



City of Hamilton
GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
REVISED

Meeting #: 24-004
Date: February 21, 2024
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers (GIC)
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 February 7, 2024

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 Correspondence respecting Item 10.1 - sub-sections (d) and (e) to Report PED23099(a) / HSC23028(a), Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap Work Program: City Property Review and Property Disposition Strategies, from the following individuals:

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 10.1.

- a. John Vanderbaaren
- b. Steve Collura
- c. Stoney Creek Chamber of Commerce

- 5.2 Petition to Oppose the Removal of Important and Well Utilized Community Parking in Stoney Creek.

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 10.1.

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.1 Edward Reece and Geoff Ondercin-Bourne, Council of Canadians Hamilton/Burlington Chapter, respecting solar generated power in Hamilton (In-Person) (For a future meeting)
- 6.2 Ritch Whyman, respecting concerns with the City pursuing an agenda that is designed to create precarious and low wage jobs on LRT (In-Person) (For a future meeting)
- 6.3 Delegation Requests respecting Item 10.1 - sub-sections (d) and (e) to Report PED23099(a) / HSC23028(a), Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap Work Program: City Property Review and Property Disposition Strategies, from the following individuals:
- a. Michael Cusano, James Lee Suites, Board Vice President (In-Person)
 - *b. Shailfali Ranjan (In-Person)
 - *c. Tracy MacKinnon, Stoney Creek BIA (In-Person)
 - *d. Brenda Wilson, Stoney Creek Chamber of Commerce (In-Person)
 - *e. Mary Terziev-Clifford (Virtually, Pre-Recorded)
- *6.4 James Kemp, respecting accessibility issues in regards to Item 11.1, the motion about 2024 Temporary Outdoor Patio Program Fees (Virtually) (For today's meeting)

7. DELEGATIONS

8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

9. CONSENT ITEMS

- 9.1 Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability Report 24-001 - January 17, 2024
- 9.2 Encampment Response Update – January 2024 (HSC23066(d)) (City Wide)
- 9.3 Winter Response Strategy Update (HSC23012(b)) (City Wide)
- 9.4 Business Improvement Area Sub-Committee Report 24-002 - February 13, 2024

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

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 10.1 Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap Work Program: City Property Review and Property Disposition Strategies (PED23099(a) / HSC23028(a)) (City Wide)

(Sub-sections (d) and (e) DEFERRED from December 6, 2023)

- 10.2 Authority to Enter into Rent Supplement Agreements Under Various Programs (HSC24005) (City Wide)

- 10.3 Cleanliness & Security in the Downtown Core Task Force Report 24-001 - February 1, 2024

11. MOTIONS

- 11.1 2024 Temporary Outdoor Patio Program Fees

- 11.2 Supplementary Funding for the Project Team of the All Our Relations Public Art Piece (Ward 2) - REVISED

12. NOTICES OF MOTION**13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS****14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

- 14.1 February 7, 2024 - Closed Session Minutes

Pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-section (b), (d), (e), (f), and (h) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (b), (d), (e), (f), and (h) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City or local board employees; labour relations or employee negotiations; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the City or a local board; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and information explicitly supplied in confidence to the City or a local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them.

- 14.2 Acquisition of Land in the City of Hamilton (PED24006) (Ward 10)

Pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-section (c) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (c) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for City or a local board purposes.

- *14.3 Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 5167 (Macassa/Wentworth Lodges), Ratification of Collective Agreement (HUR24004) (City Wide)

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.

- *14.4 Confidential Legal Update regarding proceedings under the Endangered Species Act (LS24008) (City Wide)

Pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-section (e), (f) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (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 City or a local board; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; 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 City or a local board.

15. ADJOURNMENT



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 24-003

9:30 a.m.

February 7, 2024

Council Chambers, City Hall, 2nd Floor
71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

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

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Business Improvement Area Sub-Committee Report 24-001 - January 9, 2024 (Item 10.1)

(Clark/Cassar)

(a) Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2024 (Item 1)

(i) Appointment of Chair

That Susie Braithwaite be appointed Chair of the Business Improvement Area (BIA) Sub-Committee for 2024.

(ii) Appointment of Vice-Chair

That Susan Pennie be appointed Vice-Chair of the Business Improvement Area (BIA) Sub-Committee for 2024.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

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Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

**2. Interview Sub-Committee to the General Issues Committee Report 24-001 -
January 25, 2024 (Item 10.2)**

(Nann/Spadafora)

(a) Deliberations for the Climate Change Advisory Committee (Item 4.2)

- (i) That the direction provided to Staff in closed session be approved and remain confidential; and,
- (ii) That the details of the Applicants for the Climate Change Advisory Committee remain confidential.

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

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

3. Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee Report 24-001 - January 29, 2024 (Item 10.3)

(Nann/Cassar)

(a) Light Rail Transit Operations Models (PED23166(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

That Report (PED23166(b)), respecting Light Rail Transit Operations Models (City Wide), be referred to the March 20, 2024 meeting of the General Issues Committee.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
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Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

4. City of Hamilton Advocacy at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors Meeting in Prince George, BC in March 2024 (Added Item 11.2)

(M. Wilson/Francis)

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interests of municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton has a robust government relations strategy and as part of that process, advocacy at the federal level is integral to economic prosperity and success;

WHEREAS FCM's Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of support and provide FCM with the prestige required to carry the municipal message to the federal government;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Councillor N. Nann be selected as the City of Hamilton's representative at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities meeting in Prince George, British Columbia from March 5-7, 2024; and,
- (b) That Council assumes all costs associated with Councillor N. Nann's attendance at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities meeting in Prince George, British Columbia from the General Legislative Budget (300100).

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

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

5. Ontario Nurses' Association Local 50, Public Health Services Ratification of Collective Agreement (HUR24003) (City Wide) (Item 14.1)

(Jackson/Horwath)

- (a) That the tentative agreement reached on January 11, 2024 between the City of Hamilton and Ontario Nurses' Association Local 50, Public Health Services (ONA Local 50 PHS) representing approximately 173 nurses in Public Health Services, be ratified by Council.
- (b) That Report HUR24003 respecting Ontario Nurses' Association Local 50, Public Health Services Ratification of Collective Agreement remain confidential.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Yes	-	Ward 2	Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3	Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4	Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

6. Participation in a Litigation Matter (LS24003) (City Wide) (Item 14.2)

(Spadafora/Beattie)

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session be approved and remain confidential; and;
- (b) That Report LS24003 respecting Participation in a Litigation Matter remain confidential.

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

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

7. Appointments to the Climate Change Advisory Committee for the 2022 - 2026 Council Term) (Item 14.3)

(Nann/Hwang)

That the appointments to the Climate Change Advisory Committee for the 2022 - 2026 Council Term, be approved and released publicly following approval by Council.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

7. DELEGATIONS

- 7.1 Matt Johnston, Urban Solutions Planning & Land Development Consultants Inc., respecting Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program in relation to 75 James Street South, Hamilton (In-Person) (Approved December 6, 2023) – WITHDRAWN

Withdrawn at the request of the delegate to be rescheduled for a future meeting.

11. MOTIONS

- 11.1 Arts and Cultural Performance Space and Potential Future Multi-Purpose Community Hub – REVISED

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 12.1 City of Hamilton Advocacy at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors Meeting in Prince George, BC in March 2024 (A request to waive the rules will be introduced)

(Cassar/Horwath)

That the agenda for the February 7, 2024 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as amended.

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

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

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

Councillor T. Hwang declared a disqualifying interest to Item 7.5, Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting Report PED19063(e), Memorandum of Understanding with City and Aeon Studio Group on Barton-Tiffany Land, which was Item 14.3 on the November 15th, 2023 General Issues Committee agenda as her business partner is one of the principal owners of Forge and Foster, who is one of the corporate business partners associated with AEON Studios.

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

(i) January 17, 2024 (Item 4.1)

(Spadafora/Beattie)

That the minutes of the January 17, 2024 General Issues Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

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

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

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

(i) (Horwath/Clark)

That the Delegation Requests, be approved as follows:

- (1) Stewart Klazinga, ACORN Hamilton, respecting the vote of LRT Operations (Virtually) (For a future meeting) (Item 6.1)
- (2) David Braden, Windrush Farm, respecting asking the City to provide land for a small housing project to demonstrate superior energy efficiency and housing affordability (In-Person) (For a future meeting) (Item 6.2)

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Absent	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson

Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
 Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
 Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
 Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(e) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)

- (i) Douglas Mattina, Kemp Care Network (formerly Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice), respecting next steps towards acquisition of the land (sale or lease) at 41 South St. W. (In-Person) (Approved November 15, 2023) (Item 7.1)**

(A. Wilson/Pauls)

That the delegates be provided with an additional 5 minutes to address the Committee with their delegation.

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

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

Danielle Zucchet, CEO Kemp Care Network; and Megan Wright, Executive Director, Roger Neilson House; addressed the Committee respecting next steps towards acquisition of the land (sale or lease) at 41 South St. W.

(Pauls/A. Wilson)

That the Delegation from Danielle Zucchet, CEO Kemp Care Network; and Megan Wright, Executive Director, Roger Neilson House; respecting next steps towards acquisition of the land (sale or lease) at 41 South St. W., be received.

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

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

- (ii) Susan Creer, Accessible Hamilton, respecting the BIA's taking away parking spaces in Dundas, Hamilton, etc and "porch patios" (In-Person) (Approved January 17, 2024) (Item 7.3)**

Susan Creer, Accessible Hamilton, addressed the Committee respecting the BIA's taking away parking spaces in Dundas, Hamilton, etc and "porch patios".

(Pauls/A. Wilson)

That the delegation from Susan Creer, Accessible Hamilton, respecting the BIA's taking away parking spaces in Dundas, Hamilton, etc and "porch patios", be received.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson

Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
 Yes - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
 Yes - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
 Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**(iii) Ian Hamilton, Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority (HOPA Ports),
 respecting Port Authority activities update (In-Person) (Approved
 January 17, 2024) (Item 7.4)**

(Hwang/Francis)

That the delegate be provided with an additional 15 minutes to address the Committee with their delegation.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 2, as follows:

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

Ian Hamilton, Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority (HOPA Ports), addressed the Committee respecting Port Authority activities update.

(Nann/A. Wilson)

That the delegation from Ian Hamilton, Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority (HOPA Ports), respecting Port Authority activities update, be received.

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

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
 Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
 Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
 Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang

Yes	-	Ward 5	Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6	Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

Deputy Mayor T. McMeekin relinquished the chair to Councillor A. Wilson.

- (iv) Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting Report PED19063(e), Memorandum of Understanding with City and Aeon Studio Group on Barton-Tiffany Land, which was Item 14.3 on the November 15th agenda (In-Person) (Approved December 6, 2023) (Item 7.5)**

(Kroetsch/Cassar)

That the delegate be provided with an additional 5 minutes to address the Committee with their delegation.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Absent	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Conflict	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, addressed the Committee respecting Report PED19063(e), Memorandum of Understanding

with City and Aeon Studio Group on Barton-Tiffany Land, which was Item 14.3 on the November 15th agenda.

(Nann/Clark)

That the delegation from Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting Report PED19063(e), Memorandum of Understanding with City and Aeon Studio Group on Barton-Tiffany Land, which was Item 14.3 on the November 15th agenda, be received.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Conflict	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
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Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

Councillor T. McMeekin assumed the Chair.

(f) MOTIONS (Item 11)

(i) Arts and Cultural Performance Space and Potential Future Multi-Purpose Community Hub - REVISED (Item 11.1)

(1) (Kroetsch/Nann)

WHEREAS the repurposing of the former Centenary Methodist Church (now known as the New Vision Church) built in 1868 would preserve an architecturally significant space in downtown Hamilton, provide a solution to the lack of a mid-sized music and performance venue in Hamilton and create a possible future opportunity for an affordable accessible and safe community hub space;

WHEREAS the financial viability of the New Vision Church property is in jeopardy due to a shrinking congregation and the need for structural and restorative work;

WHEREAS a Not-for Profit named The Music Hall Alliance has been incorporated to lease the property from the Trustees of the New Vision Church to transform this historic space into an arts and cultural performance space in a multi-phase project;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton's Music Strategy (2014) identified a need for a mid-sized venue within the downtown core;

WHEREAS Hamilton's Economic Development Action Plan (2016-2020) identified the need for a mid-sized venue in downtown Hamilton;

WHEREAS Downtown Hamilton has a distinct economic role as the entertainment and cultural centre of the City supported through various City policies and plans;

WHEREAS Phase 1 of the project will transform the existing New Vision Church into a mid-sized arts and cultural performance space venue;

WHEREAS a future Phase 2 could further transform the building into a Multi-Purpose Community Hub which could include programming and services for equity deserving communities, and the possibility of a EarlyON Child and Family Centre focused on meeting the needs of equity deserving families and children;

WHEREAS EarlyON Child and Family Centres provide free, high-quality programs for families and children from prenatal to 6 years old, where families can learn and play with their child and get advice from early childhood professionals;

WHEREAS the Early Years Community Plan has identified Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging as a priority for the early years system;

WHEREAS the development of a Multi-Purpose Community Hub aligns with the City's Community Safety & Well-being Plan which aims to ensure that all residents are safe, have a sense of belonging, and have access to services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City enter into a conditional grant agreement with The Trustees of The New Vision Congregation of the United Church of Canada (the "Trustees") in order to provide a grant not to exceed Nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000)(the "Grant") in respect of the property municipally known as 24 Main Street

West, Hamilton (the "Property") to be funded 100% from Economic Development Initiatives Capital Project (3621708900) in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor and subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (i) that the Grant be used only for the payment of structural repairs to the existing sanctuary floor and supporting structure as well as hazardous abatement works and related works that are necessary for the conversion of the auditorium space of the former 1868 heritage-designated Centenary Church on the Property into a 1,000 occupant performance, event and community space,
- (ii) prior to the payment of the Grant, the Trustees be required to provide the following to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities and the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development:
 - (1) confirmation of The New Vision Congregation of the United Church of Canada's not-for-profit status, governance and organizational structure;
 - (2) an operating plan for how the space will be utilized and managed, and that demonstrates a sustainable business model for the facility;
 - (3) a confirmed scope, budget and timing for the works to be funded; and
 - (4) a Community Use Plan that would allow periodic use of the venue at reduced or nominal cost for the City of Hamilton and for local not-for profit arts and culture organizations and equity-deserving groups and organizations;
 - (5) confirmation of a lease and approval from the facility owner for use of Centenary Church into a 1,000 occupant performance, event and community space; and
- (iii) such additional terms and conditions as determined by the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development; and

- (iv) the Church provide an annual report to the City of Hamilton itemizing how they have met the commitments contained within the Community Use Plan; and,
 - (v) that the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development be authorized to execute the grant agreement and any ancillary documentation.
- (b) That The Trustees of The New Vision Congregation of the United Church of Canada be invited to submit a capital plan, operating plan, and business plan to the City for the full transformation of the former 1868 heritage-designated Centenary Church into a state-of-the-art 1,000 occupant performance, event and community space, including but not limited to accessible gender neutral washrooms, lobby restoration, ventilation and electrical service upgrades, production elevator, and related works, and a proposed funding model for the implementation of the plan, including a potential City contribution not to exceed \$3 million, and that staff be directed to review and report back to Council with recommendations regarding the City's potential support for the proposed plan as part of the 2025 Budget process;
- (c) That any funding provided for the works identified in Recommendation be contingent upon The Trustees of The New Vision Congregation of the United Church of Canada entering into an agreement with the City that gives the City the option to lease, at reduced or nominal cost, some or all of the portion of the building excluding the sanctuary space and lobby space, for the purpose of establishing a Community Hub which addresses safer space, programming and services needs and gaps for equity deserving communities, such as counselling, mental health supports, safe space for connecting and building relationships, employment services, legal support, settlement and newcomer supports, and child minding, including the possibility of locating an EarlyON Child and Family Centre with a specific focus on meeting the needs of equity deserving families and children;
- (d) That the Healthy and Safe Communities Department be directed to secure contract staff or external resources to lead an engagement with community stakeholders to determine an operating and program plan for a Community Hub envisioned within the space, to be funded from the Early Years System Reserve (112218) up to \$100,000; or a Reserve deemed

appropriate by the General Manager of Finance/Corporate Services; and,

- (e) That the Healthy and Safe Communities Department be directed to report back to Council prior to the 2025 Budget process with a recommended operating and program plan for the Community Hub including any required City costs and/or contributions.

(2) (Danko/Jackson)

- (a) That the motion respecting Arts and Cultural Performance Space and Potential Future Multi-Purpose Community Hub – REVISED, be REFERRED to Planning and Economic Development staff for a report back to the General Issues Committee by Q3 2024 with staff's evaluation and recommendations on the following:
 - (i) Verification of the need for a 1000 seat arts and cultural hub in the City of Hamilton including a benchmark review of similar venues in other municipalities, and the funding and operational models in use;
 - (ii) A thorough evaluation of New Vision's business case including a complete financial review of the viability of the project and the competency and expertise of the proponents as required to successfully deliver the proposed arts and cultural hub without ongoing City subsidy;
 - (iii) Confirmation of the total City financial and staffing investment required, including the initial \$900,000 capital request, subsequent \$3M capital funding referred to the 2025 capital budget, \$100,000 in initial operational funding, subsequent annual operating funding and any other City funding or subsidy requests and a review of all past City investments and commitments to New Vision;
 - (iv) Recommendations for all City funding including appropriate sources through a review of departmental budgets, reserve accounts and long term tax budget impacts;
 - (v) Investigation of private investment opportunities and potential for-profit private partnerships for rehabilitation funding, fractional ownership investment and leveraging of industry expertise and financial support;

- (vi) A review of the ownership structure and security of City's investments, in the event that the property is sold by the owner; and,
- (vii) Inclusion of all previous staff reports on this matter as background information for new members of Council.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(g) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

- (i) **City of Hamilton Advocacy at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors Meeting in Prince George, BC in March 2024 (Added Item 12.1)**

(M. Wilson/Francis)

That the rules of order be waived to introduce a motion respecting the City of Hamilton Advocacy at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors Meeting in Prince George, BC in March 2024.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
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Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 4.

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

(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 13.1):

(Francis/Nann)

That the amendment to the Outstanding Business List, be approved, as follows:

(a) Item Requiring a New Due Date (Item 13.1(a)):

Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap Work Program: City Property Review and Property Disposition Strategies (PED23099(a) / HSC23028(a)) (City Wide)

Current Due Date: March 20, 2024

Proposed Due Date: April 17, 2024

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
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Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

Yes - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(ii) Recess

(Horwath/Spadafora)

That the General Issues Committee recess for 30 minutes until 1:30 p.m.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
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(i) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)

Committee determined that discussion of Item 14.3 was not required in Closed Session; therefore, the matter was addressed in Open Session, as follows:

(i) Appointments to the Climate Change Advisory Committee for the 2022 - 2026 Council Term (Item 14.3)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7.

(ii) (Spadafora/Nann)

That Committee move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-section (b), (d), (e), (f), and (h) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (b), (d), (e), (f), and (h) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City or local board employees; labour relations or employee negotiations; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the City or a local board; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and information explicitly

supplied in confidence to the City or a local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
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**(iii) Ontario Nurses' Association Local 50, Public Health Services
Ratification of Collective Agreement (HUR24003) (City Wide) (Item 14.1)**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 5.

(iv) Participation in a Litigation Matter (LS24003) (City Wide) (Item 14.2)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 6.

(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Spadafora/Tadeson)

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

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Yes	-	Ward 7	Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8	Councillor J. P. Danko
Absent	-	Ward 9	Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Mark Tadeson
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Yes	-	Ward 15	Councillor Ted McMeekin

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Ted McMeekin
Chair, General Issues Committee

Angela McRae
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk

From: John V

Sent: January 30, 2024 7:48 AM

To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Ward 8 Office <ward8@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>
Subject: 5 and 13 Lake Avenue Drive South

I am all for affordable housing and helping the ones who need help. This site location makes no sense. You approved a 9 floor unit at Mountain and King. Parking during the day is already contentious and you must think of all the seniors in the area trying to access the medical building. There is lots of vacant city land elsewhere as we were shown at our information session. Please leave these areas for parking.

John Vanderbaaren
Maintenance Supervisor
Clarion/Lakeview

From: Steve Collura
Sent: January 31, 2024 9:11 AM
To: Thorne, Jason <Jason.Thorne@hamilton.ca>; Robichaud, Steve <Steve.Robichaud@hamilton.ca>; Toman, Charlie <Charlie.Toman@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor <Officeofthe.Mayor@hamilton.ca>; Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Ward 8 Office <ward8@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Tadeson, Mark <Mark.Tadeson@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>
Cc:

Subject: Proposed Affordable Housing

Good morning,

I understand that Hamilton needs to do everything it can to achieve its affordable housing goal without expanding urban boundaries. I also understand that one of the cheapest and quickest ways to do this is to identify surplus city assets/lands and develop them into affordable housing.

However, it has become increasingly clear, with regards to the city's proposal to develop **5 and 13 Lake Ave Drive S**, a mistake has been made.

The city's proposal to develop 24 unit and 44 unit affordable housing buildings at 5 and 13 Lake Ave Drive S, respectively, will result in our BIA's loss of 57 parking spots.

The Stoney Creek downtown core cannot afford to lose 57 parking spots at the same time two multi-story condo buildings are about to be built steps away at **9 - 15 King St W and 13-25 King St E**.

You may argue that 5 and 13 Lake Ave Drive S are currently home to surface parking that is underutilized. But have you given any thought to what's about to happen once the condos on King St break ground?

In addition to the current users of the parking lots at 5 and 13 Lake Ave Drive S (people attending medical and wellness appointments, veterans visiting the Legion, patrons shopping), the downtown will see an influx of construction workers that will need parking as they construct the condos on King St over several years.

When construction is in full swing on both condo buildings, there will certainly be *more than 57* workers on site daily that will need to park their vehicles.

Once the condos on King St are complete, where will the condo visitors park? Where will condo maintenance/repair workers park?

The condo at 13-25 King St E will also house several retail units at street level. Our BIA hopes to attract shops and maybe even restaurants. Where will the increased number of patrons park?

R.L. Hislop school has been demolished and will soon become a city park. Not everyone in our area will have the capacity to walk to this park. Visitors to this park will also need vehicle parking.

We want what other BIAs have.

We want busy.

We want bustling.

We want people from other wards and the greater Hamilton area to make downtown Stoney Creek a destination!

And do you know what all the best destination-BIAs have? They have adequate parking.

Developing 5 and 13 Lake Ave Drive S to meet the affordable housing target is extremely shortsighted.

And please do not accuse my neighbours and I of NIMBYism. We need affordable housing everywhere in this city. We need affordable housing here in Stoney Creek. And there are plenty of locations on Hwy 8, Barton, Grey, Green, Millen, Dewitt, etc that can be explored as options.

Taking the cheap/fast route by trying to convince our community that 5 and 13 Lake Ave Drive S are *surplus* lands is the wrong approach. These properties are currently used every day and their demand as surface parking will increase very soon.

I urge you to, please, listen to our community.

Please listen to Tracy of our BIA.

Please listen to Matt Francis.

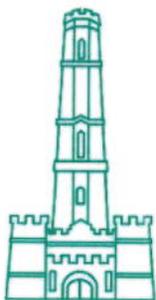
Developing 5 and 13 Lake Ave Drive S will do more harm than good for the Stoney Creek downtown.

Clerk, I would like this matter added to the planning committee agenda so that Matt Francis may speak to it publicly on behalf of me, my family, my neighbours, and my BIA.

Regards,

Steven Collura

Stoney Creek



STONEY CREEK

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

GROWING BUSINESS TOGETHER

21 Mountain Ave. S. , ON, L8G 2V5 (905) 664-4000

The Stoney Creek Chamber of Commerce opposes the removal of the important and well utilized community parking sites in Stoney Creek designated for two housing projects. We are concerned about the lack of consultation, the selection process, and most importantly, the community impact that this decision will create.

To be clear, we are not opposed to meeting the needs of the housing crisis, nor is this a case of NIMBY, but rather, we are concerned that the Stoney Creek sites have been selected in haste without proper consideration and planning and are not beneficial for the community,

Most importantly, the City has mistakenly declared this well used community parking area as “under-utilized” while providing no proof or studies to substantiate this claim.

Contrary to the City’s claim, this area is incredibly busy, providing needed use for the entire community. It is situated in the centre of the village’s active business district, full of existing residents and community services. This area is a busy, important, and useful part of our community.

Contrary to the City’s claim that this area is “under-utilized,” this busy community area is utilized by:

- Parking pass holders for residents living in existing, adjacent, senior apartments.
- Seniors and the physically challenged to provide access to Doctors’ offices, Laboratory services, and other medical services in a busy Medical office complex adjacent to this site.
- Numerous existing local small businesses who rely on this car park for customers and employees.
- Tourists use this car park to access local shopping and dining in the Village.
- Large tour buses and school buses use parking lots for events and historical education.
- Local walking trails, biking trails, and historic sites visitors use the space as a community parking access point.
- Multiple existing community festivals, events, local Farmers’ Market, the Legion

Hall, community organizations, Churches, and the newly established, massive "Boots in the Creek" festival, utilize this space for visitors, performers, musicians, and artisans.

- Moreover, this area will be even busier as it will provide community and regional access to the newly approved Public Park the City is currently building directly across the road.

Furthermore, we are concerned that no information/studies have been provided showing the process and criteria used to select these Stoney Creek sites as being better suited than all other possible sites in the entire City of Hamilton.

Furthermore, unlike other potential sites, the Stoney Creek sites are not near the LRT , where development is supposed to be prioritized. Distance from the LRT decreases affordability and increases reliance on more automobiles and more parking demand.

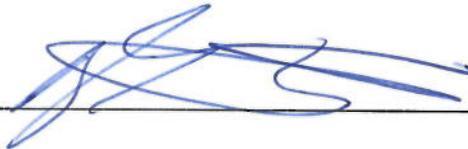
Furthermore, if approved, the City will be destroying "Veteran's' Lane," a laneway named by the community in honour of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

We ask the Council to reconsider this decision and find more appropriate sites for affordable housing in Stoney Creek .

Respectfully submitted by

Ralph Vitello

President



Fabian Grenning

Vice President



Bennie Esposito

Treasurer



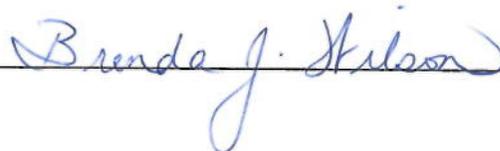
Kathy Wakeman

Secretary



Brenda Wilson

Executive Director



We the undersigned oppose the removal of important and well utilized community parking in Stoney Creek. We are concerned about the lack of consultation, the selection process, and most importantly, the community harm that this hasty decision will create, as outlined above.

NAME	TOWN/CITY	Signature
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This petition contains 1,318 signatures.
A copy of the petition is available for viewing in the
Office of the City Clerk

Submitted on Mon, 02/05/2024 - 15:28

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Committee Requested

Committee
General Issues Committee

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

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

Requestor Information

Requestor Information
Edward Reece
Geoff Ondercin-Bourne
Council of Canadians Hamilton/Burlington Chapter

Preferred Pronoun
he/him

Reason(s) for delegation request
To increase the amount of solar generated power in Hamilton.

Will you be requesting funds from the City?
No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?
Yes

Submitted on Wed, 02/07/2024 - 11:58

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Committee Requested

Committee
General Issues Committee

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

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

Requestor Information

Requestor Information
Ritch Whyman

Preferred Pronoun
he/him

Reason(s) for delegation request
Speak about concerns with the City pursuing an agenda that is designed to create precarious and low wage jobs on LRT

Will you be requesting funds from the City?
No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?
No

Submitted on Tue, 02/13/2024 - 11:03

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Committee Requested

Committee
General Issues Committee

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

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

Requestor Information

Requestor Information
Michael Cusano
James Lee Suites, Board Vice President

Preferred Pronoun
he/him

Reason(s) for delegation request
At the February 21 meeting, regarding the proposed development of 5 & 13 Lake Ave.
S. Stoney Creek

Will you be requesting funds from the City?
No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?
No

Submitted on Wed, 02/14/2024 - 21:51

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Committee Requested

Committee
General Issues Committee

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

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

Requestor Information

Requestor Information
Shaifali Ranjan

Preferred Pronoun
she/her

Reason(s) for delegation request
The proposed new construction will steal major chunk of the already scarce parking lots in down town stoney creek. It is going to negatively impact the local businesses and visitors / hikers who come to enjoy the escarpment. Downtown will be more crowded and residents and visitors will not be able to enjoy the neighborhood.

Will you be requesting funds from the City?
No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?
No

Submitted on Tue, 02/20/2024 - 09:40

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Committee Requested

Committee
General Issues Committee

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

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

Requestor Information

Requestor Information
Tracy MacKinnon
Stoney Creek BIA



Reason(s) for delegation request
5 & 13 King St East, Stoney Creek - GIC Committee WED 21 FEB @ 0930

Will you be requesting funds from the City?
No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?
No

Submitted on Tue, 02/20/2024 - 09:55

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Committee Requested

Committee
General Issues Committee

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

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

Requestor Information

Requestor Information
Brenda Wilson
Stoney Creek Chamber of Commerce



Preferred Pronoun
she/her

Reason(s) for delegation request
To address the proposal to use city-owned parking lot lands to build housing at the GI meeting
February 21st

Will you be requesting funds from the City?
No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?
No

Submitted on Tue, 02/20/2024 - 09:53

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Committee Requested

Committee
General Issues Committee

Will you be delegating in-person or virtually?
Virtually

Will you be delegating via a pre-recorded video?
Yes

Requestor Information

Requestor Information
Mary Terziev-Clifford



Reason(s) for delegation request
5 and 13 Lake Avenue, Stoney Creek - GIC committee Feb 21, 2024

Will you be requesting funds from the City?
No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?
No

Submitted on Mon, 02/19/2024 - 20:49

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Committee Requested

Committee
General Issues Committee

Will you be delegating in-person or virtually?
Virtually

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

Requestor Information

Requestor Information
James Kemp

Preferred Pronoun
he/him

Reason(s) for delegation request
To delegate regarding accessibility issues in regards to the motion about 2024
Temporary Outdoor Patio Program Fees

Will you be requesting funds from the City?
No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation?
No



MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON TRANSPARENCY, ACCESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY (MTFTAA) REPORT 24-001

5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Room 264, 2nd Floor

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: B. Custers, J. Santucci (Co-Chair), M. Stewart (Co-Chair), M. Verhovsek and T. Wingfield

Also Present: Mayor A. Horwath
L. Kolar, Legislative Coordinator
U. Qureshi, Community Engagement Advisor, Office of the Mayor
M. Stahl, Director - Government Relations and Community Engagement
G. Tedesco, Senior Project Manager - Community Engagement

**THE MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON TRANSPARENCY, ACCESS AND
ACCOUNTABILITY PRESENTS REPORT 24-001 AND RESPECTFULLY
RECOMMENDS:**

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)

**(i) Welcome from the Co-Chairs of the Mayor's Task Force on
Transparency, Access and Accountability and Introductions**

Mark Stewart, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order. Members of the Task Force introduced themselves. A land acknowledgement was read into the record.

(b) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

The agenda for the January 17, 2024 Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability meeting was approved, as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no Declarations of Interest.

(c) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

The following items were received:

- (i) Terms of Reference of the Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability (Item 10.1)

Task Force Members discussed the Terms of Reference for the Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability

- (ii) For Review: Procedural Handbook for Citizen Appointees to the City of Hamilton Local Boards (Item 10.2)

Staff addressed the Task Force respecting the Handbook for Citizen Appointees to the City of Hamilton Local Boards, and the purpose of the guide for new citizen members.

- (iii) Information Collection for the Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability (Item 10.3)

Task Force members conducted a discussion respecting Information Collection, which included, but was not limited to the following:

- Best practices for information collection
- Qualitative/Quantitative perspectives
- Diversity – community, geographic

- (iv) Stakeholder Engagement for the Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability (no copy) (Item 10.4)

Task Force members conducted a discussion respecting Stakeholder Engagement, which included, but was not limited to the following:

- Constraints of time & budget
- Channels of access for citizens
- Methods of engagement

- (v) Budget and Consultative Process for the Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability (Item 10.5)

Task Force members discussed the approved funding, and where it might best be utilized.

- (vi) Proposed Work Plan for the Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability (Item 10.6)

Task Force members reviewed the proposed Work Plan, and discussed - particular capacities or skill sets of each member that can contribute to the work of the Task Force.

(d) ADJOURNMENT (Item 16)

That there being no further business, the Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability be adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark James Stewart, Co-Chair
Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access
and Accountability

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Santucci, Co-Chair
Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access
and Accountability

Loren Kolar
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
DATE:	February 21, 2024
SUBJECT:	Encampment Response Update – January 2024 (HSC23066(d)) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	Mike Jones (905) 546-2424 ext. 3824 Danielle Blake (905) 546-2424 ext. 3731
SUBMITTED BY:	Michelle Baird Director, Housing Services Division Healthy and Safe Communities Department
SIGNATURE:	<i>Michelle Baird</i>

COUNCIL DIRECTION

On August 18, 2023, Council ratified an Encampment Protocol to be utilized by City staff to respond and manage encampments, tents, or temporary structures within public lands in the City of Hamilton.

To provide ongoing accountability and transparency to the City's encampment response program and the implementation of its encampment protocol, staff were directed to communicate with Council and Ward Councillors regarding the Encampment Protocol through monthly, ongoing Information Reports to General Issues Committee and include data and trends, operational updates, and any continuous improvement measures implemented to further efforts toward providing ongoing accountability and transparency to the City's encampment response program and the implementation of its Encampment Protocol.

INFORMATION

Program Trends:

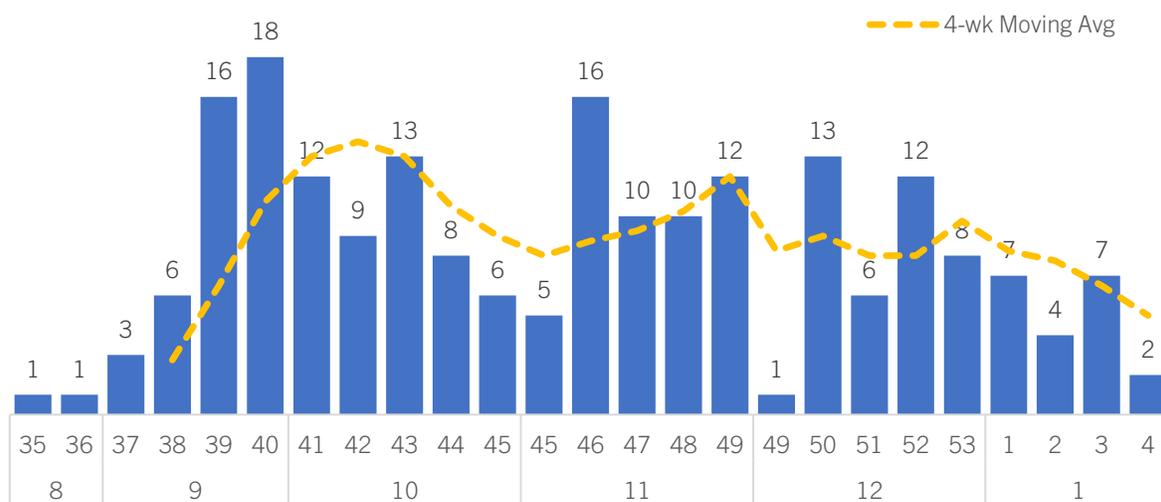
Identification of New Site Trends

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New encampments continue to be identified throughout the City by several different sources, including concerned citizens, businesses and business improvement areas, and internal staff from other City departments. Since peaking in Week 40 (September 25, 2023 – October 1, 2023), there has been a decrease in the trend of new sites identified each week (see chart below).

This trend is likely to continue for the duration of the colder weather months, as individuals move to and stay within compliant spaces, and individuals previously staying in encampments seek indoor spaces in shelter, winter response programs, and/or couch surf temporarily with friends and family.

The following chart only includes new sites that have been identified by a complaint and/or service request and visited by Housing Focused Street Outreach and does not include attempts where an encampment could not be located (e.g., the individuals had already left, there was only garbage/debris related or unrelated to encampments at the location, or the instructions in the initial request were broad or unclear). The data in the graph is presented weekly, beginning August 2023 to January 2024.



Compliance Trends

In January, a total of 50 different sites were identified through various modalities to Housing Focused Street Outreach. Of the sites identified to Housing Focused Street Outreach, there were no tents observed upon visiting 22 (44%) locations, seven newly identified sites were deemed compliant on first visit (14%), while three of the newer sites identified are still under investigation.

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In total, 15 sites (12 public property, 3 private property) were escalated by Housing Focused Street Outreach to Municipal Law Enforcement in December, resulting in 7 trespass notices being served to individuals on public property who were in contravention of the Encampment Protocol. This total is significantly lower than the 2023 average of 64 and the number of trespass notices has trended down every month since the Encampment Protocol was ratified (126 in August 2023, 75 in September, 58 in October, 42 in November, and 20 in December). This is likely a reflection of efforts of City staff to educate individuals living unsheltered of the Encampment Protocol, as well as due to colder weather.

Complaint and Service Request Trends

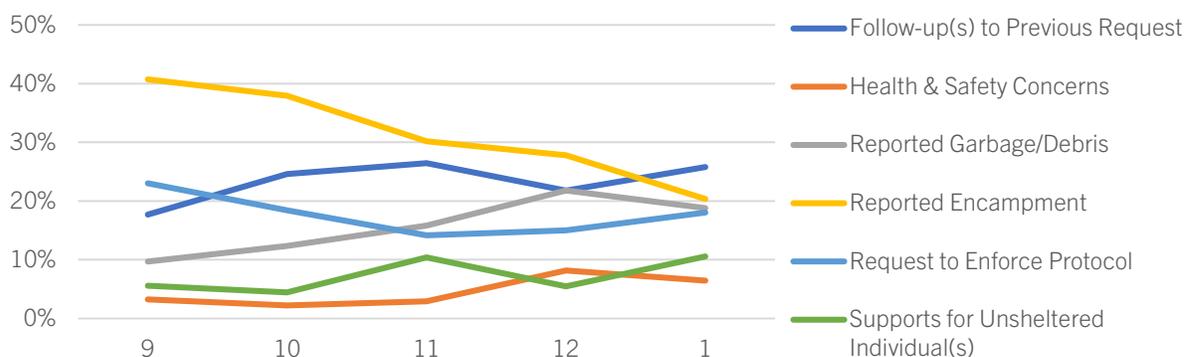
The number of complaints and/or requests for service has steadily decreased since the ratification of the Encampment Protocol, from a high of 897 in September. In January, 429 complaints and/or service requests were logged, which is below the 2023 monthly average of 626.

In analyzing the complaints and service requests received, some clear trends have emerged since the Encampment Protocol was ratified. The number of reported encampments and requests to enforce the Encampment Protocol have decreased since September 2023 where they were a combined 64% of requests and/or complaints, to 38% in January 2024. Conversely, there has been an increase in:

- Reporting of garbage/debris (10% in September 2023, to 19% in January 2024).
- Follow-up requests (18% in September 2023, to 26% in January 2024).
- Requests for and/or coordinating of support(s) for unsheltered folks (6% in September 2023, to 11% in January 2024); and
- Health and safety concerns, primarily related to fire-related issues (3% in September 2023, to 6% in January 2024).

The data in the following chart represents change in the percentage of complaints and/or service requests received by month, from September 2023 to January 2024.

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These trends are likely to continue throughout the colder weather months as a result of less movement to new sites, and further entrenchment of existing, compliant sites.

Enforcement Update:

Background

To support the work of City staff in gaining compliance with the Encampment Protocol as ratified by City Council in August 2023, City Council approved funding for a Supervisor of Municipal Law Enforcement, two Municipal Law Enforcement Officers (MLEOs), as well as funding to support the creation of an Encampment Engagement Team within Hamilton Police Services to be comprised of two Hamilton Police Officers.

Enforcement Process

As per the Encampment Protocol, MLEOs will respond within four (4) business days upon being contacted by Housing Focused Street Outreach regarding a site presenting compliance concerns. MLEOs will attend and use their discretion to achieve compliance depending on the circumstances. MLEOs issue trespass notices or may determine next steps to be taken in respect to an escalated encampment, temporary shelter, or tent, within a maximum of four (4) total days from the issuance of notice, unless exceptional circumstances exist.

As part of the Encampment Engagement Team’s defined roles and responsibilities, Encampment Engagement Officers are required to accompany MLEOs any time they enter into an encampment. In addition to attending in support of MLEOs and other City staff as requested, Encampment Engagement Officers also take an active role in gaining compliance by engaging with individuals living at the site.

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Typically, the enforcement process involves a two-day cycle where MLEOs, supported by the Encampment Engagement Team, investigate and issue trespass notices at newly escalated sites that are deemed to be non-compliant over the course of a single day, returning to the site(s) the next day to enforce.

When Notices of Trespass are issued by MLEOs as a result of individuals contravening the Encampment Protocol, Municipal Law Enforcement will re-attend the site the following day to check on whether voluntary compliance has been achieved. When conducting the initial investigation, and during follow-up inspections, MLEOs, with support of Hamilton Police, will work with the involved individual(s) to move to compliant spaces voluntarily.

If individual(s) are still located in a non-compliant space after expiry of the trespass order, the site is formally escalated to Hamilton Police for further enforcement. It is important to note that while a day is allotted for enforcement, some sites can require multiple days of enforcement. This cyclical process is repeated on an ongoing basis until compliance is gained at all non-compliant sites, although timelines for enforcement may be impacted by staffing availability or changing enforcement priorities.

Throughout the time a site is under investigation or enforcement action, Housing Focused Street Outreach will attempt to follow-up with individual(s) at the site, and continue to provide basic needs items, referrals to supports and services that support the individual(s)' health, well-being, and work towards access to indoor space (housing or shelter). Housing Focused Street Outreach will also provide options of compliant spaces individuals can move to, although it is important to note that ultimately the decision of where to move is up to the individual(s) staying at the site.

Enforcement Approach

From the perspective of Hamilton Police Services, 'to enforce,' involves initially taking steps to work with the involved individuals to leave non-compliant areas identified via the terms outlined in the Encampment Protocol, while 'successful enforcement' simply reflects compliance gained.

The details of how compliance is gained, and the approach taken to enforce a particular site or circumstance is not detailed within the definition of enforcement. Instead, the steps taken to gain compliance at any particular site is dependent on the circumstances and acute needs of each individual and/or site and is reflected in site-specific plans developed by Hamilton Police. Note: Hamilton Police are not bound by any service levels related to encampments.

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Since the Encampment Protocol was ratified in August 2023 until the end of January 2024, Municipal Law Enforcement has issued 360 trespass notices to encampment sites. Hamilton Police Services have completed enforcement at all escalated sites, spending 127* hours from September 2023 to December 2023 enforcing trespass notices, in addition to a significant amount of time spent engaging and providing support. Municipal Law Enforcement and Housing Focused Street Outreach continue to engage with individuals living unsheltered to provide information regarding expectations of the Encampment Protocol.

Authorities under the Trespass to Property exist and will be utilized when attempts at voluntary compliance is not achieved. To date, this has not been required.

*Note: The 127 hours listed above reflects time spent strictly on enforcement by Encampment Engagement Team Officers. Many hundreds more hours have been spent conducting site visits, proactive checks, providing services, referrals and overall engagement with people living in encampments.

Challenges to Timely Enforcement

At every site to date, Hamilton Police have worked with encampment residents to gain compliance, which requires a significant amount of time spent engaging and rapport-building and is challenging for two Encampment Engagement Officers to complete this work. In addition, because Encampment Engagement Team Officers are also responsible for accompanying Municipal Law Enforcement on each site visit, there is a bottleneck to timely enforcement and as a result sites remain active for longer.

Given that there are several active sites at any one time, those with geographical non-compliance (i.e., tents are not permitted in the site at all), are prioritized for enforcement. Sites in numerical non-compliance that are otherwise geographically compliant, will only become a priority for enforcement after active sites with geographical non-compliance are enforced, unless exceptional circumstances exist.

Another notable challenge experienced by both Municipal Law Enforcement and Hamilton Police is the repeated enforcement of a few sites. Sites in areas of the City that are close to services and supports for people experiencing homelessness are often frequented with greater regularity. Despite enforcement efforts occurring at these locations, the spaces are quickly re-occupied, which can result in significant frustration for the community, who see the site as occupied but may not have seen the enforcement action(s) at the site. As an example, since August 2023 the Encampment

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Engagement Team has gained compliance 55 times at a single location, MacNab Street South between Jackson St and Hunter St, only for the site to be re-occupied shortly after each successful enforcement effort.

Staffing challenges also pose a delay to enforcement efforts. Due to the limited coverage, there are times when enforcement efforts are placed on hold until adequate staffing is available. The approved funding for Protocol enforcement included two (2) Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and two (2) Encampment Engagement Officers. As a result of these limited numbers, availability for coverage for employee sick time and vacation is dependent on the broader division's priorities of the day and the inability to find coverage may hinder enforcement timelines.

Enforcement of Recreational Vehicles (RVs) and Trailers

While an exception to the Parks By-law was made to allow tents in appropriate spaces as designated by the Encampment Protocol, RVs and trailers do not have a similar exclusion from enforcement. As such, enforcement is not bound by the terms and conditions of the Encampment Protocol, including a 3x3-meter space limit. Instead, there is an existing process for removal of RVs and trailers located on public roadways, parking lots and other public spaces, as per the Parking By-law, and enforcement is led by the City of Hamilton's Parking Enforcement Team, who will provide several notices and attempts to engage before towing a vehicle.

Given the increase of RVs and trailers being inhabited throughout the City, management staff from Parking Enforcement attend every Coordinated Response Team meeting and actively share whenever it is suspected someone is living within the vehicle or trailer. To ensure that folks inhabiting within RVs and trailers have access to the resources and supports they may require, Parking Enforcement staff will notify Housing Focused Street Outreach and arrange for their engagement at the RV or trailer before any enforcement action is taken.

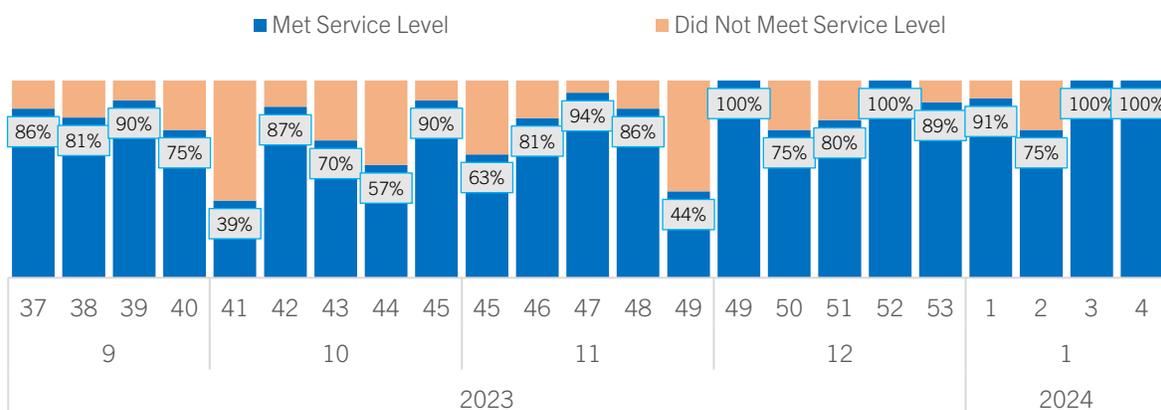
Service Levels

Housing Focused Street Outreach

The ratification of the Encampment Protocol established a three-day service level for response to complaints and/or service requests related to encampments. As such, Housing Focused Street Outreach has three days to visit the site and engage with the individuals at the site to inform them of the Encampment Protocol.

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Including both existing and new encampments, the following chart reports on Housing Focused Street Outreach’s ability to meet service levels by week.



In January, Housing Focused Street Outreach met its service level 92% of the time, above the 2023 average of 76%.

Concerns continue to be raised from community members who bring issues to the attention of the Outreach program. Housing Services continues to seek ways to continuously improve our programs to allow for transparency. To enhance information sharing and data analysis within Housing Services, additional temporary resources are being allocated to the program complement. Specifically, two administrative roles and an analyst role are being recruited on a temporary basis. These additions aim to bolster the department's capacity to respond to inquiries and complaints promptly, follow up on the status of complaints efficiently, and develop a more comprehensive data management strategy.

Municipal Law Enforcement

As per the Encampment Protocol, Municipal Law Enforcement Officers will determine compliance timelines depending on the presenting circumstances, for the issuance of notices or actions to be taken in respect to the encampment, temporary shelter, or tent, within a maximum of four (4) total days from the issuance of notice, unless exceptional circumstances exist.

In January, Municipal Law Enforcement met its service level at 8/12 (67%) sites escalated by Housing Focused Street Outreach (excluding three sites under active investigation). This is below the 2023 average of 92%.

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Additional Updates:**Fire Department Update**

With an increase in complaints and service requests related to fire and fire-related concerns, and to provide updates regarding fire-related emergencies at encampments. Hamilton Fire Department is represented at all Coordinated Response Team meetings to provide strategic direction.

To provide further understanding of fires and fire-related concerns in the City, Hamilton Fire has begun tracking the calls they have received regarding encampments and the associated response types. The types of calls or responses include structure fires in tents/shelters, burning complaints (i.e., open air burning) and rubbish fires (i.e., non-structural).

Hamilton Fire and Housing Focused Street Outreach are working to ensure the data is valid and reliable before including fire-related data in February's Encampment Response Update.

Access to Washrooms and Showers Update

After Eastwood Arena's shower program ended on January 7, 2024, a new shower program began at Bennetto Community Centre on January 8, 2024. This program is in addition to the shower program at Norman Pinky Lewis Community Centre, that has been operating since September 2023.

Weekly data regarding access of individuals who are living unsheltered to washroom programs will continue to be reported in the Weekly Encampment Dashboard.

Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters Update

City staff continue to explore potential opportunities and will keep the public informed about progress with respect to the Tiny Homes initiative through monthly General Issues Committee Encampment Response Updates.

Encampment Liaison Committee (ELC) Update

City staff were joined by staff from key frontline agencies and organizations, including Indigenous partners, as well as people with lived/living experience at an inaugural meeting on January 25, 2024.

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In its first meeting, members of the committee discussed its vision, mission, and values, and began to develop and codify a Terms of Reference and governance structure for the committee. The ELC will continue to meet to this end, before solidifying a common meeting frequency.

As part of this committee, community partners and people with lived/living experience are being asked to provide meaningful feedback and to contribute to solutions and continuous improvement.

Note: the ELC does not have the authority to direct enforcement or to establish or alter City service levels or direct items to Council. Any changes to the Encampment Protocol itself, including the process defined therein, will require a report to Council and Council approval.

Tracking Sites on Private Property

Housing Focused Street Outreach receive complaints and/or service requests on private property that they are unable to respond to without permission from the property owner to enter the site.

In addition, because enforcement is not in scope of the Encampment Protocol, Municipal Law Enforcement have the responsibility of educating the property owner regarding their rights and the process for escalating to the appropriate authority (i.e., Ministry of Transportation Ontario, Canadian Pacific Rail, Hydro One, Hamilton Police). Once the property owner and/or enforcement authority have been notified of the process, neither Housing Focused Street Outreach nor Municipal Law Enforcement are able to provide ongoing tracking of the site and have no existing role or responsibility regarding a site on privately-owned property.

Some privately-owned properties are more frequently accessed by individuals living unsheltered. In these sites, it is assumed that once the property owner has been notified once regarding the process, they will take the necessary steps to contact the appropriate enforcement authority and will not require additional support from City staff unless specifically requested. As such, privately-owned locations where the landowner has been informed by City staff of the escalation process, will not have an escalation date associated with them.

Additional Trends and Data

Total Unique Individuals Living in Encampments

The total number of individuals that Housing Focused Street Outreach interacted with in January 2024 was approximately 136. This is slightly down from December's total of

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210, and lower than the 2023 average of approximately 204 individuals living unsheltered. In addition, there has been a steady decline in the approximate number of total unique individuals living in encampments that Housing Focused Street Outreach has interacted with since peaking at 221 in October 2023.

This decline is likely due to a variety of reasons. Commonly, individuals are more likely to seek indoor accommodations in the colder months, either via emergency shelter and winter warming spaces, or by temporarily couch surfing with family and friends.

Supports for Individuals Living in Encampments

In January 2024, Housing Focused Street Outreach provided basic needs supports to 96 non-unique individuals and housing-related supports to 267 non-unique individuals. These totals are slightly less than those reported in December 2023, but consistent with the 2023 reported averages, and significantly higher than the totals reported in January 2023.

Cleaning and Maintenance

In January, Parks Section staff cleaned and maintained 139 sites, lower than a peak of 157 locations in November, but still the second highest total since the Encampment Protocol was ratified in August. In general, the total number of sites cleaned and maintained by Parks staff has trended upwards.

As sites become more entrenched in compliant locations, and individuals collect more materials to help insulate their site to stay warm, the number of requests for garbage and debris clean-up has increased.

Indicators

The following indicators have been developed to assess the success of the program on an interim basis and will be reported on regularly to provide accountability to the public and people with lived experience, and transparency regarding the City's approach to encampment response.

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Indicator	Category of Measurement	Jan 2024	Prev. Month	2023 Avg.	Jan 2023
Total complaints and/or requests for service requiring response or follow-up by Housing Focused Street Outreach (HFSO)	Volume of complaints and/or requests for service	429	410	622	N/A
Number of unique individuals/households reached who are unsheltered and/or regularly living in encampments throughout the City (defined by connection to HFSO), who have provided consent to have their personal information stored in the Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS).	Total unique individuals living in encampments	87	77	47	47
Number of unique individuals/households reached who are unsheltered and/or regularly living in encampments throughout the City (defined by connection to HFSO), who have not yet provided consent to have their personal information stored in the Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS).	Total unique individuals living in encampments	59	133	114	N/A
Number of interactions where individuals received support (from HFSO) with their basic needs per month	Support basic needs of individuals living in encampments	96	132	129	52
Number of interactions where individuals received support (from HFSO) with their housing needs per month	Support housing-related needs of individuals living in encampments	267	230	269	68

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Indicator	Category of Measurement	Jan 2024	Prev. Month	2023 Avg.	Jan 2023
Escalated items actioned to Municipal Law Enforcement from HFSO (i.e., MLEOs were involved in response) on public property	Volume of Escalated complaints	12	27	20	N/A
Escalated items actioned to Municipal Law Enforcement from HFSO (i.e., MLEOs were involved in response) on private property	Volume of Escalated complaints	3	10	9	N/A
Total number of Trespass Notices issued on public property	Response type to escalated complaint	7	20	64	N/A
Total number of Trespass Notices issued on private property	Response type to escalated complaint	0	0	0	N/A
Number of instances where compliance was achieved immediately on public property, without issuing of Voluntary Compliance Notice	Response type to escalated complaint	0	2	4	N/A
Number of instances where compliance was achieved immediately on private property, without issuing of Voluntary Compliance Notice	Response type to escalated complaint	0	0	0	N/A

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Indicator	Category of Measurement	Jan 2024	Prev. Month	2023 Avg.	Jan 2023
Number of encampment sites cleaned and/or maintained by Parks Section staff or a designated contractor	Park cleaning and maintenance	139	117	97	N/A

All indicators meet the criteria of being valid and reliable and can be replicated by City staff and reported monthly.

Please direct any inquiries to Danielle Blake, Manager, Housing Focused Street Outreach, at (905) 546-2424 ext. 3731, or by email at Danielle.Blake@hamilton.ca.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

N/A



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members General Issues Committee
DATE:	February 21, 2024
SUBJECT:	Winter Response Strategy Update (HSC23012(b) (City Wide))
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	Robyn Perry (905) 546-2424 Ext. 7801 Shannon Honsberger (905) 546-2424 Ext. 6524
SUBMITTED BY:	Michelle Baird Director, Housing Services Division Healthy and Safe Communities Department
SIGNATURE:	<i>Michelle Baird</i>

COUNCIL DIRECTION

On September 13, 2023, Council approved that staff implement an annual Winter Response Strategy (HSC23012(a)), from December 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024 to support vulnerable individuals within the homeless-serving system.

On November 27, November 30, and December 18, 2023, Housing Services Division provided Communication Updates about enhancements to the Council approved Winter Response.

INFORMATION

This report provides an update to Council on the results of advocacy for higher levels of government to contribute to the financial pressures of responding to unsheltered homelessness, especially during the increased risk of wintertime.

To support communities in keeping people experiencing unsheltered homelessness safe this winter, Infrastructure Canada has allocated a one-time top-up of \$100M to Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy for 2023-2024. Hamilton's allotment is \$1,496,028.

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The total cost of Hamilton's Winter Response Strategy for 2023-2024 is approximately \$2,180,257. The Federal Reaching Home contribution can fully fund the Council approved Winter Response. Therefore, the funding from the Tax Stabilization Reserve #110046, approved for \$1.5M, is not required and will reduce the pressure on the reserve in 2024. The remaining \$684,229 will be funded through the existing Provincial Homeless Prevention Program budget.

In summary, funded services within Hamilton's Winter Response Strategy run from December 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024, and include:

- Warming Bus through Hamilton Transit operating nightly from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., including onboard support through social service staff (all populations)
- 45 additional overnight warming spaces (serving women, trans- and non-binary people)
- 50 additional overnight warming spaces (serving men, trans- and non-binary people)
- 40 additional overnight drop-in spaces (serving women, trans- and non-binary people)
- 100 additional day-time drop-in spaces (all populations)
- 45 additional emergency shelter beds (serving men)
- Extended hours of operation at 3 designated Recreation Centres to act as a warming space (all populations)
- Extended hours of operation at the Hamilton Public Library Central location to act as a warming space (all populations)

Housing Services Division staff continue to work with partners to explore options to enhance services and address pressures across the system. One such measure is the dedication of staff resources to respond to inquiries and concerns related to winter strategy locations. Updates will be provided as these services are finalized.

Details on the Winter Response Strategy can be found on the City of Hamilton's website at the following page: www.hamilton.ca/WinterResponse

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

N/A



Hamilton

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT 24-002

10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Room 264

Present: S. Braithwaite (Chair) – International Village BIA
D. Sanchez – Concession Street BIA
T. MacKinnon – Westdale Village BIA and Stoney Creek BIA
K. Nydam – Dundas BIA
S. Pennie (Vice-Chair) – Waterdown BIA
H. Peter – Ancaster BIA
N. Ubl – Barton Village BIA
E. Walsh – Downtown Hamilton BIA

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor T. Hwang – City Business
Councillor M. Wilson – Personal
Councillor E. Pauls – City Business
C. Braley – Ottawa Street BIA
B. Schormann – Locke Street BIA

THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 24-002 FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

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

The agenda for the February 13, 2024 Business Improvement Area Sub-Committee meeting was approved, as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)**(i) January 9, 2024 (Item 4.1)**

The January 9, 2024 Minutes of the Business Improvement Area Sub-Committee was approved, as presented.

(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)**(i) 2024 Hamilton Business Centre Services and Grants Updates (Item 8.1)**

Kristin Huigenbos, Coordinator, Small Business Enterprise Centre, addressed Committee respecting the 2024 Hamilton Business Centre Services and Grants Updates.

The presentation from Kristin Huigenbos, Coordinator, Small Business Enterprise Centre, respecting the 2023 Audit Guidelines for Business Improvement Areas, was received.

(ii) 2024 Hamilton Chamber of Commerce Updates for the Hamilton Business Improvement Areas (Item 8.2)

Greg Dunnett, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Committee respecting 2024 Hamilton Chamber of Commerce Updates for the Hamilton Business Improvement Areas.

The presentation from Greg Dunnett, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting 2024 Hamilton Chamber of Commerce Updates for the Hamilton Business Improvement Areas, was received.

(e) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)**(i) Updates from Business Development Office (Item 13.1)**

Cristina Geissler, Business Development and Business Improvement Area (BIA) Officer, addressed the Committee respecting Updates from the Business Development Office.

The verbal update from Cristina Geissler, Business Development and Business Improvement Area (BIA) Officer, respecting Updates from the Business Development Office, was received.

(ii) Statements by Members (Item 13.2)

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

The updates from Committee Members, was received.

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(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the Business Improvement Area Sub-Committee was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Braithwaite
Chair,
Business Improvement Area Sub-
Committee

Tamara Bates
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk



CITY OF HAMILTON
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
 Economic Development Division
 and
HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT
 Housing Secretariat Division

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	February 21, 2024 (December 6, 2023)
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap Work Program: City Property Review and Property Disposition Strategies (PED23099(a)/HSC23028(a)) (City Wide) Sub-sections (d) and (e) DEFERRED from December 6, 2023
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	Van Hua (905) 546-2424 Ext. 1751 Leah Macnamara (905) 546-2424 Ext. 1213 Chris Phillips (905) 546-2424 Ext. 5304 Jeff Wingard (905) 546-2424 Ext. 4026
SUBMITTED BY: SIGNATURE:	Norm Schleeahn Director, Economic Development Planning and Economic Development Department 
SUBMITTED BY: SIGNATURE:	Raymond Kessler Chief Corporate Real Estate Officer Planning and Economic Development Department 
SUBMITTED BY: SIGNATURE:	Justin Lewis Director, Housing Secretariat Healthy and Safe Communities Department 

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RECOMMENDATION

- ~~(a) That staff be directed to proceed with a market offering of the city-owned property at 171 Main Street East, in accordance with the “Procedural By-law for the Sale of Land” being By-law No. 14-204, with the net proceeds of the sale to be used for affordable housing purposes;~~
- ~~(b) That staff be directed to initiate a Zoning By-law Amendment application for the city-owned property at 9 Clarence Street for the purpose of permitting multiple dwellings (DE-2) of five storeys, and report back to General Issues Committee with a disposition strategy for a nominal value sale to a non-profit affordable housing provider or a direct partnership with a non-profit housing provider, for the purpose of affordable housing;~~
- ~~(c) That staff be directed to initiate a Zoning By-law Amendment application for the city-owned property at 70 Hope Avenue for the purpose of permitting multiple dwellings (DE-2) of three storeys and report back to General Issues Committee with a disposition strategy for a nominal value sale to a non-profit affordable housing provider or a direct partnership with a non-profit housing provider, for the purpose of affordable housing;~~
- (d) That the property known as 5 Lake Avenue South, Stoney Creek be declared surplus to the requirements of the City of Hamilton, in accordance with the “Procedural By-law for the Sale of Land” being By-law No. 14-204, for the purposes of achieving the city’s affordable housing objectives, and that staff be directed to use an open process to select a non-profit housing provider and negotiate an agreement for the disposition of 5 Lake Avenue South, Stoney Creek for net nominal value consideration, for the purpose of affordable housing, and report back to General Issue Committee for approval;**
- (e) That staff be directed to use an open process to select a non-profit housing provider and negotiate an agreement for the disposition of 13 Lake Avenue South, Stoney Creek for net nominal value consideration, for the purpose of affordable housing, and report back to General Issue Committee for approval;**
- ~~(f) That staff be directed to initiate a Zoning By-law Amendment Application for the city-owned property at 1126 Garth Street for the purpose of permitting multiple dwellings (DE-2) of three storeys and report back to General Issues Committee on a disposition strategy for a nominal value sale to a non-profit affordable housing~~

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~~provider or a direct partnership with a non-profit housing provider, for the purpose of affordable housing;~~

- ~~(g) That a new capital project with funding of up to \$150K from the Housing Accelerator Fund Reserve #112259, be approved to be used for costs associated with the rezoning and disposition of the properties identified in Recommendations (a)-(f) to Report PED23099(a)/HSC23028(a).~~

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

One of the year 1 priorities, (action 7), in the Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap is to complete a full assessment of city-owned properties to identify the suitability of potential sites for affordable housing development. This Report provides an update on the work plan for that portfolio review. Staff will be reporting back to General Issues Committee with additional sites and outcomes of the review as opportunities are identified. This Report is also seeking Council approval for immediate strategies for six city-owned properties that have been identified through previous analysis and meet the city's affordable housing objectives. The disposition strategies for these six properties would happen concurrently with the broader portfolio review.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: Up to a maximum of \$150K, funded by the Housing Accelerator Fund Reserve #112259, be used towards costs associated with rezoning and disposition of the properties identified in Appendix “B” to Report PED23099(a) HSC23028(a), as approved through Report HSC23017/FCS23062/PED23143.

Staffing: Two full time equivalent staffing resources will be required to complete the work in the Real Estate Workplan. This will be fully funded by the Housing Accelerator Fund and created through the delegated authorities provided by Council through Report HSC23017/FCS23062/PED23143.

Legal: None.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

On November 23, 2016, Council approved the Planning Committee Report 16-020, including Report PED16205 entitled “Update and Declaration of Surplus of Downtown City-owned Surface Parking Lots”. Among other things, the Report was seeking

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approval to declare certain Car Park Lots surplus to the requirements of the city. This current Report builds upon one of the Car Park Lots, 171 Main Street East, that was declared surplus through Report PED16205.

On January 24, 2018, Council approved GIC Report 18-002 including Report PED17219 entitled “Properties and Process for Disposition of Lands for Affordable Housing”. Among other things, the Report was seeking approval to declare certain city-owned properties surplus to the requirements of the city and proposed disposition strategies in support of Affordable Housing. This current Report builds upon five of the properties, the disposition strategies, and the site selection criteria referenced and approved in Report PED17219.

On April 26, 2023, Council approved the Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap Report (HSC23028/FCS23055/PED23099). The Report included a Year 1 Program of Work which directs a re-initiation of a portfolio review on city-owned properties to identify the suitability of potential sites for affordable housing development.

On June 7, 2023, Council approved Report HSC23017/FCS23062/PED23143, entitled “Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation Housing Accelerator Fund”. One of the initiatives in the Housing Action Plan is regarding the Land and Property Disposition Program for Housing, which will create a dedicated team to identify and implement opportunities for disposition of city-owned lands for the purpose of developing affordable housing.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with the City’s Portfolio Management Strategy and City of Hamilton Sale of Land Policy, By-law 14-204, property no longer required for municipal programs is declared surplus by Council and disposed of in accordance with the Policy.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

- Healthy and Safe Communities: Housing Secretariat;
- Planning and Economic Development: Economic Development; and,
- Corporate Services: Financial Planning Administration, Legal Services.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

City Property Program of Work Updated Review

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As identified in the Year 1 Program of Work (action 7) of the Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap, a review of all city-owned properties will be completed to identify suitability of sites for affordable housing development, through use of available land or intensification of existing buildings. The review of city-owned properties will be conducted using a two-part approach.

Part 1:

This first stage includes a review of the portfolio of approximately 1,900 city-owned properties to identify opportunities based on criteria established by the Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap Steering Committee. This review evaluates individual properties, with a focus on properties that are underutilized or surplus. Consideration will be given to adjacent property uses and ownership to identify potential land assembly opportunities.

Select properties will move to the due diligence phase which includes an internal city-wide divisional/agency circulation of identified properties to collect relevant information and identify municipal interests. Further analysis of property characteristics, site specific opportunities and constraints, feasibility, planning and/or environmental studies and internal/external consultation will be completed as appropriate. Depending on the complexity of a site, due diligence work generally takes four to six months to work through, per site. Multiple sites are assessed simultaneously. Upon completion of the due diligence step, an applicable disposition strategy will be determined and brought to Council for consideration and approval.

Part 2:

This second stage includes a deeper review of city-owned properties with a lens to identify opportunities based on additional considerations not evaluated in Part 1 above. These additional considerations include but are not limited to:

- Vertical opportunities for intensification over existing municipal facilities;
- Excess/underutilized land on existing/operational municipal properties; and,
- Strategic re-purposing or re-locating of municipal facilities or services, as identified in the underutilized property review.

The city's portfolio plans, master plans, asset management plans, and capital project plans will be taken into consideration. Select properties will move to the due diligence and consultation phase (similar to the due diligence performed in Part 1). Upon completion of the due diligence step, an applicable site strategy will be determined. It is

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anticipated that this step of the process can take upwards of six months to complete for some sites, while other sites will have their own timeframe to be determined.

Subsequent to the identification of properties for affordable housing opportunities, a disposition strategy suitable to maximizing the property opportunity will be determined and brought to Council for consideration and approval.

Typical disposition strategy approaches include:

- Market Offering – typically a highest and best use sales. Properties may not be suitable for a focused affordable housing development, but net proceeds from sale could be deposited in the Affordable Housing Reserve and used to provide funding affordable housing initiatives and projects;
- Covenant Sale – properties appropriate for housing development that are identified as best suited for development with a provision of an affordable housing component through the long-term commitment/covenant and offered to the market expecting a lower return;
- Nominal Value Contribution – sale of property at nominal value, to ensure feasibility of affordable housing in high-priority areas; and,
- Direct Partnership – through partnership (usually with existing social and/or affordable housing providers), property and funding being two elements of the city’s contribution to ensure the development of affordable housing units.

An illustration of the Program of Work timeline is as follows:

IDEAL PROGRAM OF WORK TIMELINE																								
Stages:	Year One												Year Two											
	Months																							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Part 1: Initial Review																								
Part 1: Due Diligence																								
Part 2: Strategic Review																								
Part 2: Due Diligence																								
Disposition of Property																								

Given the current resource challenges in the Corporate Real Estate Office, additional staff resources will be required to complete the property review work program in a timely manner. Funding for these additional resources will be provided by the Housing Accelerator Fund, Housing Action Plan, Initiative 4.

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Identified Properties for Strategic Disposition

Over consecutive terms, Council has approved recommendations to surplus a number of city-owned sites to be disposed of for (re)development, many for the purposes of affordable housing. As a result of staff evaluating and assessing the development feasibility of a number of sites, some for the explicit purposes of developing, constructing and operating affordable housing, six sites are being recommended for immediate action. The type of analysis typically undertaken includes:

- i. Identifying key issues (e.g., regulatory, financial, external etc.) required to bring the sites to “development-ready”, meaning to the stage of requiring only Site Plan and/or Building Permit approval;
- ii. Assessing the populations that could be served within the constraints of the sites (e.g., unit sizes, degree of affordability);
- iii. Assessing any incentive programs and/or tools that could be employed to facilitate affordable housing development on the Sites;
- iv. Identification of assumptions for a development financial pro-forma (Business Case) to determine feasibility; and,
- v. Site-by-Site assessment of constructability, including proposed architectural massing and floor plans, as well as identified restrictions to development.

The following is a summary of the six identified Sites (see Appendix “A” to Report PED23099(a) HSC23028(a) for a location map) including existing conditions, options for affordable housing, as well as a site-by-site recommended strategy (see Appendix “B” to Report PED23099(a) HSC23028(a) for a summary).

171 Main Street East (Ward 2 – Downtown Hamilton)

Located at the corner of Main Street East and Ferguson Avenue South, the site is approximately 0.47 acres with direct access to transit and other amenities. The site is an existing municipal surface parking lot with current zoning (D1) Downtown Central Business District. The site is covered by the Downtown Secondary Plan.

Based on the size, location, and an assessment of the potential for increased density for the site, staff have not undertaken an architectural massing or floor planning exercise

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for the property at this time. The site will accommodate high-density form of development, and therefore any required planning approvals for the site is best to be led by the ultimate developer of the site.

Given both the permitted and the potential for increased density on the site, staff do not believe the greatest opportunity for this site would be suitability solely as an affordable housing development. Local non-profit housing providers have indicated a desire for multiple smaller-scale projects, as opposed to singular larger-scale projects. The substantial upfront development and construction costs, combined with the long-term operational costs, would diminish the feasibility for a solely affordable housing project at this site in the near-term. Lastly, if the site was identified for solely affordable housing, all indications are it would not utilize the potential density of the site.

Strategy: Disposition of this site on highest and best use basis, and the net proceeds of sale transferred to the Affordable Housing Reserve, to be used for the intended purpose of building affordable housing on other sites within the city (Market Offering).

9 Clarence Street (Ward 2 – Downtown Hamilton)

Located on Clarence between Queen Street North and Hess Street North, the site is approximately 0.44 acres with direct access to transit and other amenities. The site is existing vacant land with current zoning JJ/S-450, Restricted Light Industrial District. An architectural massing or floor planning exercise has not been completed for the property.

Staff are aware of access limitations to the site and are exploring potential acquisitions of an adjacent parcel that would facilitate satisfactory access to the site to support future development.

Strategy: A city-initiated re-zoning to permit the residential use and building form, and once permitted zoning is in place, to proceed to disposition for the intended purpose of building affordable housing on the site (Nominal Value Contribution or Direct Partnership).

70 Hope Avenue (Ward 4 – Hamilton East)

Located on Hope Avenue near Kenilworth, the site is approximately 0.7 acres with direct access to transit, and other amenities. The city's ownership pre-dates the 1970's and the land-use allows for mixed-use and/or medium density, within the existing commercial zoning. The assessment of the site indicates it could accommodate a three-storey building with a footprint of approximately 29,600 square feet, yielding 54 self-contained one-bedroom units, a tenant amenity area, 22 covered surface parking

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spaces, and bike parking, while maintaining the existing municipal two-way rear-laneway.

Strategy: A city-initiated re-zoning to permit the differing residential use and building form, and once permitted zoning is in place, to proceed to disposition for the intended purpose of building affordable housing on the site (Nominal Value Contribution or Direct Partnership).

5 and 13 Lake Avenue South (Ward 5 - Stoney Creek)

Located on Lake Avenue just south of King Street East in the downtown of Stoney Creek, the sites have a lot-area of 0.15 acres (5 Lake Avenue South) and 0.92 acres (13 Lake Avenue South) respectively. Although the sites are not contiguous, the two lots are part of an existing municipal surface parking lot which extends east to Mountain Avenue South. Both sites have been owned by the city since pre-1970's, and have direct access to transit, and other amenities. Both sites have C5-Mixed-use Medium Density zoning in place.

5 Lake Avenue South could accommodate a three-storey building with a footprint of approximately 4,736 square feet, yielding 24 self-contained studio-units, tenant amenity area, and eight parking spaces.

13 Lake Avenue South could accommodate a five-storey building with a footprint of approximately 6,351 square feet, yielding 43 self-contained one-bedroom units, tenant amenity area, common area, and 22 parking spaces.

Strategy: Existing zoning would permit the residential use and building form, although the potential for variances may be required. Therefore, these properties could proceed to disposition for the intended purpose of building affordable housing on the site (Nominal Value Contribution or Direct Partnership). Staff also recommend declaring surplus 5 Lake Avenue South for procedural purposes.

1126 Garth Street (Ward 14 – West Mountain)

Located close to Garth Street and the Lincoln M Alexander Parkway, the site is approximately 0.55 acres with direct access to transit and other amenities. The city acquired the site in 1993, with the land use permitting residential and the current zoning (RT-20 "H") restricting the site to townhouses or maisonette. The assessment of the site indicates it could accommodate a three-storey building with a footprint of approximately 9,149 square feet, yielding 34 self-contained one-bedroom units, tenant amenity space, and 18 parking spaces.

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Strategy: A city-initiated re-zoning of the existing zoning to permit the differing building form and then to proceed with disposition for the intended purpose of building affordable housing on the site (Nominal Value Contribution or Direct Partnership).

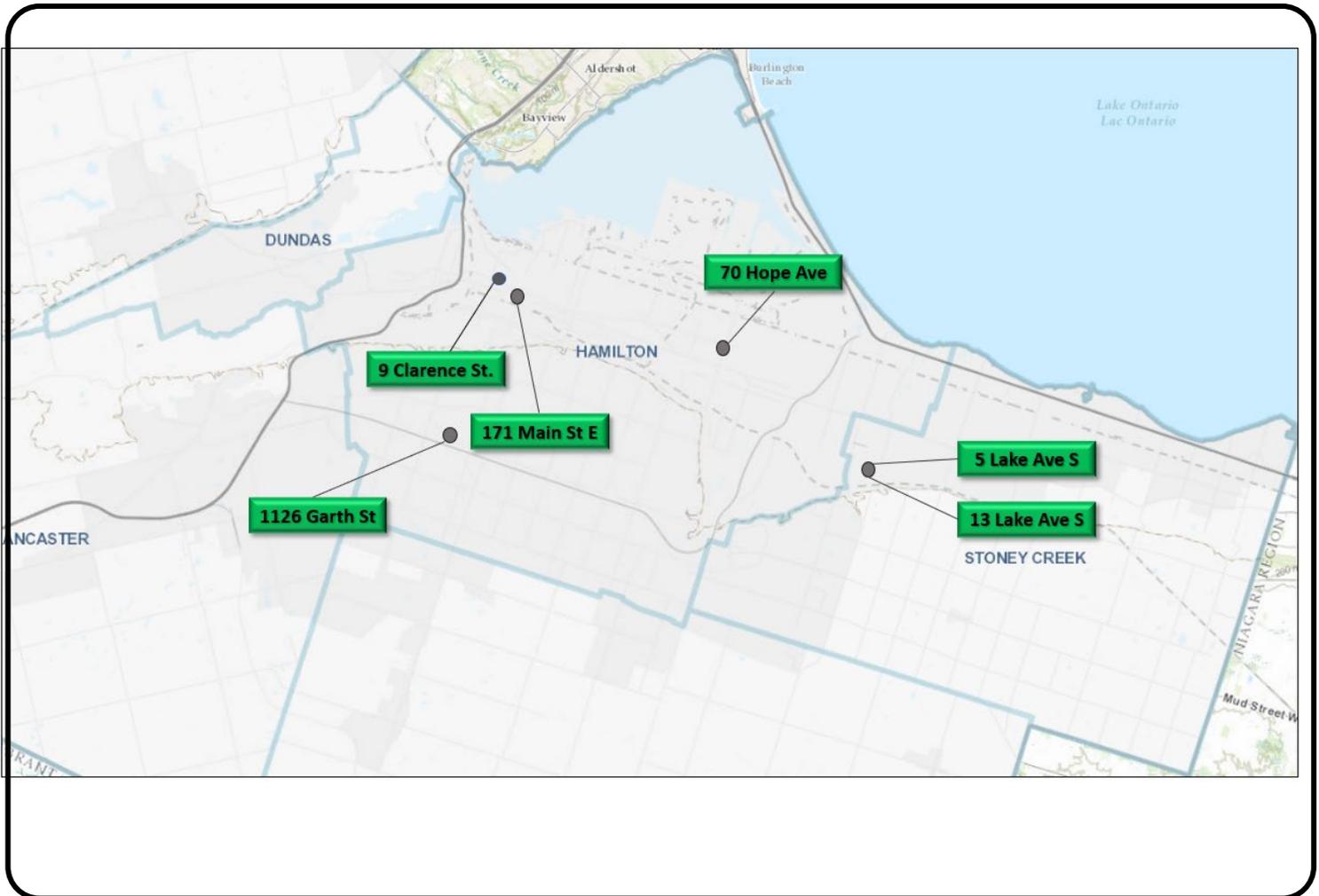
ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Not Applicable.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix "A" to Report PED23099(a)/HSC23028(a) – Map of Identified Properties for Disposition

Appendix "B" to Report PED23099(a)/HSC23028(a) – Summary of Property Strategies



LOCATION PLAN

Various Sites,
Hamilton

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Planning and Economic Development Department
Corporate Real Estate Office

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Summary of Property Strategies

Address	Strategy	
	Re-zoning	Disposition
171 Main St E (Ward 2)	Not required	Market Offering
9 Clarence St (Ward 2)	Re-zone to permit multiple dwellings (DE-2)	Nominal Value Contribution or Direct Partnership
70 Hope Ave (Ward 4)	Re-zone to permit multiple dwellings (DE-2)	Nominal Value Contribution or Direct Partnership
5 Lake Ave S (Ward 5)	Not required	Nominal Value Contribution or Direct Partnership
13 Lake Ave S (Ward 5)	Not required	Nominal Value Contribution or Direct Partnership
1126 Garth St (Ward 14)	Re-zone to permit multiple dwellings (DE-2)	Nominal Value Contribution or Direct Partnership



CITY OF HAMILTON
HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT
Housing Services Division

TO:	Chair and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	February 21, 2024
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Authority to Enter into Rent Supplement Agreements Under Various Programs (HSC24005) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	George Gambioli (905) 546-2424 Ext. 4840 Brian Kreps (905) 546-2424 Ext. 1782
SUBMITTED BY:	Michelle Baird Director, Housing Services Division Healthy and Safe Communities Department
SIGNATURE:	<i>Michelle Baird</i>

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- (a) That the City provide rent supplements and enter into Rent Supplement Agreements under the Ontario Community Housing Assistance Program and Commercial Rent Supplement Program with Housing Providers determined by the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department and subject to:
- (i) The terms and conditions contained in Appendix "A" to Report HSC24005;
 - (ii) Additional terms and conditions as determined by the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department and the City Solicitor that do not conflict with those in Appendix "A" to Report HSC24005;
 - (iii) In a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and
 - (iv) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized and directed to execute the agreements and any ancillary documents thereto and enter into and execute any ancillary agreements thereto;

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- (b) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized to amend any Rent Supplement Agreement entered into as a result of the approval of Recommendation (a) of Report HSC24005 so long as the terms and conditions are consistent with said recommendation; and
- (c) That, subject to the availability of funding, the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized to extend the term of any Rent Supplement Agreements entered into as a result of the approval of Recommendation (a) of Report HSC24005 on the same terms and conditions and any additional terms not inconsistent with Appendix "A" of Report HSC24005 for such period of time not exceeding five years and be authorized to make further extensions within the same parameters as the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department deems appropriate.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Rent supplements reduce the cost of housing for qualified individuals and families in residential rental units operated by Community Housing Providers and private landlords. The tenant's portion of the rent is calculated based on their income. The rent supplement, which is the difference between the tenant's portion and the market rent, is paid directly to the landlord on a monthly basis. The rent supplement agreement is between the landlord and the City of Hamilton.

Both the Ontario Community Housing Assistance Program and Commercial Rent Supplement Program rent supplement funding were administered and funded by Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing from the mid-1980's until 2001. In 2001 the Province of Ontario under the *Social Housing Reform Act, 2001* downloaded the administration and funding associated with social housing to the City of Hamilton. The City of Hamilton then entered into Ontario Community Housing Assistance Program and Commercial Rent Supplement Program Funding Agreements with the Community Housing Providers utilizing the same Rent Supplement Agreements that were previously administered by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

The majority of the Community Housing Providers and buildings that receive Ontario Community Housing Assistance and Commercial Rent Supplement Program funding have been funded since 2001. Only a small number of housing units have been added over time and some Community Housing Providers have opted out of these rent supplement programs over time and do not fill any vacant units utilizing this funding.

After more than 20 years of operating these programs, the current authority to enter into these agreements is vague. Clear approval to operate these programs and delegated authority to enter into agreements is being requested.

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Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: The budget for each of the rent supplement programs appears in Table A below. The funding for these programs is largely Municipal with a small contribution from the Federal government social housing transfer.

Table A – Proposed 2024 budget for Ontario Community Housing Assistance Program and Commercial Rent Supplement Program.

Program	Municipal Tax Levy	Federal Contribution	Total
Ontario Community Housing Assistance Program	\$2,745,615	\$326,716	\$3,072,335
Commercial Rent Supplement Program	\$1,186,291	\$10,135	\$1,196,431

Staffing: N/A

Legal: As legacy social housing programs, these funding agreements were executed by the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department. However, Legal Services recommends that City Council formally grant authority to enter into these agreements and further delegate authority to the General Manager to execute these agreements moving forward. This is the process for all other social housing funding where formal agreements are executed between the Community Housing Provider and the City of Hamilton. Report HSC24005 also recommends the General Manager be provided with delegated authority to amend the agreements and extend their terms.

The current Ontario Community Housing Assistance Program and Commercial Rent Supplement Program rent supplement agreements are the same as the ones that were previously utilized by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing prior to the download of social housing to Municipalities in 2001. A new rent supplement agreement will be developed to ensure that all requirements are being met.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Ontario Community Housing Assistance Program and the Commercial Rent Supplement Programs were included as part of the downloading of social housing to Municipalities in December 2001. As part of the transfer, these Provincially funded rent

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supplement programs became administered by the City, as Service Manager, pursuant to the *Housing Services Act, 2011* (the “Act”).

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

The *Housing Services Act, 2011* (“Act”) requires that the Service Manager maintain a Service Level of 9,257 Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) units. The RGI units funded by both the Ontario Community Housing Assistance Program and Commercial Rent Supplement Program Rent Supplement Funding are included in the Service Level for RGI units in the City of Hamilton.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Corporate Finance has confirmed the financial information contained in this report.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Rent Supplement programs are important because they reduce the cost of housing for qualified individuals and families in housing operated by Community Housing providers and private landlords. Households receiving rent supplements funded under the Ontario Community Housing Assistance Program and Commercial Rent Supplement program pay Rent-Geared-to-Income which means their rent is no more than 30% of their net household income.

Ontario Community Housing Assistance Program was originally created to extend affordability and protect tenancies in former Federal social housing projects once their mortgages were paid off. This has been a valuable tool to encourage these projects to remain part of the social housing system instead of increasing rents or selling their properties. There are currently 530 Ontario Community Housing Assistance Program rent supplement units in 11 non-profit buildings.

The Commercial Rent Supplement Program was developed to provide affordability to units in private market buildings. Over time this has been an important strategy to expand the supply of affordable housing and reduce the pressure on non-profit and community housing providers. There are currently 145 Commercial rent supplement units in 14 buildings. Two of the buildings are owned by Community Housing Providers and the balance are owned by private sector landlords.

The City also offers rent supplements funded by the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) which is an initiative of the Provincial government. HPP replaced the Strong Communities program. The program provides funding for regular rent supplement units, as well as supportive housing units in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Ministry of Community and Social Services. Like its predecessor,

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HPP is 100% Provincially funded and does not count toward Hamilton's mandated Service Level Standard. HPP funds 186 rent supplement units in 15 buildings at a projected cost of \$2,2443,453 for 2023-24.

The newest rent supplement program is the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative rent supplement program which is funded by the Provincial and Federal governments. The Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative is exclusively for use with *Housing Services Act 2011* housing providers and is targeted to providers who have reached End of Agreement or End of Mortgage. There are currently 207 rent supplement units being provided in 8 buildings and 109 scattered units at a cost of \$1,229,418 in 2023.

Hamilton is experiencing a housing affordability crisis. The Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap's four-pillar approach includes the retention of affordable housing units as one of their objectives. Retaining current units through rent supplements is timelier and more cost-effective than constructing new units. This would protect the tenants currently receiving a rent supplement and extend the affordability of these housing units. The need for social housing can be seen in the Access to Housing waitlist which sat at 6,111 as of December 31, 2022. Households receiving Ontario Community Housing Assistance Program and Commercial Rent Supplement Funding generally come from the Access to Housing waitlist.

The current agreements being utilized are outdated and need to be reviewed and revised by Legal Services to meet all current legislation under the *Housing Services Act 2011*. It is important to provide continuity by funding existing agreements. It is important to increase these rent supplements each year by the annual rent increase guideline to keep pace with rents.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION – Not Applicable

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix "A" to Report HSC24005 – Term Sheet

Term Sheet for Ontario Community Housing Assistance and Commercial Rent Supplement Program Rent Supplement Agreement

Landlord: Various

Rent Supplement Conditions

1. The agreement shall have a term of 5 years subject to earlier termination by the City of Hamilton if funding for the rent supplements provided for in the agreement is not approved by Council.
2. The rent supplement assistance shall be provided to households selected from the centralized waiting list (Access to Housing) maintained by the City of Hamilton. Any exceptions will be at the sole discretion of the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department.
3. The rent supplements shall only be used at the property indicated in the agreement.
4. The level of financial assistance provided to tenants through the Rent Supplement will be sufficient to meet the provincial service level standards as described in the *Housing Services Act, 2001* and associated regulations, and will use Rent-Geared-to-Income calculations or portable housing benefit calculations as determined by the City of Hamilton.
5. Non-profit housing providers will be responsible for determining eligibility for assistance of prospective tenants, calculating rent and collecting the tenant portion in the manner determined by the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities. The City of Hamilton will be responsible for determining eligibility for assistance of prospective tenants and calculate the tenant's rent for private landlords.
6. Rent Supplement agreement holders will provide reports to the City of Hamilton in a manner determined by the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department.
7. The agreement can only be transferred at the sole discretion of the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department and only in the following circumstances:
 - (a) the property is sold to another provider of "non-profit housing" who enters into an assignment agreement with the City of Hamilton and the agreement holder

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agreeing to be subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Rent Supplement Agreement for the remainder of the term of those agreements and such other terms and conditions as the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department and City Solicitor in their sole discretion deem appropriate.

8. Units subject to the Rent Supplement Agreement may not increase the rent charged to a tenant annually for a unit that is subject to a Rent-Geared-to-Income supplement to more than the lesser amount of:
 - (a) Provincial Guideline amount as provided for in the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, S.O. 2006, c. 17, as amended or replaced as specified annually by the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; or
 - (b) the amount permitted by any other Agreement restricting rent increases that the Housing Provider is subject to.
9. Higher rent increases may be permitted at the sole discretion of the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department following submission of a business case justifying the increase if not prohibited by: any agreement entered into by the Housing Provider; or law including but not limited to the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, S.O. 2006, c. 17, as amended or replaced and the Housing Services Act, Housing Services Act, 2011, S.O. 2011, c. 6, Sched. 1, as amended or replaced.
10. The Housing Provider shall maintain the building in which the rent supplement units are located and all units therein, whether rent supplement units or not in a state clean and fit for habitation, in a satisfactory state of repair, and in compliance with applicable law including without limitation the Building Code and Ontario Fire Code requirements.
11. Such additional terms and conditions as the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department and City Solicitor may determine.



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**CLEANLINESS & SECURITY IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE TASK FORCE
REPORT 24-001**

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 1, 2024
Room 192/193, Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Present: Councillor C. Kroetsch (Chair)
S. Braithwaite (Vice-Chair), International Village BIA
Emily Walsh, Downtown BIA
K. Roe, Citizen Member
E. Wakeford, Citizen Member
H. Caplette, Citizen Member

Absent

With Regrets: T. Potocic, Community Representative

Also Present:

C. Heuck, Manager, Waste Management
H. Snelgorve, Business Development Consultant, Tourism & Culture
J. McCormick, Director, Waste Management
J. Lam, Manager, Planning and Economic Development
R. Reddy, Manager, Licensing and By-Law Services
C. Geissler, Business Development & BIA Officer, Planning and Economic Development

**THE CLEANLINESS & SECURITY IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE TASK FORCE
PRESENTS REPORT 24-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR (Item 1)

- (a) That Councillor C. Kroetsch be appointed as Chair of the Cleanliness and Security of the Downtown Core Task Force Sub Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2026 term.
- (b) That Susie Braithwaite be appointed as Vice Chair of the Cleanliness and Security of the Downtown Core Task Force Sub Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2026 term.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

The agenda for the February 1, 2024 meeting of the Cleanliness & Security in the Downtown Core Task Force was approved, as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) July 13, 2022 (Item 4.1)

The Minutes of the July 13, 2022, meeting of the Cleanliness & Security in the Downtown Core Task Force were approved, as presented.

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) The following Communications Items were received:

- (1) Correspondence from Laurie Brady, respecting Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core (Item 5.1)
- (2) Downtown Cleanliness Service Level Enhancements Update (August 8, 2023) (Ward 2) (Item 5.2(a))
- (3) Downtown Cleanliness Service Level Enhancements Update Number 2 (October 19, 2023) (Ward 2) (Item 5.2(b))

(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 9)

(i) Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force – Terms of Reference (Item 9.1)

The Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force Terms of Reference were received.

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 11)

(i) Overview Respecting Priorities in Safety, Security & Cleanliness in the Downtown Core (Item 11.1)

Susie Braithwaite, International Village BIA, and Emily Walsh, Executive Director of the Downtown Hamilton BIA provided Committee with a verbal overview respecting the Priorities in Safety, Security & Cleanliness in the Downtown core.

The Overview Respecting the Priorities in Safety, Security & Cleanliness in the Downtown Core, was received.

(g) MOTIONS (Added Item 12)

(i) Waste Receptacles in the Downtown Core (Added Item 12.1)

That staff be directed to report back to the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force Sub-Committee by April 11, 2024 respecting placing additional dog waste receptacles in the downtown core and to increase the visibility of existing receptables, including visible signage.

(ii) Community Points Program (Added Item 12.2)

That staff be directed to report back to the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force Sub-Committee by April 11, 2024 respecting an update on the Community Points program, including a breakdown of the current gaps and barriers and to provide recommendations on where they can improve the program, to allow for future enhancements.

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 16)

There being no further business, the Cleanliness & Security in the Downtown Core Task Force adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor C. Kroetsch
Chair, Cleanliness & Security in the
Downtown Core Task Force

Jessica Versace
Legislative Assistant
Office of the City Clerk

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

General Issues Committee: February 21, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. MCMEEKIN.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

2024 Temporary Outdoor Patio Program Fees

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton first launched the temporary On-Street Patio Pilot Program in 2016, which became the permanent Temporary Outdoor Patio Program in 2022;

WHEREAS, the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program provides an opportunity for restaurants and cafes to open temporary outdoor patios in on-street parking spaces, off-street parking lots, sidewalks, alleyways and boulevards;

WHEREAS, the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program provides an important opportunity for local restaurants and cafes to increase their capacity through outdoor dining, and also helps to animate local commercial areas;

WHEREAS, during COVID, the City waived all applicable City fees for the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program in order to support economic recovery;

WHEREAS, in 2023 business owners once again became responsible for some costs of the program, but Council approved the continued waiving of the safety device installation costs and the program application fees;

WHEREAS, a number of municipalities are continuing to offer reduced fees and costs for their temporary patio programs in 2024;

WHEREAS, the applicable fees in 2024 for the program are as follows:

City Fee	2024 Cost	Details
Temporary Outdoor Patio Application Fee	\$676.11	Applicable only to applications for patios on municipal property, including On-Street Patio applications

Temporary On-Street Patio Occupation of Parking Space Fee	\$913.27/ parking space	Applicable only to on-street structures (patios or pedestrian bypass structures)
Temporary Lane Closure Fee	\$59.20	Applicable to patios occupying an alleyway.

WHEREAS, in addition to the City fees, business owners are also responsible for all costs associated with installing safety devices, installing the patios themselves, and any applicable provincial fees for liquor licenses;

WHEREAS, local restaurants and cafes continue to be impacted by reduced business as a result of hybrid working and reduced foot traffic in some of our commercial areas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That for the 2024 season, the application fee for the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program of \$676.11 be waived and the costs recovered through the Economic Development Initiatives Capital Project (3621708900);
- (b) That for the 2025 season, the application fee for the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program be reduced by 50% and the costs recovered through the Economic Development Initiatives Capital Project (3621708900); and,
- (c) That local businesses be responsible for covering all other costs associated with the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program.

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION - REVISED

General Issues Committee: February 21st, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KROETSCH.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Supplementary Funding for the Project Team of the All Our Relations Public Art Piece (Ward 2)

WHEREAS, the All Our Relations Public Art (West Harbour Project ID# 4411806104) piece was completed on September 30th, 2023 at the new West Harbour James Street Plaza;

WHEREAS, the awarded Project Team was responsible for the original project budget of \$420,000 and the project schedule for the intended unveiling date. The Project Team was awarded the contract per a public call for artists, as stipulated in the Public Art Masterplan of 2016 and according to the Procurement Policy Schedule B Clause 6b);

WHEREAS, the Project was awarded in 2019 and encountered significant price escalations as a result of Covid, as outlined below:

- The increase in the cost of basic construction materials, specifically steel and glass, as well as labour
- The preferred glass materials supplier ceased operations during the pandemic. The cost of glass materials increased significantly with the transition to other suppliers
- The Project Team desired to use local artisans for glass bead production, rather than to source international labour for cheaper production

WHEREAS, The Project Team maintained the original submitted design rather than adjust scope to minimize budget overrun for the following reasons:

- To maintain the integrity of the design, given its likely future significance to the Urban Indigenous Community as a place for annual Truth and Reconciliation ceremonies
- The symbolism of the piece being one of the few major public art works by an Indigenous Artist in Hamilton, in a part of the City with significant Indigenous heritage; the waterfront

- The public were shown the design as part of the Call for Artists process, therefore the team's desire was to deliver the project in the form that it had been originally presented to the public; and

WHEREAS, the members of the project team forewent payment, or subsidized the project to bring it to fruition in the form it was originally presented to the selection panel and public.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Council approve funding in the amount of \$100,000 to be allocated from the Ward 2 Area Capital Re-investment Reserve 108052 to the capital project West Harbour Project ID #4411806104 (All Our Relations) for the All Our Relations public art project;
- (b) That project lead, artist Angela DeMontigny be paid \$100,000 from the capital project West Harbour Project ID #4411806104 (All Our Relations) for the All Our Relations public art project, retain \$25,000 to cover forgone profit and expenses, and equally partition the remaining funds as follows amongst the three other project team members, as follows:
 - (i) \$25,000 to Cobalt Connects, project manager, to cover expenses and forgone profit from managing and fabricating the All Our Relations public art project;
 - (ii) \$25,000 to Paull Rodrigues, glass artist, to cover expenses and forgone profit from producing all glass elements for the All Our Relations public art project; and,
 - (iii) \$25,000 to Lafontaine Iron Werks, steel fabricator and installer, to cover expenses and forgone profit from the fabrication and installation of the All Our Relations public art project;
- (c) That there will be no budget impacts to the project due to the contribution from the Ward 2 Area Capital Re-investment Reserve 108052; and,
- (d) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to approve and execute all required agreements and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.