate)				
		Already Achieved / Implemented X	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments
3.	3) a) Limit exclusionary zoning in municipalities through binding provincial action: allow “as of right” residential housing up to four units and up to four storeys on a single residential lot.*	X				The City of Hamilton has implemented these ‘as of right’ permissions in existing low density zones as required by Provincial legislation. The City recognizes the benefits such as contributing to transit supportive densities in low density areas but have concerns related to servicing costs and planning for adequate infrastructure / services.

HATF Recommendation <i>(Note: Bracketed numbers are per the numbering in the original Task Force report; numbering in the first column is for Ministry use)</i> <i>Recommendations with an asterisk * have been implemented</i>		Support or Oppose (Mandatory Field – Please only mark with an ‘X’ as appropriate)				
4.	3) b) Modernize the Building Code and other policies to remove any barriers to affordable construction and to ensure meaningful implementation (e.g., allow single-staircase construction for up to four storeys, allow single egress, etc.)	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments Planning staff are generally supportive of the intent of this action but note any changes to the Ontario Building Code must prioritize safety.
5.	4) Permit “as of right” conversion of underutilized or redundant commercial properties to residential or mixed residential and commercial use.	Already Achieved / Implemented X	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments The City already has permissions for mixed use and / or stand alone residential uses in our Commercial and Mixed Use Zones.

HATF Recommendation <i>(Note: Bracketed numbers are per the numbering in the original Task Force report; numbering in the first column is for Ministry use)</i> <i>Recommendations with an asterisk * have been implemented</i>		Support or Oppose (Mandatory Field – Please only mark with an ‘X’ as appropriate)				
6.	5) Permit “as of right” secondary suites, garden suites, and laneway houses province-wide.*	Already Achieved / Implemented X	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments
						The City of Hamilton has implemented these ‘as of right’ permissions in the urban area as required by Provincial legislation. The City is working to implement these permissions in the rural area while ensuring the protection of groundwater. The City is supportive of this action but need to ensure there are necessary regulations / standards to protect tertiary septic systems on smaller lots in the rural area.

HATF Recommendation <i>(Note: Bracketed numbers are per the numbering in the original Task Force report; numbering in the first column is for Ministry use) Recommendations with an asterisk * have been implemented</i>		Support or Oppose (Mandatory Field – Please only mark with an ‘X’ as appropriate)				
7.	6) Permit “as of right” multi-tenant housing (renting rooms within a dwelling) province-wide.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments The City recently passed new low density residential zoning which has permissions for Lodging Homes. Staff support for this action is assuming appropriate OBC, fire code and licensing requirements are in place.
8.	7) Encourage and incentivize municipalities to increase density in areas with excess school capacity to benefit families with children.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position X	Oppose	Comments There are many changing factors such as demographics and enrollments which make this action difficult to implement and monitor.

HATF Recommendation <i>(Note: Bracketed numbers are per the numbering in the original Task Force report; numbering in the first column is for Ministry use)</i> <i>Recommendations with an asterisk * have been implemented</i>		Support or Oppose (Mandatory Field – Please only mark with an ‘X’ as appropriate)				
		Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose X	Comments
9.	8) Allow “as of right” zoning up to unlimited height and unlimited density in the immediate proximity of individual major transit stations within two years if municipal zoning remains insufficient to meet provincial density targets.				X	OPA 167 provided permissions for up to 12 storeys along major transit corridors in the City of Hamilton. The City has completed a modelling exercise to determine if the provincial density targets can be achieved within our proposed MTSA's under the existing land use permissions. “unlimited” height and density permissions is not necessary to achieve provincial density targets and would have various implications related to infrastructure.

HATF Recommendation <i>(Note: Bracketed numbers are per the numbering in the original Task Force report; numbering in the first column is for Ministry use)</i> <i>Recommendations with an asterisk * have been implemented</i>		Support or Oppose (Mandatory Field – Please only mark with an ‘X’ as appropriate)				
10.	9) Allow “as of right” zoning of six to 11 storeys with no minimum parking requirements on any streets that have direct access to public transit (including streets on bus and streetcar routes).	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position X	Oppose	Comments There are existing permissions for up to 12 storeys along primary corridors in the City of Hamilton as implemented through OPA 167. The City is also reviewing the removal of minimum parking standards throughout lower city wards and parts of the Central Mountain along transit routes. These permissions would not be appropriate for all streets that our serviced by a bus due to large variation in level of transit service.
11.	10) Designate or rezone as mixed commercial and residential use all land along transit corridors and re-designate all Residential Apartment to mixed commercial and residential zoning in Toronto.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments N/A – relates only to City of Toronto

HATF Recommendation <i>(Note: Bracketed numbers are per the numbering in the original Task Force report; numbering in the first column is for Ministry use)</i> <i>Recommendations with an asterisk * have been implemented</i>		Support or Oppose (Mandatory Field – Please only mark with an ‘X’ as appropriate)				
12.	11) Support responsible housing growth on undeveloped land, including outside existing municipal boundaries, by building necessary infrastructure to support higher density housing and complete communities and applying the recommendations of this report to all undeveloped land.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support		Oppose X	Comments
						As reflected in the City’s response to Bill 97 and the proposed PPS (PED23145), the City is opposed to planning infrastructure around housing outside of municipal boundaries, particularly due to the significant financial implications.

HATF Recommendation <i>(Note: Bracketed numbers are per the numbering in the original Task Force report; numbering in the first column is for Ministry use)</i> <i>Recommendations with an asterisk * have been implemented</i>		Support or Oppose (Mandatory Field – Please only mark with an ‘X’ as appropriate)				
13.	12) a) Create a more permissive land use, planning, and approvals system: Repeal or override municipal policies, zoning, or plans that prioritize the preservation of physical character of neighbourhood.*	Already Achieved / Implemented X	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments Through OPA 167, the City modified wording of its intensification criteria (Policy B.2.4.1.4b) related to neighbourhood character to remove requirement to “maintain and enhance” established patterns and form.
14.	12 b) Exempt from site plan approval and public consultation all projects of 10 units or less that conform to the Official Plan and require only minor variances.*	Already Achieved / Implemented X	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments
15.	12 c) Establish provincewide zoning standards, or prohibitions, for minimum lot sizes, maximum building setbacks, minimum heights, angular planes, shadow rules, front doors, building depth, landscaping, floor space index, and heritage view cones, and planes; restore pre-2006 site plan exclusions (colour, texture, and type of materials, window details, etc.) to the Planning Act and reduce or eliminate minimum parking requirements.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose X	Comments There are concerns with applying a ‘one size fits all’ approach to items that are context specific.

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16.	12 d) Remove any floorplate (sic) restrictions to allow larger, more efficient high-density towers.	Already Achieved / Implemented X	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments There are no floorplate restrictions in Downtown Zones.
17.	13) Limit municipalities from requesting or hosting additional public meetings beyond those that are required under the Planning Act.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose X	Comments While public consultation can add time to the approval process, it is important for creating better proposals being better accepted by residents and ultimately resulting in better proposals.

HATF Recommendation <i>(Note: Bracketed numbers are per the numbering in the original Task Force report; numbering in the first column is for Ministry use) Recommendations with an asterisk * have been implemented</i>		Support or Oppose (Mandatory Field – Please only mark with an ‘X’ as appropriate)				
18.	14) Require that public consultations provide digital participation options.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments The City is already using digital means for public consultation as a result of the pandemic. The City is supportive of the continuation of digital consultation provided a hybrid option is maintained for individuals without access to technology.
19.	15) Require mandatory delegation of site plan approvals and minor variances to staff or pre-approved qualified third-party technical consultants through a simplified review and approval process, without the ability to withdraw Council’s delegation.*	Already Achieved / Implemented X	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments There is already delegated authority for site plan approvals.

HATF Recommendation <i>(Note: Bracketed numbers are per the numbering in the original Task Force report; numbering in the first column is for Ministry use)</i> <i>Recommendations with an asterisk * have been implemented</i>		Support or Oppose (Mandatory Field – Please only mark with an ‘X’ as appropriate)				
		Already Achieved / Implemented X	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose X	Comments
20.	16) a) Prevent abuse of the heritage preservation and designation process by: prohibiting the use of bulk listing on municipal heritage registers.*	X			X	The City is supportive of undertaking built heritage inventories to ensure heritage buildings are protected from immediate demolition through placement on a Heritage Registry; however, the Province has already amended the Heritage Act through Bill 23 that limit the length of time in which properties may be listed on municipal heritage registers.

HATF Recommendation <i>(Note: Bracketed numbers are per the numbering in the original Task Force report; numbering in the first column is for Ministry use) Recommendations with an asterisk * have been implemented</i>		Support or Oppose (Mandatory Field – Please only mark with an ‘X’ as appropriate)				
21.	16 b) Prohibiting reactive heritage designations after a Planning Act development application has been filed.*	Already Achieved / Implemented X	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments The Province amended the Heritage Act to place restrictions on issuing a notice of intention to designate after certain Planning Act applications have been submitted.
22.	17) Requiring municipalities to compensate property owners for loss of property value as a result of heritage designations, based on the principle of best economic use of land.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose X	Comments There are no current Ontario specific studies showing heritage designation has a negative impact on resale value. This action implies highest and best use should be based solely on economics.

HATF Recommendation <i>(Note: Bracketed numbers are per the numbering in the original Task Force report; numbering in the first column is for Ministry use)</i> <i>Recommendations with an asterisk * have been implemented</i>		Support or Oppose (Mandatory Field – Please only mark with an ‘X’ as appropriate)				
23.	18) Restore the right of developers to appeal Official Plans and Municipal Comprehensive Reviews.*	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose X	Comments
						It is unclear how this action will increase the supply of housing. Appeals could delay the implementation of policy changes to increase the supply of housing.

24.	19) Legislate timelines at each stage of the provincial and municipal review process, including site plan, minor variance, and provincial reviews, and deem an application approved if the legislated response time is exceeded.*	Already Achieved / Implemented X	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose	<p>Comments</p> <p>In the City's response to the Task Force Report (PED22071, the recommended approach would not account for delays in approvals caused by applicants or poor submissions. Deeming an application approved if timelines are not met due to delays by the applicant would be a major a concern. Such an approach could also encourage applicants to delay responses in order to "run out the clock" so that their applications gets deemed as approved. Complex applications and especially intensification require a very intensive</p>
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HATF Recommendation <i>(Note: Bracketed numbers are per the numbering in the original Task Force report; numbering in the first column is for Ministry use)</i> <i>Recommendations with an asterisk * have been implemented</i>	Support or Oppose (Mandatory Field – Please only mark with an ‘X’ as appropriate)					
						engineering exercise and can easily exceed timelines as a result. This approach could have significant impacts in terms of staffing levels required, which would result in significant fee increases in application fees. In addition, the recommendation would require the majority of the work to be completed upfront prior to deeming an application complete and does not allow for the municipality to work with the applicant to create a better proposal.

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		Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position X	Oppose	Comments
25.	20) Fund the creation of “approvals facilitators” with the authority to quickly resolve conflicts among municipal and/or provincial authorities and ensure timelines are met.*			X		The City of Hamilton already has Business Facilitators that act to resolve conflicts and expediate approvals. It is not clear the role “approval facilitators” will have in the approval process or how their authority would fit within the current development review framework.

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26.	21) Require a pre-consultation with all relevant parties at which the municipality sets out a binding list that defines what constitutes a complete application; confirms the number of consultations established in the previous recommendations; and clarifies that if a member of a regulated profession such as a professional engineer has stamped an application, the municipality has no liability and no additional stamp is needed.			X		The City already has a Formal Consultation process in place to identify requirements for a complete application. There would be issues if revisions to plans result in new requirements not previously contemplated. Additional information is necessary respecting the “no liability” component would be implemented.

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27.	22) Simplify planning legislation and policy documents.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments This recommendation can be supported provided changes to policy are comprehensively reviewed to ensure there are no unintended negative consequences.
28.	23) Create a common, province-wide definition of plan of subdivision and standard set of conditions which clarify which may be included; require the use of standard province-wide legal agreements and, where feasible, plans of subdivision.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose X	Comments The City has concern with the implementation of a ‘one size fits all’ approach which may have implementation challenges.

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29.	24) Allow wood construction of up to 12 storeys.*	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments The City of Hamilton supports the ability of architects to design and specify a variety of sustainable building materials in response to climate change conditions, provided appropriate OBC, fire code and safety requirements are in place.
30.	25) Require municipalities to provide the option of pay on demand surety bonds and letters of credit.	Already Achieved / Implemented X	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments The City of Hamilton adopted a Surety Bond policy in 2021.

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31.	26) Require appellants to promptly seek permission (“leave to appeal”) of the OLT and demonstrate that an appeal has merit, relying on evidence and expert reports, before it is accepted.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments The City is supportive of requiring appeals to pass a minimum threshold test but are unclear of the implementation of this action.
32.	27) a) Prevent abuse of process: remove right of appeal for projects with at least 30% affordable housing in which units are guaranteed affordable for 40 years.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments The City supports the development of affordable housing applications and currently expedites the review of affordable housing planning applications. There is uncertainty with this recommendation on how affordable would be determined and enforced.

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33.	27 b) Require a \$10,000 filing fee for third party appeals.*	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose X	Comments This action raises equity concerns in the ability to participate in this process.
34.	27 c) Provide discretion to adjudicators to award full costs to the successful party in any appeal brought by a third party or by a municipality where its council has overridden a recommended staff approval.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose X	Comments This action raises equity concerns in the ability to participate in this process.
35.	28) Encourage greater use of oral decisions issued the day of the hearing, with written reasons to follow, and allow those decisions to become binding the day that they are issued.*	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments Reduces administrative delay once a decision is made.
36.	29) Where it is found that a municipality has refused an application simply to avoid a deemed approval for lack of decision, allow the Tribunal to award punitive damages.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position X	Oppose	Comments It is unclear how this would be determined. Allowing for punitive damages is a significant departure from prior practice.

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37.	30) Provide funding to increase staffing (adjudicators and case managers), provide market-competitive salaries, outsource more matters to mediators, and set shorter time targets.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments
38.	31) In clearing the existing backlog, encourage the Tribunal to prioritize projects close to the finish line that will support housing growth and intensification, as well as regional water or utility infrastructure decisions that will unlock significant housing capacity.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position X	Oppose	Comments Accelerating approvals does not mean the project will be built in a timely manner.
39.	32) Waive development charges and parkland cash-in-lieu and charge only modest connection fees for all infill residential projects up to 10 units or for any development where no new material infrastructure will be required.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose X	Comments This action does not support the principle that growth should pay for growth. There may be merit in certain scenarios if there are public benefits to reducing or removing these costs.
40.	33) Waive development charges on all forms of affordable housing guaranteed to be affordable for 40 years.	Already Achieved / Implemented X	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments The City already has non-statutory exemptions for qualified affordable housing development.

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41.	34) Prohibit interest rates on development charges higher than a municipality's borrowing rate.*	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position X	Oppose	Comments Clarification is required as to what interest rate is proposed to be prohibited.
42.	35 a) Regarding cash in lieu of parkland, s.37, Community Benefit Charges, and development charges: Provincial review of reserve levels, collections and drawdowns annually to ensure funds are being used in a timely fashion and for the intended purpose, and, where review points to a significant concern, do not allow further collection until the situation has been corrected.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position X	Oppose	Comments The City already reports annually on DC reserves. It is unclear how provincial review would impact this reporting. It is likely that such a requirement would create significant administrative workload, thereby reducing staff time available to process development applications.

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43.	35 b) Except where allocated towards municipality-wide infrastructure projects, require municipalities to spend funds in the neighbourhoods where they were collected. However, where there’s a significant community need in a priority area of the City, allow for specific ward to ward allocation of unspent and unallocated reserves.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose X	Comments This may unintentionally increase inequity in communities. Most services are considered on a complete network basis and do not align with ward boundaries. A significant community need would need to be clearly defined.
44.	36) Recommend that the federal government and provincial governments update HST rebate to reflect current home prices and begin indexing, and that the federal government match the provincial 75% rebate and remove any clawback.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position X	Oppose	Comments Not applicable at municipal level.

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45.	37) Align property taxes for purpose-built rental with those of condos and low-rise homes.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position X	Oppose	Comments Does not take into consideration that valuation of condo buildings are typically higher than purpose built rental. The fiscal implications of this recommendation needs to be investigated. If it does result in a significant loss in tax revenue for the City, a stable funding source from the Province to compensate.
46.	38) Amend the Planning Act and Perpetuities Act to extend the maximum period for land leases and restrictive covenants on land to 40 or more years.*	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments
47.	39) Eliminate or reduce tax disincentives to housing growth.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position X	Oppose	Comments Recommendation not clear.
48.	40) Call on the Federal Government to implement an Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy.*	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments

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49.	41) Funding for pilot projects that create innovative pathways to homeownership, for Black, Indigenous, and marginalized people and first-generation homeowners.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments
50.	42) Provide provincial and federal loan guarantees for purpose-built rental, affordable rental and affordable ownership projects.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments
51.	43) Enable municipalities, subject to adverse external economic events, to withdraw infrastructure allocations from any permitted projects where construction has not been initiated within three years of build permits being issued.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments The City recommends this action be broadened to all Planning Act approvals.

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52.	44) Work with municipalities to develop and implement a municipal services corporation utility model for water and wastewater under which the municipal corporation would borrow and amortize costs among customers instead of using development charges.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position X	Oppose	Comments This action could assist with necessary infrastructure upgrades to accommodate growth but does not appear to support the principle that “growth should pay for growth” and would transfer the costs from developers to existing property owners.
53.	45) Improve funding for colleges, trade schools, and apprenticeships, encourage and incentivize municipalities, unions and employers to provide more on-the-job training.*	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments
54.	46) Undertake multi-stakeholder education program to promote skilled trades.*	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments
55.	47) Recommend that the federal and provincial government prioritize skilled trades and adjust the immigration points system to strongly favour needed trades and expedite immigration status for these workers and encourage the federal government to increase from 9,000 to 20,000 the number of immigrants admitted through Ontario’s program.*	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments

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56.	48) The Ontario government should establish a large “Ontario Housing Delivery Fund” and encourage the federal government to match funding. This fund should reward: a) Annual housing growth that meets or exceeds provincial targets b) Reductions in total approval times for new housing c) The speedy removal of exclusionary zoning practices	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments .
57.	49) Reductions in funding to municipalities that fail to meet provincial housing growth and approval timeline targets	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose X	Comments There is concern tying funding to these targets which are not always within municipal control. The City requires clarification on which funding is being reduced.
58.	50) Fund the adoption of consistent municipal e-permitting systems and encourage the federal government to match funding. Fund the development of a common data architecture standard, supported by an external expert committee, across municipalities and provincial agencies/ministries and require municipalities to provide their zoning bylaws with open data standards. Set an implementation goal of 2025 and make funding conditional on established targets.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments

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59.	51) Require municipalities and the provincial government to use the Ministry of Finance population projections as the basis for housing need analysis and related land use requirements.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose X	Comments This recommendation should be revised to utilize MOF forecasts in the absence of Provincial forecasts so municipalities are not required to redo Municipal Comprehensive Review Land Needs Assessment work.
60.	52) Resume reporting on housing data and require consistent municipal reporting, enforcing compliance as a requirement for accessing programs under the Ontario Housing Delivery Fund.*	Already Achieved / Implemented X	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments OPA 167 includes policy direction to report annually on housing data.
61.	53) Report each year at the municipal and provincial level on any gap between demand and supply by housing type and location, and make underlying data freely available to the public.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position X	Oppose	Comments Unclear how reporting on demand will be defined.


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62.	54) Empower the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to lead an all of government committee that meets weekly to ensure our remaining recommendations and any other productive ideas are implemented.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position X	Oppose	Comments Not applicable at municipal level.
63.	55) Commit to evaluate these recommendations for the next three years with public reporting on progress.*	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments
64.	B-1) Call upon the federal government to provide equitable affordable housing funding to Ontario.*	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments
65.	B-2) Develop and legislate a clear, province-wide definition of “affordable housing” to create certainty and predictability.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments
66.	B-3) Create an Affordable Housing Trust from a portion of Land Transfer Tax Revenue (i.e., the windfall resulting from property price appreciation) to be used in partnership with developers, non-profits, and municipalities in the creation of more affordable housing units. This Trust should create incentives for projects serving and brought forward by Black- and Indigenous-led developers and marginalized groups.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments
67.	B-4) Amend legislation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow cash-in-lieu payments for Inclusionary Zoning units at the discretion of the municipality. Require that municipalities utilize density bonusing or other incentives in all Inclusionary Zoning and Affordable Housing policies that apply to market housing. Permit municipalities that have not passed Inclusionary Zoning policies to offer incentives and bonuses for affordable housing units.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position X	Oppose	Comments Clarification is required.

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68.	B-5) Encourage government to closely monitor the effectiveness of Inclusionary Zoning policy in creating new affordable housing and to explore alternative funding methods that are predictable, consistent and transparent as a more viable alternative option to Inclusionary Zoning policies in the provision of affordable housing.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments
69.	B-6) Rebate MPAC market rate property tax assessment on below-market affordable homes.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position X	Oppose	Comments
70.	C-1) Review surplus lands and accelerate the sale and development through RFP of surplus government land and surrounding land by provincially pre-zoning for density, affordable housing, and mixed or residential use.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments Support in principle provided the pre-zoning process is public and transparent.
71.	C-2) All future government land sales, whether commercial or residential, should have an affordable housing component of at least 20%.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments Support in principle but it is unclear how this will be implemented and whether or not it applies to Crown corporations.
72.	C-3) Purposefully upzone underdeveloped or underutilized Crown property (e.g., LCBO).	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments The City is supportive of this recommendation where appropriate.

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73.	C-4) Sell Crown land and reoccupy as a tenant in a higher density building or relocate services outside of major population centres where land is considerably less expensive.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support	Unclear Position	Oppose X	Comments This does not support planning for intensification within the existing urban area where infrastructure and services have been planned.
74.	C-5) The policy priority of adding to the housing supply, including affordable units, should be reflected in the way surplus land is offered for sale, allowing bidders to structure their proposals accordingly.	Already Achieved / Implemented	Support X	Unclear Position	Oppose	Comments This may provide more uncertainty and feasibility for new affordable housing projects.



COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	October 23, 2023
SUBJECT:	Provincial Announcement – Reversal of Ministerial Official Plan Decisions (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Anita Fabac Acting Director, Planning and Chief Planner Planning and Economic Development Department
SIGNATURE:	

The purpose of this Communication Update is to inform Council of today's announcement by the Honourable Minister Calandra, attached to this Communication Update, regarding reversal of Official Plan decisions and the steps staff will be taking to respond to the Provincial announcement. In answering questions on the announcement, Minister Calandra has indicated he is reviewing past Ministry decisions to ensure they were made in a manner that maintains and reinforces public trust and that changes made to urban boundaries failed to meet that test.

Today, the Province announced its intention to reverse Provincial changes to official plans and official plan amendments, except in circumstances where construction has begun or where doing so would contravene existing provincial legislation and regulation.

The list of affected municipalities includes the City of Hamilton.

The Province is asking impacted municipalities to submit changes and updates to those official plans or official plan amendments to Ministry staff within 45 days of today (October 23, 2023), including information on projects that are already underway.

In recognition of the costs incurred by municipalities arising out of this decision, the Province will work with impacted municipalities to assist with related planning and staffing costs.

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The date at which the Province will be introducing legislation on this matter is unknown at this time.

Background

On June 8, 2022, the City of Hamilton adopted Official Plan Amendment 167 to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan and Official Plan Amendment 34 to the Rural Hamilton Official Plan. These amendments were necessary to establish conformity with Provincial policies.

Official Plan Amendment 167 in particular established growth targets, intensification targets, greenfield densities and an urban boundary. In adopting the Official Plan, the Council chose no urban boundary expansions.

As Council is aware, the Province approved the Official Plans with 77 modifications to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan and 25 modifications to the Rural Hamilton Official Plan, and in particular added 2,200 hectares of urban expansion area to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan adopted by Council. This has necessitated staff doing extra work/studies to identify a new intensification target and greenfield density along with developing a Secondary Plan framework for the expansion areas. Other key Urban Hamilton Official Plan modifications were the removal of Neighbourhood Plans and specific employment lands.

Until legislation is approved and the Province approves the City's desired Urban Hamilton Official Plan and Rural Hamilton Official Plan versions, the existing Urban Hamilton Official Plan and Rural Hamilton Official Plan approved by the Province remain in force and effect with respect to development applications in process.

Next Steps

In order to meet the timeline of December 7, 2023, being 45 days from today, Planning staff will be submitting a report to Planning Committee on November 14, 2023 that will:

- Identify all the previous Provincial modifications and indicate which should remain or be removed and why;
- Identify changes that should be requested as follow up to the adopted Urban Hamilton Official Plan and Rural Hamilton Official Plan;
- Identify the costs incurred with staff time and follow up studies to address modifications to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan and Rural Hamilton Official Plan; and,
- Identify development applications in process impacted by the provincial modifications.

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If you require any further information on the above matter, please contact Anita Fabac, Acting Director of Planning and Chief Planner by email at Anita.Fabac@hamilton.ca or at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 1258, or, Dave Heyworth, Manager, Sustainable Communities by e-mail at Dave.Heyworth@Hamilton.ca or at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 1279.

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Appendix “A” – Provincial Statement

STATEMENT

Ontario Winding Back Changes to Official Plans

October 23, 2023

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TORONTO — Today, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, released the following statement:

“Since becoming Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, I have made it a priority to review past decisions, including minister’s zoning orders and official plans, to ensure that they support our goal of building at least 1.5 million homes in a manner that maintains and reinforces public trust.


In reviewing how decisions were made regarding official plans, it is now clear that they failed to meet this test. In response, as soon as I am able, I will be introducing legislation that would reverse the official plan decisions for Barrie, Belleville, Guelph, Hamilton, Ottawa and the City of Peterborough, the Regional Municipalities of Halton, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo and York, as well as Wellington County. This legislation would wind back provincial changes to official plans and official plan amendments, except in circumstances where construction has begun or where doing so would contravene existing provincial legislation and regulation. This includes winding back changes to urban boundaries.

To ensure that the reset plans match our shared ambitions to build more homes, especially now that municipalities have made their housing pledges, we will be asking impacted municipalities to submit changes and updates to those plans to ministry staff within 45 days of today, including information on projects that are already underway.

In recognition of the costs incurred by municipalities arising out of this decision, the province will work with impacted municipalities to assist with related planning and staffing costs.”



COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	October 24, 2023
SUBJECT:	Chedoke Creek Remediation - MECP Order Amendment - HW.23.07
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Cari Vanderperk Director, Watershed Management Public Works Department
SIGNATURE:	

On March 14, 2023, the City of Hamilton (City) was issued an Amendment to Director's Order No.1-PE3L3 (Order) by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), to complete dredging activities by October 31, 2023, with the remaining activities in the approved Chedoke Creek Workplan completed by December 31, 2023.

The targeted dredging, as described in the Chedoke Creek Workplan, will remediate the impacts of the Main/King combined sewer overflow discharge that occurred between January 2014 and July 2018, which discharged 24 billion litres of combined sewage.

As a follow up to the Chedoke Creek Order Remediation Update (PW19008(u)), presented to General Issues Committee on September 20, 2023, the project team has requested an extension to the MECP Director's Order deadline.

While the dredging is currently moving along well, it has become apparent to the project team that the in-water portion of the dredging work will not be completed by the October 31, 2023 deadline. Scheduling impacts have occurred as a result of the above average rainfall in July and August, along with the dredged material causing equipment challenges.

A 1-month extension was requested under Item #6 of the MECP Order. A response to the extension request has not yet been received, however the MECP has been kept apprised of the scheduling impacts to date. The project team is confident that this extension request remains sufficient. If the extension is granted, the current project

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pace will not change as the project team is committed to completing the in-water work as soon as possible and continues to progress through the targeted dredging which began in-water work on July 17, 2023.


Once a response is received from the MECP, the project team will advise the Mayor and Council, media outlets and the public of the outcome to the extension request via a Council Communication Update.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Not Applicable



COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	October 26, 2023
SUBJECT:	Proposed Amendments to the <i>Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act</i> (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Anita Fabac Acting Director, Planning and Chief Planner Planning and Economic Development Department
SIGNATURE:	

The purpose of this Communication Update is to provide Council with an update on the proposed amendments to the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act* as part of the *Less Red Tape, More Common Sense Act, 2023*. (Bill 139)

On October 19, 2023, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry provided notice that amendments are being proposed to the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act* to improve service delivery, reduce redundancies and administrative burdens, and increase compliance tools, while respecting existing protections.

The proposed amendments can be accessed through the following link (<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-7696>). The Ministry is accepting comments for 46 days, with the comment period closing on December 4, 2023.

Background

The purpose of the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act* is to provide for the maintenance of the Niagara Escarpment and land in its vicinity substantially as a continuous natural environment, and to ensure only such development occurs as is compatible with that natural environment. The *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act* established the Niagara Escarpment Plan and the Niagara Escarpment Commission. The Niagara Escarpment Plan provides a framework to assess development proposals against objectives and policies aimed at the protection and the enjoyment of escarpment and the resources it supports. The Niagara

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Escarpment Commission operates at arm's length from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and oversees implementation of the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

Proposed Changes

As part of the *Less Red Tape, More Common Sense Act, 2023*, the Ministry is proposing amendments to the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act* to improve service delivery, reduce redundancies and administrative burdens, and increase compliance tools for the Niagara Escarpment Commission. By reducing delays and focusing on more complex applications and protection measures, the Ministry would be creating more efficient processes and saving time for applicants, while ensuring protection for the escarpment is maintained. The Ministry is seeking input on anticipated benefits or costs to Ontario businesses to better help the Ontario Government understand the real costs or cost savings associated with these proposed changes.

The proposed amendments, as outlined in Bill 139, would:

- Remove the requirement to publish notices in newspapers for Niagara Escarpment Plan amendment proposals and associated hearings and instead use modern consultation methods by requiring the publication of these notices on a Government of Ontario website or the Niagara Escarpment Commission website, or as determined by the Hearing Officer;
- Expand the Minister's regulation-making powers to allow broader exemptions for low-risk activities where standard conditions would provide appropriate mitigation in regulation. Examples of low-risk activities could include maintenance or repairs of existing structures where minimum setbacks from sensitive features are maintained, some routine activities carried out by conservation organizations, such as constructing footbridges on existing trails, and establishing size limits for accessory buildings; and,
- Broaden the range of compliance tools and powers to provide Niagara Escarpment Commission staff greater abilities to inspect and address non-compliant development activities, including:
 - Enabling a Niagara Escarpment Commission officer to access lands affected by the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act for inspection and compliance purposes;
 - Enabling collection of information required to conduct an inspection; and,
 - Facilitating efficient exchange of information between Niagara Escarpment Commission staff and other types of enforcement personnel (such as other provincial Ministry enforcement officers) when necessary.

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Impact Analysis

If passed, and as noted by the Province, the proposed amendments could enable the streamlining of processes and lead to cost savings through efficiencies and the removal of requirements to post notices in newspapers. The proposed changes however may result in a narrower outreach to members of the public that may have an interest in Niagara Escarpment Plan amendment proposals and associated hearings.

Next Steps

Planning staff are in discussions with Niagara Escarpment Commission staff to better understand the method of engagement to be used for Niagara Escarpment Plan amendment proposals and associated hearings taking into consideration the proposed amendments to the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act*.


If you require any further information on the above matter, please contact Anita Fabac, Acting Director of Planning and Chief Planner by email at Anita.Fabac@hamilton.ca or at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 1258, or, Rino Dal Bello, Acting Director of Development Planning by e-mail at Rino.DalBello@hamilton.ca or at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 1024.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Not Applicable.



COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	October 27, 2023
SUBJECT:	Hamilton Light Rail Transit – Building Transit Faster Act, Order-in-Council Update (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Abdul Shaikh Director, Hamilton LRT Project Office Planning and Economic Development Department
SIGNATURE:	

The purpose of this Communication Update is to advise Council that as of October 19, 2023, an Order-in-Council has been approved for Transit Corridor Lands Designation for the Hamilton LRT under the *Building Transit Faster Act*. The Transit Corridor Lands Designation is an important step in the delivery of the project as it provides Metrolinx the authority to undertake, where required, expedited property and permitting measures to accelerate the construction and completion of LRT.

Building Transit Faster Act (2020):

The *Building Transit Faster Act* provides the Province with tools to support accelerated completion of priority transit projects. Land which may be needed to support the construction of transit projects is designated as Transit Corridor Lands.

Designation of Hamilton LRT as a priority transit project streamlines project delivery and supports the accelerated completion of LRT by relocating utilities more efficiently, providing access to municipal services and rights-of-way, inspecting and removing physical barriers, and coordination with development or construction projects within transit corridor lands. A corridor development permit may be required from Metrolinx for anyone situated in the Transit Corridor Lands and planning to build, change or place a building, other structure or road on or under an owner's property. Some projects are deemed minor and others are exempt. A corridor development permit is in addition to

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(and prior to) any required municipal permits. No application fee will be charged for permits from Metrolinx.

Landowner Notification:

Metrolinx will notify all impacted property owners by mail if the land they own or occupy is on or within 30 metres of designated transit corridor lands. There are approximately 3,700 affected properties who will receive a letter that will advise owners about the *Building Transit Faster Act* and provide contact resources.

Metrolinx will register notice of the designation on property title with the Land Registry Ontario. This process is to ensure subsequent owners have notice of the designation.

Communications and Engagement:

The LRT Project Office is working with Metrolinx to arrange information sessions with staff to discuss how this change will affect their service areas.

Additional information and changes to existing development application processes will be shared with the local development industry through the Development Industry Liaison Group.


If you require further information, please contact Farhad Shahla, Manager, LRT Technical Services and Approval Coordination by email at Farhad.Shahla@hamilton.ca or by phone at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 5360.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Not applicable.



COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	October 30, 2023
SUBJECT:	School Crossing Guards' Duties (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Brian Hollingworth Director, Transportation Planning and Parking Planning and Economic Development Department
SIGNATURE:	

The purpose of this Communication Update is to advise Council that Parking Enforcement and School Safety staff received a public query requesting to review the possibility of our School Crossing Guards assisting all pedestrians during their assigned duty times.

The Parking Enforcement and School Safety Team reviewed several neighbouring municipalities' programs and also undertook a review of the applicable legislation, namely the *Highway Traffic Act*, and Ontario Traffic Council Crossing Guard Guide.

It has been determined, that, effective October 30, 2023, our Crossing Guards will assist all pedestrians as opposed to focusing on school-age pedestrians. This will align our program with our neighbouring municipalities services without any impact to operations, staffing or resources.

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact James Buffett, Manager of Parking Enforcement and School Safety at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 3177 or by email at James.Buffett@hamilton.ca.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Not applicable.

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COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	October 31, 2023
SUBJECT:	Ontario Regulation 73/23: Municipal Planning Data Reporting Q2 / 2023 (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Rob Lalli Director, Strategic Initiatives Planning and Economic Development Department
SIGNATURE:	

The purpose of this Communication Update is to advise Council on the City of Hamilton's compliance with Ontario Regulation 73/23: Municipal Planning Data Reporting.

Under Ontario Regulation 73/23, select municipalities are required to report planning-application data on a quarterly basis and other planning-related information annually. The City of Hamilton successfully submitted the Q2 2023 report to the Province by the September 30, 2023, deadline.

As per PED23082(a), following each Ontario Regulation 73/23 quarterly and annual submission to the Province, staff will make all data available to Council that may be shared publicly in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The [City of Hamilton's Q2 / 2023](#) submission to the Province is available through the City of Hamilton's Open Data catalogue.

The Q3 / 2023 report is due to the Province on December 31, 2023. This report and all future quarterly submissions to the Province will continue to be made available through the City of Hamilton's Open Data catalogue at <https://open.hamilton.ca/>.

If you require any further information on the above matter, please contact Rob Lalli, Director Strategic Initiatives by e-mail at Robert.Lalli@hamilton.ca or by phone at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 4674.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

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COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	October 31, 2023
SUBJECT:	Chedoke Creek Remediation - MECP Order Amendment - HW.23.08
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Cari Vanderperk Director, Watershed Management Public Works Department
SIGNATURE:	

On March 14, 2023, the City of Hamilton (City) was issued an Amendment to Director's Order No.1-PE3L3 (Order) by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), to complete dredging activities by October 31, 2023, with the remaining activities in the approved Chedoke Creek Workplan completed by December 31, 2023.

The targeted dredging, as described in the Chedoke Creek Workplan, will remediate the impacts of the Main/King combined sewer overflow discharge that occurred between January 2014 and July 2018, which discharged 24 billion litres of combined sewage.

As a follow up to the Chedoke Creek Order Remediation Council Communication Update (HW.23.07), on October 24, 2023, the MECP Director approved the City's requested deadline extension to complete all dredging activities by November 30, 2023, with all other items in the Order remaining in effect, and unaltered. While the City has been granted the extension, the project team is committed to completing the project as soon as possible.

The City continues to progress through the targeted dredging project which began in-water work on July 17, 2023 and will inform the various internal and external stakeholders, including the general public of this latest Amendment to the Order. The project team appreciates the patience of the community and partners while endeavouring to complete this very important project.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED - N/A


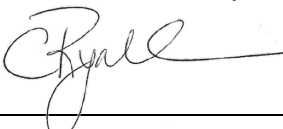
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COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	November 2, 2023
SUBJECT:	Claremont Access Update (ENG23005) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Jackie Kennedy Director, Engineering Services Public Works Department
SIGNATURE:	
SUBMITTED BY:	Carolyn Ryall Director, Transportation Public Works Department
SIGNATURE:	

We would like to provide the Mayor and Members of Council with an update on the City's broader efforts to clean and make safe the escarpment. Following our previous communication updates on March 1, 2023 (ENG23001), March 29, 2023 (ENG23002), May 11, 2023 (ENG23003) and September 15, 2023 (ENG23004) regarding the ongoing erosion and slope stability concerns along the Claremont Access.

The Contractor, Rankin Construction, mobilized to the site on June 19, 2023. To date, Rankin has removed all the steel walls and completed all of the Escarpment Face clearing, grubbing and scaling. Remaining work, which includes excess material removal off site, site clean-up and some minor road rehabilitation and line repainting, is anticipated to be carried out during the week of October 30, 2023. Extension of the rock fence, removal of construction equipment and signage will commence during the week of November 6, 2023, weather permitting. The downbound lanes will remain closed until all activities have been completed and the contractor has demobilized off site. Reopening of the downbound lanes is therefore anticipated to be the end of the week of November 6, 2023.

The previous update, ENG23004 dated September 15, 2023, stated that the City expected all work to be completed by October 31, 2023. Due to inclement weather this

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SUBJECT: Claremont Access Update (ENG23005) (City Wide) - Page 2 of 2

fall, and additional work required to safely open the downbound lanes of the Claremont access, we had to extend the opening as outlined above.

Stantec continues with weekly site reviews in conjunction with ongoing works and has been acting as a resource to the City and the Contractor. Upon completion of the works, Stantec will perform a final review prior to reopening the downbound lanes.

If you require further information, please contact: Jackie Kennedy, Director, Engineering Services at (905) 546-2424 Ext.1611.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

N/A

Authority: Item 7, Planning Committee Report 23-017 (PED23124)
CM: October 25, 2023 Ward: City Wide
Written approval for this by-law was given by Mayoral Decision MDE-2023 06
dated November 8, 2023

Bill No. 206

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY LAW NO. 23-

To Amend By-law No. 16-184, being a By-law to Regulate Enclosures for Privately-Owned Outdoor Pools

WHEREAS Council enacted a by-law to regulate enclosures for privately-owned outdoor pools in the City, being City of Hamilton By-law No. 16-184.

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to amend By-law No. 16-184 for enforcement purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Hamilton hereby enacts as follows:

1. The amendments in this By-law include any necessary grammatical, numbering and letting changes.
2. That By-law 16-184 is amended by adding the following language after section 5.(5)
 - 5.(6) No Person shall prevent, hinder or obstruct, or attempt to hinder or obstruct an Officer who is exercising a power or performing a duty under this By-law.
3. That By-law 16-184 be amended by adding the following language after section 51:
 52. Every person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine as provided for by the *Municipal Act, 2002*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 and recoverable under the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.33, as amended.
4. In all other respects, By-law 16-184, as amended, is confirmed.

5. This By-law comes into force on the day it is passed.

PASSED this 8th day of November, 2023.

A. Horwath
Mayor

J. Pilon
Acting City Clerk

Authority: Item 8, Planning Committee Report 23-017 (PED23125)
CM: October 25, 2023 Ward: City Wide
Written approval for this by-law was given by Mayoral Decision MDE-2023 06
dated November 8, 2023

Bill No. 207

**CITY OF HAMILTON
BY LAW NO. 23-**

**To Amend By-law No. 10-122, Being a By-law to Prohibit and Regulate
Fortification and Protective Elements of Land**

WHEREAS Council enacted a by-law to regulate the fortification and protective elements of land in the City, being City of Hamilton By-law No. 10-122.

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to amend By-law No. 10-122.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Hamilton hereby enacts as follows:

1. The amendments in this By-law include any necessary grammatical, numbering and letting changes.
2. That By-law 10-122 is amended by adding the following language after section 23(2):

23.(3) Every person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine as provided for under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, SO 2001. C25, as amended, and recoverable under the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.33, as amended.

3. In all other respects, By-law 10-122 is confirmed.
4. This By-law comes into force on the day it is passed.

PASSED this 8th day of November, 2023.

A. Horwath
Mayor

J. Pilon
Acting City Clerk

Authority: Item 2, Planning Committee Report 23-018 (PED23213)
CM: November 8, 2023 Ward: 6
Written approval for this by-law was given by Mayoral Decision MDE-2023 06
dated November 8, 2023

Bill No. 208

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 23-

To Adopt:

Official Plan Amendment No. 192 to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan

Respecting:

**1280 Rymal Road East and 385 Nebo Road, 1308 and 1318 Rymal Road East and
172 Dartnall Road, and part of 0 Rymal Road East**

(Hamilton)

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. Amendment No. 192 to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan consisting of Schedule “1”, hereto annexed and forming part of this by-law, is hereby adopted.

PASSED this 8th day of November, 2023.

A. Horwath
Mayor

J. Pilon
Acting City Clerk

Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment No. 192

The following text, together with:

Appendix “A”	Volume 1: Schedule E – Urban Structure
Appendix “B”	Volume 1: Schedule E-1 – Urban Land Use Designations

attached hereto, constitutes Official Plan Amendment No. 192 to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan.

1.0 **Purpose and Effect:**

The purpose and effect of this Amendment is to correct designation boundaries along Rymal Road East to avoid split designations and allow for comprehensive development of the existing properties.

2.0 **Location:**

The lands affected by this Amendment are known municipally as:

- 1280 Rymal Road East and 385 Nebo Road, Hamilton;
- 1308 and 1318 Rymal Road East and 172 Dartnall Road, Hamilton; and,
- 0 Rymal Road East, Hamilton.

3.0 **Basis:**

The basis for permitting this Official Plan Amendment is:

- The proposed Amendments allow for the comprehensive development of properties along Rymal Road East.
- The proposed Amendments will eliminate split designations and will facilitate implementation of the Urban Hamilton Official Plan and Zoning By-law.
- The proposed Amendments are consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 and conform to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2019, as amended.

4.0 Actual Changes:

4.1 Volume 1 – Parent Plan

Schedules and Appendices

4.1.2 Schedules

- a. That Volume 1: Schedule E – Urban Structure be amended as shown on Appendix “A” to this Amendment.
- b. That Volume 1: Schedule E-1 – Urban Land Use Designations be amended as shown on Appendix “B” to this Amendment.

4.3 Volume 3 – Special Policy Areas, Area Specific Policies, and Site Specific Policies

Text

4.3.1 Chapter C – Urban Site Specific Policies

- a. That Volume 3: Chapter C – Urban Site Specific Policies be amended by amending Site Specific Policy UHC-11 to add the words “financial establishment, retail, personal services, office, and medical clinic” between the words “food store” and “shall also be permitted: so that it reads as follows:

“UHC-11 Lands located at 1280 Rymal Road East and 385 Nebo Road, former City of Hamilton

- 1.0 Notwithstanding Policies E.4.8.2 and E.4.8.3 of Volume 1, a food store, financial establishment, retail, personal services, office, and medical clinic shall also be permitted on the subject lands.”

5.0 Implementation:

An implementing Zoning By-Law Amendment will give effect to the intended uses on the subject lands.

This Official Plan Amendment is Schedule "1" to By-law No. 23-208 passed on the 8th day of November, 2023.

**The
City of Hamilton**

A. Horwath
Mayor

J. Pilon
Acting City Clerk

Appendix A
 APPROVED Amendment No. 192
 to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan

 Lands to be redesignated from "Neighbourhoods" to "Employment Areas"

(0 Rymal Road East and 1308 and 1318 Rymal Road East, and 172 Dartnall Rd, Hamilton)

Date:
 November 1, 2023

Revised By:
 SM/NB

Reference File No.:
 OPA-U-192(H)

Lands Subject to Non-Decision 117 (a)
 (353 James Street North)

Legend

Urban Structure Elements

-  Neighbourhoods
-  Employment Areas
-  Major Activity Centres
-  Major Open Space
-  Urban Expansion Area - Neighbourhoods
-  Urban Expansion Area - Employment







Nodes

-  Downtown Urban Growth Centre
-  Sub Regional Service
-  Community

Corridors

-  Primary
-  Secondary
-  Priority Transit Corridor

Other Features

-  Rural Area
-  John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport
-  Niagara Escarpment
-  Urban Boundary
-  Municipal Boundary
-  Lands Subject to Non Decision 113 West Harbour Setting Sail

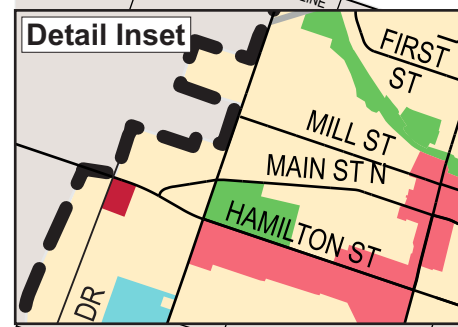
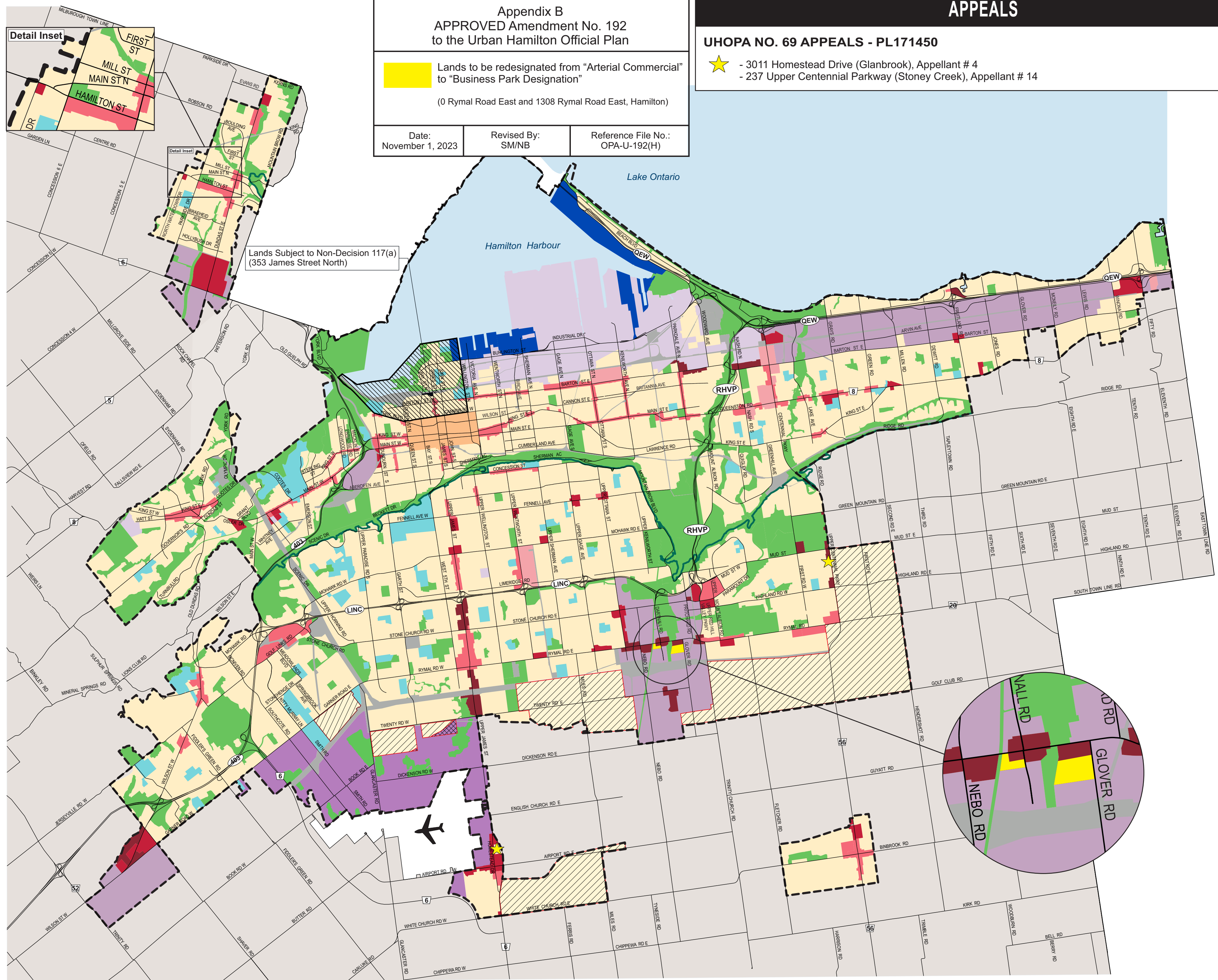
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 Effective Date: August 16, 2013

**Urban Hamilton Official Plan
 Schedule E
 Urban Structure**



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Lands Subject to Non-Decision 117(a)
(353 James Street North)

Appendix B
APPROVED Amendment No. 192
to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan

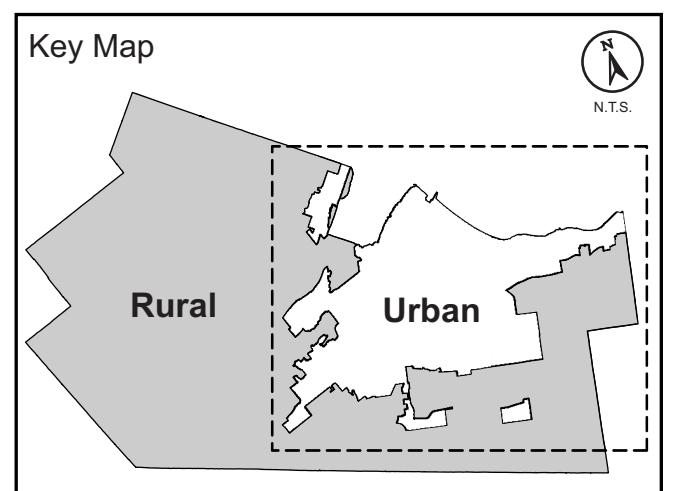
Lands to be redesignated from "Arterial Commercial" to "Business Park Designation"
(0 Rymal Road East and 1308 Rymal Road East, Hamilton)

Date: November 1, 2023	Revised By: SM/NB	Reference File No.: OPA-U-192(H)
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APPEALS

UHOPA NO. 69 APPEALS - PL171450

★ - 3011 Homestead Drive (Glanbrook), Appellant # 4
- 237 Upper Centennial Parkway (Stoney Creek), Appellant # 14



Note: For Rural Land Use Designations, refer to Schedule D of the Rural Hamilton Official Plan.

- Legend**
- Neighbourhoods
 - Open Space
 - Institutional
 - Utility
 - Urban Expansion Area - Neighborhoods
 - Urban Expansion Area - Employment
- Commercial and Mixed Use Designations**
- Downtown Mixed Use Area
 - Mixed Use - High Density
 - Mixed Use - Medium Density
 - District Commercial
 - Arterial Commercial
- Employment Area Designations**
- Industrial Land
 - Business Park
 - Airport Employment Growth District
 - Shipping & Navigation
- Other Features**
- Rural Area
 - John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport
 - Niagara Escarpment
 - Urban Boundary
 - Municipal Boundary
 - Lands Subject to Non Decision 113 West Harbour Setting Sail

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**Urban Hamilton Official Plan
Schedule E-1
Urban Land Use Designations**



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Date: Sept. 2023
PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
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Authority: Item 2, Planning Committee Report 23-018 (PED23213)
CM: November 8, 2023 Ward: 6
Written approval for this by-law was given by Mayoral Decision MDE-2023 06
dated November 8, 2023

Bill No. 209

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 23-

To Amend Zoning By-law No. 05-200 with Respect to Lands Located at 1280 Rymal Road East, 385 Nebo Road, 1308 and 1318 Rymal Road East, 172 Dartnall Road and 0 Rymal Road East, Hamilton

WHEREAS Council approved Item 2 of Report 23-018 of the Planning Committee, at its meeting held on November 8, 2023;

AND WHEREAS this By-law conforms with the Urban Hamilton Official Plan upon adoption of Official Plan Amendment No. 192;

NOW THEREFORE Council amends Zoning By-law No. 05-200 as follows:

1. That Schedule “A” – Zoning Maps is amended as follows:
 - 1.1. That Map Nos. 1499 and 1546 are amended by changing the zoning from the Prestige Business Park (M3) Zone and the Business Park Support (M4) Zone to the Arterial Commercial (C7, 878) Zone, for the lands known as 1280 Rymal Road East and 385 Nebo Road, Hamilton the extent and boundaries of which are shown on Schedule “A1” to this By-law.
 - 1.2. That Map Nos. 1546 and 1547 are amended by changing the zoning from the Arterial Commercial (C7, 605) Zone and Arterial Commercial (C7, 605, 648) Zone to the Prestige Business Park (M3) Zone, for the lands known as 1308 and 1318 Rymal Road East and 172 Dartnall Road the extent and boundaries of which are shown on Schedule “A2” to this By-law.
 - 1.3. That Map No. 1547 is amended by changing the zoning from the Arterial Commercial (C7, 599) Zone to the Prestige Business Park (M3) Zone, for the lands known as 0 Rymal Road East the extent and boundaries of which are shown on Schedule “A3” to this By-law.
2. That Schedule “C”: Special Exceptions is amended by adding the following new Special Exception:

- “878. Within the lands zoned Arterial Commercial (C7) Zone, identified on Map Nos.1499 and 1546 of Schedule “A” – Zoning Maps and described as 1280 Rymal Road East and 385 Nebo Road, Hamilton, the following special provisions shall apply:
- a) Notwithstanding Section 4.25 c) ii), a Drive Through stacking lane may be permitted between buildings and the Rymal Road East street line and the Nebo Road street line.
 - b) Notwithstanding Section 5.2 h) i) and ii), the following regulations shall apply:
 - i) Landscaped Area(s) and Landscaped Parking Island(s) with a minimum combined area of 3% of the area of the parking lot and associated access driveway and manoeuvring areas shall be provided and maintained.
 - ii) Each Landscaped Area and Landscaped Parking Island shall have a minimum area of 8 square metres.
 - c) In addition to Section 10.7.1 and notwithstanding Section 10.7.3 a) and 10.7.4 d), the following regulations shall apply:
 - i) Permitted Uses Financial Establishment
 Medical Clinic
 Office
 Personal Service
 Retail
 - ii) Minimum Building 8.0 metres;
 Setback to a
 Street Line
 - iii) Maximum Gross 11,000 square metres;
 Floor Area for
 Retail
 - iv) Maximum Gross 250 square metres;
 Floor Area for
 Accessory Retail
 uses to a Motor
 Vehicle Gas Bar

- v) Landscape Area and Planting Strip Requirements
 - 1. Minimum 6.0 metre wide Landscaped Area shall be provided and maintained abutting a street, except for points of ingress and egress;
 - 2. In addition to i) above, within the 6.0 metre Landscaped Area, a minimum 3.0 metre wide Planting Strip shall be required and maintained between parking spaces, aisles or driveways and a street, except for points of ingress and egress;
 - 3. Where a property lot line abuts a property lot line within a Residential Zone or an Institutional Zone, a minimum 3.0 metre wide Planting Strip shall be provided and maintained.

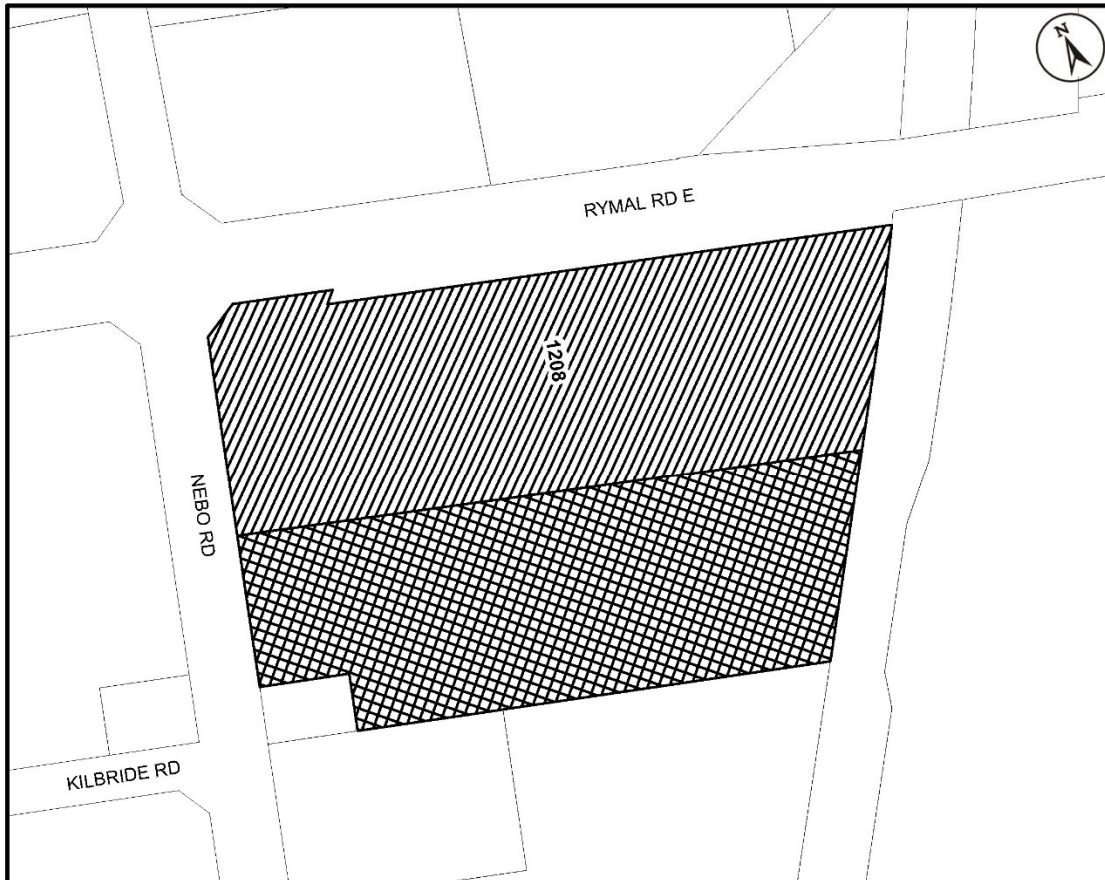
- 3. That the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with the giving of notice of the passing of this By-law in accordance with the *Planning Act*.

PASSED this 8th day of November, 2023

A. Horwath
Mayor

J. Pilon
Acting City Clerk

CI-23-L



This is Schedule "A1" to By-law No. 23- Passed the day of, 2023	----- <p style="text-align: center;">Mayor</p> ----- <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> -----
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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Schedule "A1"</h2> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 0;">Map forming Part of By-law No. 23-_____</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 0;">to Amend By-law No. 05-200 Map 1499, 1546</p>	<p>Subject Property 1280 Rymal Road East and 385 Nebo Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change in Zoning from the Prestige Business Park (M3) Zone to the Arterial Commercial (C7, 878) Zone Change in Zoning from the Business Park Support (M4) Zone to the Arterial Commercial (C7, 878) Zone
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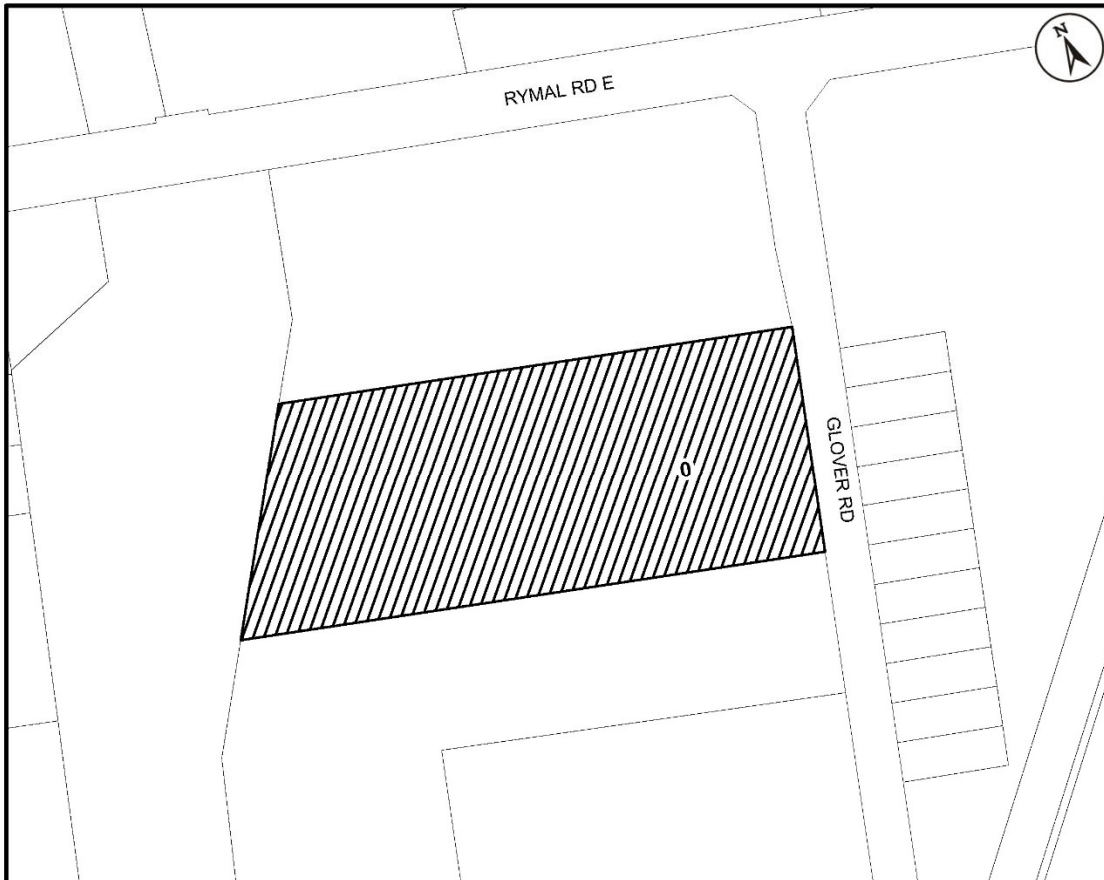
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PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT		



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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Schedule "A2"</h2> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 0;">Map forming Part of By-law No. 23-_____</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 0;">to Amend By-law No. 05-200 Map 1546, 1547</p>	<p>Subject Property 1308 and 1318 Rymal Road East and 172 Dartnall Road, Hamilton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change in zoning from the Arterial Commercial (C7, 605) Zone to the Prestige Business Park (M3) Zone Change in zoning from the Arterial Commercial (C7, 605, 648) Zone to the Prestige Business Park (M3) Zone
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PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT		



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<h2>Schedule "A3"</h2> <p>Map forming Part of By-law No. 23-_____</p> <p>to Amend By-law No. 05-200 Map 1547</p>	<p>Subject Property 0 Rymal Road East, Hamilton</p> <p> Change in zoning from the Arterial Commercial (C7, 599) Zone to the Prestige Business Park (M3) Zone</p>
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PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT		

Authority: Item 4, General Issues Committee Report 23-028 (PED18168(k))
CM: November 8, 2023 Ward: 2
Written approval for this by-law was given by Mayoral Decision MDE-2023 06
dated November 8, 2023

Bill No. 210

**CITY OF HAMILTON
BY-LAW NO. 23-**

To Authorize a Tax Exemption for the Arena Located at 101 York Boulevard for the Purposes of the Provision of Municipal Capital Facilities as defined in Section 110 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* and to Repeal By-law No. 22-054

WHEREAS pursuant to subsection 110(6) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001 c. 25, as amended, the council of a municipality may exempt from taxation for municipal and school purposes land or a portion of it on which municipal capital facilities are or will be located;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to subsection 110(20)(c) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001 c. 25, as amended, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations prescribing eligible municipal capital facilities for which municipalities may grant tax exemptions under subsection (6);

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to subsection 2(1) of Ontario Regulation 603/06, the council of a municipality may enter into an agreement under subsection 110(1) of the Act for the provision of Municipal facilities for cultural, recreational and tourist purposes;

AND WHEREAS the City of Hamilton and Hamilton Arena Company Limited Partnership (the Tenant) have entered into a lease in respect of the Arena located at 101 York Boulevard, and related to the foregoing lease, a Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement for the provision of facilities for cultural, recreational and tourist purposes;

AND WHEREAS the eligible portions of the Arena operating and intended to be operated as a sport, recreational and entertainment complex are declared to be for the purposes of the municipality and for public use.

NOW THEREFORE, The Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. In this By-law:

“Agreement” meant the Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement to be entered into between the City and the Tenant with respect to the provision of municipal capital facilities at the Arena;

“Arena” means the lands and premises comprising the downtown arena as described in Schedule “A” hereto;

"Clerk" means the City Clerk;

"City" means the geographical area of the City of Hamilton or the municipal corporation as the context requires;

“Eligible Portion” or “Eligible Portions” means the portion(s) of the Arena entirely occupied or used or intended to be occupied or used for cultural, recreational and tourist purposes;

“Tenant” means the Hamilton Arena Company Limited Partnership, or its permitted successors and assigns, leasing the Arena pursuant to the Lease;

“Landlord” means the city as Lessor under the Lease;

“Lease” means the lease entered into between the City and Hamilton Arena Company Limited Partnership dated [TBD] in respect of the Arena;

"Person" means any individual, company, corporation, partnership, firm, trust, sole proprietorship, government or government agency, authority or entity, however designated or constituted;

“Tax Exemption” means the exemption from taxes levied for municipal and school purposes pursuant to section 110(6) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001 c. 25, as amended; and

Municipal Capital Facility

2. This By-law exempts from taxation for municipal and school board purposes the leasehold interest of the Tenant in the Eligible Portion(s) of the Arena and shall not operate in any manner whatsoever so as to exempt from taxation for municipal and school board purposes any other leasehold interest, tenancy, sub-lease, sub-tenancy, occupancy, license, user or other interest held by any other tenant, lessee, sub-tenant, sub-lessee, occupant, licensee, user or any other Person at the Arena, save and except for the interest of any assignee resulting from an assignment made with Landlord consent pursuant to the Lease.
3. The Tax Exemption provided in this By-law shall not apply to any portion of the Arena that is not an Eligible Portion at any given time during the term of the Lease.

4. This By-law shall be deemed repealed:
 - (a) if the city ceases to be the Landlord;
 - (b) if the Tenant ceases to be the Tenant without assigning the Lease to its successor with Landlord consent;
 - (c) if the Eligible Portion(s) of the Arena permanently cease to be occupied and used or are no longer intended to be occupied and used as a sports and live entertainment complex; or
 - (d) if the Lease, or any renewal or extension of the Lease expires or is terminated.

5. The City is authorized to enter into a Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement under section 110 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001 c. 25 with the HUPEG Entity for the provision of municipal capital facilities.

6.
 - (1) Sections 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of this By-law shall come into force on the day that the by-law is enacted.

 - (2) Section 2 of this By-law shall come into force on the later of the following:
 - (a) the date this By-law is enacted;
 - (b) the commencement date of the Lease; or
 - (c) the date the Agreement is entered into.

7. By-law No. 22-054 is repealed on the date Section 2 of this By-law comes into force.

PASSED this 8th day of November, 2023.

A. Horwath
Mayor

J. Pilon
Acting City Clerk

Schedule "A"

The Arena

The Property municipally known as 101 York Boulevard, Hamilton Ontario, consisting of Part of PIN 17587-0006 LT, or as such PIN shall be replaced by a successor PIN applicable to the leasehold parcel to be created pursuant to the Lease

Excluding the airspace above the upper boundary of the existing Arena

Authority: Item 4, General Issues Committee Report 23-028 (PED18168(k))
CM: November 8, 2023 Ward: 2
Written approval for this by-law was given by Mayoral Decision MDE-2023 06
dated November 8, 2023

Bill No. 211

**CITY OF HAMILTON
BY-LAW NO. 23-**

To Authorize a Tax Exemption for the Concert Hall located at 1 Summers Lane for the Purposes of the Provision of Municipal Capital Facilities as defined in Section 110 of the Municipal Act, 2001 and to Repeal By-law No. 22-055

WHEREAS pursuant to subsection 110(6) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001 c. 25, as amended, the council of a municipality may exempt from taxation for municipal and school purposes land or a portion of it on which municipal capital facilities are or will be located;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to subsection 110(20)(c) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001 c. 25, as amended, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations prescribing eligible municipal capital facilities for which municipalities may grant tax exemptions under subsection (6);

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to subsection 2(1) of Ontario Regulation 603/06, the council of a municipality may enter into an agreement under subsection 110(1) of the Act for the provision of Municipal facilities for cultural, recreational and tourist purposes;

AND WHEREAS the City of Hamilton and Hamilton Arena Company Limited Partnership (the Tenant) will be entering into a lease in respect of the Concert Hall located at 1 Summers Lane in Hamilton, and related to the foregoing lease, a Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement for the provision of facilities for cultural, recreational and tourist purposes;

AND WHEREAS the eligible portions of the Concert Hall operating and intended to be operated as a sport, recreational and entertainment complex are declared to be for the purposes of the municipality and for public use.

NOW THEREFORE, The Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. In this By-law:

“Agreement” means the Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement to be entered into between the City and the Tenant with respect to the provision of municipal capital facilities at the Concert Hall;

"City" means the geographical area of the City of Hamilton or the municipal corporation as the context requires;

"Clerk" means the City Clerk;

“Concert Hall” means the lands and premises comprising the downtown concert hall as described in Schedule “A” hereto;

“Eligible Portion” or “Eligible Portions” means the portion(s) of the Concert Hall entirely occupied or used or intended to be occupied or used for cultural, recreational and tourist purposes;

“Tenant” means the Hamilton Arena Company Limited Partnership, or its permitted successors or assigns, leasing the Concert Hall pursuant to the Lease;

“Landlord” means the city as Lessor under the Lease;

“Lease” means the lease entered into between the city and the Tenant in respect of the Concert Hall;

"Person" means any individual, company, corporation, partnership, firm, trust, sole proprietorship, government or government agency, authority or entity, however designated or constituted;

“Tax Exemption” means the exemption from taxes levied for municipal and school purposes pursuant to section 110(6) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001 c. 25, as amended; and

Municipal Capital Facility

2. This By-law exempts from taxation for municipal and school board purposes the leasehold interest of the Tenant in the Eligible Portion(s) of the Concert Hall and shall not operate in any manner whatsoever so as to exempt from taxation for municipal and school board purposes any other leasehold interest, tenancy, sub-lease, sub-tenancy, occupancy, license, user or other interest held by any other tenant, lessee, sub-tenant, sub-lessee, occupant, licensee, user or any other Person at the Concert Hall, save and except for the interest of any assignee resulting from an assignment made with Landlord consent pursuant to the Lease.

3. The Tax Exemption provided in this By-law shall not apply to any portion of the Concert Hall that is not an Eligible Portion at any given time during the term of the Lease.
4. This By-law shall be deemed repealed:
 - (a) if the city ceases to be the Landlord;
 - (b) if the Tenant ceases to be the Tenant without assigning the Lease to its successor with Landlord consent;
 - (c) if the Eligible Portion(s) of the Concert Hall permanently cease to be occupied and used or are no longer intended to be occupied and used as a live entertainment complex; or,
 - (d) if the Lease, or any renewal or extension of the Lease expires or is terminated.
5. The City is authorized to enter into a Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement under section 110 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001 c. 25 with the Hamilton Urban Precinct Entertainment Group Entity for the provision of municipal capital facilities.
6.
 - (1) Sections 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of this By-law shall come into force on the day that the by-law is enacted.
 - (2) Section 2 of this By-law shall come into force on the later of the following:
 - (a) the date this By-law is enacted;
 - (b) the commencement date of the Lease; or
 - (c) the date the Agreement is entered into.
7. By-law No. 22-055 is repealed on the date Section 2 of this By-law comes into force.

PASSED this 8th day of November, 2023.

A. Horwath
Mayor

J. Pilon
Acting City Clerk

Schedule "A"

The Concert Hall

The Property municipally known as part of 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton Ontario, consisting of Part of PIN 17587-0006 LT, or as such PIN shall be replaced by a successor PIN applicable to the leasehold parcel to be created pursuant to the Lease.

Excluding the lands on/in which the subterranean parking lot is located and the airspace above the upper boundary of the existing Concert Hall.

Authority: Items 7.2 and 7.3, Motions
CM: November 8, 2023 Ward: City Wide
Written approval for this by-law was given by Mayoral Decision MDE-2023 08
dated November 8, 2023
Bill No. 212

CITY OF HAMILTON
BY-LAW NO. 23-

**To Amend By-law No. 21-021, A By-law to Govern the Proceedings of Council
and Committees of Council**

WHEREAS Council enacted a Council Procedural By-law being City of Hamilton By-law No. 21-021;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to amend By-law 21-021.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. That By-law No. 21-021, be amended to add the following sub-section under Section 10 – Virtual Participation at Council and/or Committee Meetings:
 - (i) 10.6 Members of Council and staff attending virtually, shall during Closed Meetings ensure they are in a private room/area and use headphones or some other type of hearing equipment that eliminates the opportunity for those not participating in the Closed meeting to access an attendee’s screen and/or overhear the confidential discussion.
2. That Appendix E to By-law No. 21-021, be amended by removing ‘Housing Services’ under the Emergency and Community Services Mandate;
3. That Appendix A to By-law No. 21-021, be amended by adding ‘Housing Services’ under the General Issues Committee Mandate;
4. The amendments in this By-law include any necessary indexing, grammatical, numbering and lettering changes.
5. This By-law come into force on the day it is passed.

PASSED this 8th day of November, 2023.

A. Horwath
Mayor

J. Pilon
Acting City Clerk

Authority: Item 14, Committee of the Whole Report 01-003 (FCS01007)
 CM: February 6, 2001 Ward: 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 11, 12
 Written approval for this by-law was given by Mayoral Decision MDE-2023 06
 dated November 8, 2023

Bill No. 213

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 23-

To Amend By-law No. 01-218, as amended, Being a By-law To Regulate On-Street Parking

WHEREAS *Section 11(1)1 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25*, as amended, confers upon the councils of all municipalities the power to enact by-laws for regulating parking and traffic on highways subject to the *Highway Traffic Act*;

AND WHEREAS on the 18th day of September, 2001, the Council of the City of Hamilton enacted By-law No. 01-218 to regulate on-street parking;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to amend By-law No. 01-218, as amended.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. By-law No. 01-218, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding/deleting from the identified Schedules and Sections noted in the table below as follows:

Schedule	Section	Highway	Side	Location	Times	Adding/ Deleting
8 - No Parking	D	Archer Way	East, North, and West	Inside of crescent; west intersection at Grassypain Drive to east intersection at Grassypain Drive.	December 1st to March 31st	Adding
8 - No Parking	D	Bellmoore Court	North	Idlewilde Lane to 68 metres west along the curb line.	December 1st to March 31st	Adding
8 - No Parking	D	Bellstone Lane	West	Grassypain Drive to 266 metres south thereof.	December 1st to March 31st	Adding
8 - No Parking	D	Bellstone Lane	North	36 metres east of Blackburn Lane to 108 metres west thereof.	December 1st to March 31st	Adding
8 - No Parking	D	Bellstone Lane	North	36 metres east of Blackburn Lane to Idlewilde Lane.	Anytime	Adding
8 - No Parking	D	Blackburn Lane	West	Grassypain Drive to Bellstone Lane.	December 1st to March 31st	Adding

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8 - No Parking	D	Brookheath Lane	East, North, and West	Outside of crescent; west intersection at Kopperfield Lane to east intersection at Kopperfield Lane and Peggy Way.	December 1st to March 31st	Adding
8 - No Parking	D	Brookheath Lane	East	107 metres north of western intersection at Kopperfield Lane to 32 metres along the curb line.	Anytime	Adding
8 - No Parking	D	Brookheath Lane	West	113 metres north of eastern intersection at Kopperfield Lane to 31 metres along the curb.	Anytime	Adding
8 - No Parking	E	Chartwell Circle	North and East	55 metres west of southern intersection with Pinemeadow Drive to 31 metres west along the curb.	Anytime	Adding
8 - No Parking	E	Chartwell Circle	North and West	57 metres east of northern intersection at Pinemeadow Drive to 28 metres east along the curb.	Anytime	Adding
8 - No Parking	A	Garner Road East	Both	Raymond Road to easterly end	Anytime	Adding
8 - No Parking	D	Grassyplain Drive	South	Glancaster Road to easterly end.	December 1st to March 31st	Adding
8 - No Parking	A	Hatton Drive	East & North	Enmore Avenue to 100 metres south thereof	Anytime	Adding
8 - No Parking	D	Idlewilde Lane	West	Grassyplain Drive to Bellstone Lane.	December 1st to March 31st	Adding
8 - No Parking	D	Idlewilde Lane	East	Kopperfield Lane to 80 metres north thereof.	December 1st to March 31st	Adding
8 - No Parking	D	Idlewilde Lane	West	38 metres south of Bellmoore Court to Bellstone Lane.	Anytime	Adding
8 - No Parking	D	Kellogg Avenue	West and South	Kopperfield Lane to easterly end.	December 1st to March 31st	Adding
8 - No Parking	D	Kopperfield Lane	South	Glancaster Road to easterly end.	December 1st to March 31st	Adding
8 - No Parking	D	Nicosia Road	East	Grassyplain Drive to southerly end.	December 1st to March 31st	Adding
8 - No Parking	D	Peggy Way	East	Kellogg Avenue to 77 metres north thereof.	December 1st to March 31st	Adding

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Being a By-law to Regulate On-Street Parking

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Schedule	Section	Highway	Location	NPA from 8am on 1st day of each month, to 11pm on 15th day of each month AND Dec-Mar	NPA from 8am on 16th day of each month to 11pm on last day of month Apr-Nov	Adding/Deleting
10 - Alt Side (Apr-Nov)	E	Century Street	Steven Street to Wentworth Street	North	South	Deleting
10 - Alt Side (Apr-Nov)	E	Frederick Avenue	Roxborough Avenue to Barton Street East	West	East	Deleting
10 - Alt Side (Apr-Nov)	E	Century Street	Ashley Street to Wentworth Street	North	South	Adding
10 - Alt Side (Apr-Nov)	E	Frederick Avenue	Roxborough Avenue to Campbell Avenue	West	East	Adding

Schedule	Section	Highway	Side	Location	Times	Adding/Deleting
12 - Permit	E	Glendale Avenue North	East	13 metres south of Beechwood Avenue to 6 metres south thereof	Anytime	Deleting
12 - Permit	E	Rosemont	North	from 80.2m east of Sherman to 7m easterly	Anytime	Deleting
12 - Permit	E	Burlington Street East	South	36 metres east of Hughson Street North to 6 metres east thereof	Anytime	Adding
12 - Permit	E	Catharine Street North	West	35 metres north of Strachan Street East to 6 metres north thereof	Anytime	Adding
12 - Permit	E	Garfield Avenue South	West	81 metres south of Dunsmure Road to 6 metres south thereof	Anytime	Adding
12 - Permit	E	Poulette Street	East	39 metres south of Hunter Street West to 6 metres south thereof	Anytime	Adding
12 - Permit	E	Tuckett Street	North	16 metres west of Pearl Street South to 22 metres west thereof.	Anytime	Adding

Schedule	Section	Highway	Side	Location	Times	Adding/Deleting
14 - Wheelchair LZ	E	Norman	East	from 60.1m south of Argyle to 6m southerly	Anytime	Deleting
14 - Wheelchair LZ	E	Poulette Street	East	39 metres south of Hunter Street West to 6 metres south thereof	Anytime	Deleting

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Schedule	Section	Highway	Side	Location		Times	Adding/ Deleting
<i>15 - Comm Veh LZ</i>	<i>E</i>	Catharine	West	60 feet	87 feet south of Young	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday	Deleting

2. Subject to the amendments made in this By-law, in all other respects, By-law No. 01-218, including all Schedules thereto, as amended, is hereby confirmed unchanged.
3. This By-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its passing and enactment.

PASSED this 8th day of November, 2023.

A. Horwath
Mayor

A. Holland
City Clerk

J. Pilon
Acting City Clerk

Written approval for this by-law was given by Mayoral Decision MDE-2023 06 dated November 8, 2023

Bill No. 214

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 23-

To Confirm the Proceedings of City Council at its meeting held on November 8, 2023.

**THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF HAMILTON
ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Action of City Council at its meeting held on the 8th day of November 2023, in respect of each recommendation contained in

Public Works Committee Report 23-016 – October 30, 2023,
Planning Committee Report 23-018 – October 31, 2023,
General Issues Committee Report 23-028 – November 1, 2023,
and
Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 23-017 – November 2, 2023,

considered by City of Hamilton Council at the said meeting, and in respect of each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by the City Council at its said meeting is hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.

2. The Mayor of the City of Hamilton and the proper officials of the City of Hamilton are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain approvals where required, and except where otherwise provided, the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to affix the Corporate Seal of the Corporation to all such documents.

PASSED this 8th day of November, 2023.

A. Horwath
Mayor

J. Pilon
Acting City Clerk