



City of Hamilton
CLEANLINESS AND SECURITY IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE TASK
FORCE
AGENDA

Meeting #: 24-003
Date: June 13, 2024
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Room 192, 1st Floor (hybrid) (RM)
71 Main Street West

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CLEANLINESS AND SECURITY IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE TASK FORCE MINUTES 24-002

2:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 11, 2024
Council Chambers, Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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

Absent

With Regrets: T. Potocic, Community Representative

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION:

**1. Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force - 2024 Work Plan
(Item 9.8)**

(Braithwaite/Roe)

That the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force 2024 Work Plan, be approved, as follows:

- (a) Determine the geographic boundary;
- (b) Identify the issues or/ create a problem statement (include “noise pollution”);
- (c) Identify the existing level of service;
- (d) Identify the desired level of service;
- (e) Identify alternative solutions to meet desired level of service;
- (f) Identify costs to implement the alternative solutions;
- (g) Develop a short-, medium- and long-term plans of action;
- (h) Develop a long-term plan of action; and
- (i) Identify budget implications for 2025.

CARRIED

2. **Amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force (Item 10.1)**

(Kroetsch/Wakeford)

That the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force Terms of Reference, ***be amended*** as follows:

(a) Composition of Voting Members:

One representative from Downtown BIA
One representative from International Village BIA
~~***James Street South Business District***~~
~~***James Street North Business Merchants***~~
Three Small Business representatives, including one from James Street North and one from James Street South
 Ward 2 Councillor
 One Additional Councillor
 Three Community Representatives.

(b) Composition of Non-Voting Members:

One representative from Beasley Neighbourhood Association
One representative from Central Neighbourhood Association
One representative from Corktown Neighbourhood Association
One representative from Durand Neighbourhood Association
One representative from Hamilton Chamber of Commerce.

(c) Geographic Boundary:

~~***Strachan Cannon***~~ Street (in the North) and ***Charlton Avenue***
~~***Hunter Street***~~ (in the South) from Queen Street (in the West) to West Avenue (in the East).
 James Street from Charlton Street (in the South) to Strachan Street (in the North).

(d) Reporting:

The Task Force will meet every 2 months and reports to the General Issues Committee report in time for the May meeting of the General Issues Committee with short-term actions, and in September with long-term actions including potential budget implications.

(e) Rules and Procedures:

The Task Force will meet at the request of the Chair ***outside of regularly scheduled meetings*** and the proceedings of the Task Force shall ***follow the City's Procedural By-law be conducted as set out in Bourinot's Rules of Order.***

- (f) That the Key Activities Section, be deleted in its entirety, as follows:

~~**Key Activities:**~~

~~**Determine the geographic boundary;**~~

~~**Identify the issues or/ create a problem statement;**~~

~~**Identify the existing level of service;**~~

~~**Identify the desired level of service;**~~

~~**Identify alternative solutions to meet desired level of service;**~~

~~**Identify costs to implement the alternative solutions;**~~

~~**Develop a short-, medium- and long-term plans of action by May;**~~

~~**Develop a long-term plan of action by September;**~~

~~**Identify budget implications for following year;**~~

~~**Examine the recommendations identified as part of the Mayor's Proudly Hamilton initiative and incorporate these, where applicable, into the short term and long-terms plans of action.**~~

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION:

- (a) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)**

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

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 9.2 Street Performance Policy and Noise Control By-Law (No Copy) -
WITHDRAWN

(Braithwaite/Walsh)

That the agenda for the April 11, 2024 meeting of the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

- (b) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

There were no declarations of interest.

- (c) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)**

- (i) **February 1, 2024 (Item 3.1)**

(Wilson/Wakeford)

That the Minutes of the February 1, 2024, meeting of the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 9)**(i) Reporting Trespassers on Private Property - Roles & Responsibility of the Hamilton Police Service and Municipal Law Enforcement (Item 9.1)**

Elizabeth Wakeford, Citizen Member, provided Committee with a verbal overview respecting the Reporting of Trespassers on Private Property.

(Braithwaite/Roe)

That the overview respecting Reporting Trespassers on Private Property - Roles & Responsibility of the Hamilton Police Service and Municipal Law Enforcement, be received.

CARRIED**(ii) Ferguson Avenue North Train Fountain (Item 9.3)****(Braithwaite/Walsh)**

That staff be directed to report back to the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force at the June 13, 2024 meeting to provide clarity on the current state of the fountain located near the 1 Jarvis Street condos and whether or not the City plans to open the fountain.

CARRIED**(ii) Ferguson Station Remediation Timing (Item 9.4)**

Susie Braithwaite, International Village BIA provided Committee with a verbal overview respecting Ferguson Station Remediation Timing.

(Wakeford/Roe)

That the overview respecting Ferguson Station Remediation Timing, be received.

CARRIED**(iii) Graffiti on Public Assets (Item 9.5)****(1) (Wilson/Walsh)**

That staff be directed to report back to the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force at the June 13, 2024 meeting with an inventory and location of graffiti on City-owned assets and our success rate in achieving City service standards and provide an analysis on how the information has been collected to date.

CARRIED**(2) (Roe/Braithwaite)**

That staff report back to the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force at the June 13, 2024 meeting regarding how graffiti is determined to be hate based or biased and what is done with the graffiti that is considered derogatory and misogynistic.

CARRIED

(iv) Notice for Construction and Street Closures (Item 9.6)

(Braithwaite/Walsh)

That staff be directed to include the Downtown Hamilton BIA and the International Village BIA on the Road Closure distribution list which includes lane closure notices and other similar notices that impact roadways and sidewalks.

CARRIED

(v) Verbal Update Respecting the Security of the Downtown Core following the Incident on King Street West Between MacNab Street South and Summers Lane (Item 9.6)

The Hamilton Police Service provided Committee with a verbal update respecting the Security of the Downtown Core following the Incident on King Street West Between MacNab Street South and Summers Lane.

(Wilson/Wakeford)

That the update respecting the Security of the Downtown Core following the Incident on King Street West Between MacNab Street South and Summers Lane, be received.

CARRIED

(e) MOTIONS (ITEM 11)

Councillor Kroetsch relinquished the Chair to Vice Chair Braithwaite in order to introduce the following motion:

(i) Amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force (Item 10.1)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

Councillor Kroetsch assumed the Chair.

(f) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 12)

(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List

(Braithwaite/Wakeford)

That the following amendments to the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force's Outstanding Business List, be approved:

(1) Items Requiring New Due Date (Item g(i)):

- (i) Waste Receptacles in the Downtown Core**

Added: February 1, 2024 (Cleanliness and Security in the
Downtown Core Task Force Report 24-001, Item (g)(i))
Current Date: April 11, 2024
Requested New Due Date: June 13, 2024

(2) Items Requiring New Due Date (Item g(ii)):

- (i) Community Points Program
Added: February 1, 2024 (Cleanliness and Security in the
Downtown Core Task Force Report 24-001, Item (g)(ii))
Current Date: April 11, 2024
Requested New Due Date: June 13, 2024

CARRIED

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 14)

(Braithwaite/Wakeford)

That, there being no further business, the Cleanliness and Security in the
Downtown Core Task Force be adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

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

Jessica Versace
Legislative Assistant
Office of the City Clerk



Ferguson Avenue North Fountain

Item 7.1

Ferguson Ave. North Fountain (Item 7.1)

Direction

Staff were directed to report back at the June 13, 2024, meeting, to provide clarity on the current state of the fountain located near the 1 Jarvis Street condos and whether or not the City plans to open the fountain.

Update

- Fountain is not functional
- No capital funding in place to rebuild
- Staff will be replacing grates and repairing trip hazards
- Timeline is Summer / Fall 2024



Graffiti on Public Assets

Item 7.2

Graffiti on Public Assets (Item 7.2)

Direction

Staff were directed to report back at the June 13, 2024, meeting with an inventory and location of graffiti on City-owned assets and our success rate in achieving City service standards and provide an analysis on how the information has been collected to date.

Update

- Inventory and location of graffiti is maintained but unavailable to report due to cybersecurity incident
- Graffiti Removal Standards
 - Hate graffiti – immediately (within 24 hours)
 - Non-hate graffiti – within 72 hours (dependent on contractor and staff scheduling)

Graffiti on Public Assets (Item 7.2)

Direction

Staff were directed to report back at the June 13, 2024, meeting about how graffiti is determined to be hate based or biased and what is done with the graffiti that is considered derogatory and misogynistic.

Update

Hate defined as hate-speech, hate motivated, racial slur, homophobic slur, or other criminally offensive suggestions



Waste Receptacles in the Downtown Core

Item 7.3

Waste Receptacles in the Downtown Core (Item 7.3)

- Pilot - includes pet waste container(s) in the International Village BIA
- Goal is to reduce pet waste left on sidewalks and in public spaces
- Other:
 - Signage
 - Outreach

