



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

Meeting #: 25-001
Date: April 1, 2025
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Carrie McIntosh, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 Ext. 2729

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 - 5.1 September 12, 2024 3
- 6. DELEGATIONS
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7.8 Noise Control By-law and Street Performance Policy

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This item includes a presentation.

8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1 Re-Naming the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force

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9. MOTIONS

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**CLEANLINESS AND SECURITY IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE TASK
FORCE
MINUTES 24-004**

2:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Room 192/193, Hamilton City Hall (Hybrid)

71 Main Street West

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

Absent

With Regrets: E. Walsh, Downtown BIA

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO THE GENERAL ISSUES
COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION:**

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)

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

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.12 BIA Activities

CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF ITEMS

Item 9.12 is to be considered following Item 7.3, Waste Receptacles in the Downtown Core.

(M. Wilson/Braithwaite)

That the Agenda for the September 12, 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) April 11, 2024 (Item 3.1)****(Braithwaite/Wakeford)**

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

CARRIED**(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)****(i) Ferguson Avenue North Fountain (Item 7.1)**

Kara Bunn, Manager - Parks and Cemeteries, addressed Committee respecting the Ferguson Avenue North Fountain, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

(Roe/Braithwaite)

That the presentation from Kara Bunn, Manager - Parks and Cemeteries, respecting the Ferguson Avenue North Fountain, be received.

CARRIED**(ii) Graffiti on Public Assets (Item 7.2)**

Committee reviewed the Graffiti on Public Assets presentation.

(iii) Waste Receptacles in the Downtown Core (Item 7.3)

Committee reviewed the Waste Receptacles in the Downtown Core presentation.

(iv) (Braithwaite/M. Wilson)

That the following Staff Presentations be received:

(a) Graffiti on Public Assets (Item 7.2)**(b) Waste Receptacles in the Downtown Core (Item 7.3)****CARRIED****(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 9)**

S. Braithwaite chaired the meeting, during Councillor C. Kroetsch's verbal updates respecting BIA Activities, the Community Points Program, the Selection Process for New Members to the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force and Noise Control By-law and Street Performance Policy.

(i) BIA Activities (Added Item 9.12)

Councillor C. Kroetsch provided the Committee with a verbal update respecting the BIA Activities.

(Braithwaite/Wakeford)

That the verbal update from Councillor C. Kroetsch respecting BIA Activities, be received.

CARRIED**(ii) Community Points Program (Item 9.1)**

Councillor C. Kroetsch provided the Committee with a verbal update respecting the Community Points Program.

(M. Wilson/Braithwaite)

That the verbal update from Councillor C. Kroetsch respecting the Community Points Program, be received.

CARRIED**(iii) Power Washing Schedule (Item 9.2)**

S. Braithwaite provided Committee with a verbal update respecting the Power Washing Schedule.

(Braithwaite/Caplette)

That the verbal update from S. Braithwaite, respecting the Power Washing Schedule, be received.

CARRIED**(iv) Jarvis Street Parking Lot (Item 9.3)**

S. Braithwaite provided Committee with a verbal update respecting the Jarvis Street Parking Lot.

(Braithwaite/Wakeford)

That the verbal update from S. Braithwaite, respecting the Jarvis Street Parking Lot, be received.

CARRIED**(v) Intersection at King Street East and Walnut Street North (Item 9.4)**

S. Braithwaite provided a verbal update respecting the Intersection at King Street East and Walnut Street North.

(Braithwaite/M. Wilson)

That the verbal update from S. Braithwaite, respecting the Intersection at King Street East and Walnut Street North, be received.

CARRIED**(vi) Street Light Bases (Item 9.5)**

Carolyn Ryall, Director of Transportation, provided a verbal update respecting Street Light Bases.

(Braithwaite/Caplette)

That the verbal update from Carolyn Ryall, Director of Transportation, respecting Street Light Bases, be received.

CARRIED**(vii) Selection Process for New Members to the Cleanliness and Security in Downtown Core Task Force (Item 9.6)**

Councillor C. Kroetsch provided the Committee with a verbal update respecting the Selection Process for New Members to the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force.

(Wakeford/Braithwaite)

That the verbal update from Councillor C. Kroetsch respecting the Selection Process for New Members to the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force, be received.

CARRIED**(viii) Public Safety Issues for Businesses (Item 9.7)**

S. Braithwaite provided a verbal update respecting Public Safety Issues for Businesses.

(Braithwaite/Kroetsch)

That the verbal update from S. Braithwaite respecting Public Safety Issues for Businesses, be received.

CARRIED**(ix) Street Lighting (Item 9.8)**

No update.

(x) Flyers / Posters on Lights Poles (Item 9.9)

Joel McCormick, Manager - Waste Collections, provided a verbal update respecting Flyers / Posters on Light Poles.

(Wakeford/Braithwaite)

That the verbal update from Joel McCormick, Manager – Waste Collections, respecting Flyers/Posters on Light Poles, be received.

CARRIED**(xi) Noise Control By-law and Street Performance Policy (Item 9.10)**

Councillor C. Kroetsch provided the Committee with a verbal update respecting licensing of buskers.

(Braithwaite/Kroetsch)

That By-law and Tourism and Culture staff be invited to speak to Committee respecting licensing of buskers.

CARRIED**(xii) Ferguson Station Remediation (Item 9.11)**

S. Braithwaite provided a verbal update respecting Ferguson Station Remediation.

(Braithwaite/Roe)

That the verbal update from S. Braithwaite respecting Ferguson Station Remediation, be received.

CARRIED**(f) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 12)****(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 12.1)****(Braithwaite/Kroetsch)**

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

(1) Items Considered Complete and to be Removed (Item 12.1(a):

- (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))
 Addressed as Item 7.3 on today's Agenda
- (ii) Community Points Program (Item 12.1(a)(b))**
 Added: Cleanliness & Security in the Downtown Core Task Force Report 24-001 (Item (g)(ii))
 Addressed as Item 9.1 on today's Agenda
- (iii) Ferguson Avenue North Fountain (Item 12.1(a)(c))**
 Added: Cleanliness & Security in the Downtown Core Task Force Report 24-002 (Item (d)(ii))

Addressed as Item 7.1 on today's Agenda

- (iv) Graffiti on Public Assets
Added: Cleanliness & Security in the Downtown Core Task Force 24-002 (Item (d)(iii)(1))
Addressed as Item 7.2 on today's Agenda

- (v) Graffiti on Public Assets
Added: Cleanliness & Security in the Downtown Core Task Force 24-002 (Item (d)(iii)(2))
Addressed as Item 7.2 on today's Agenda

CARRIED

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 14)

(Wakeford/Roe)

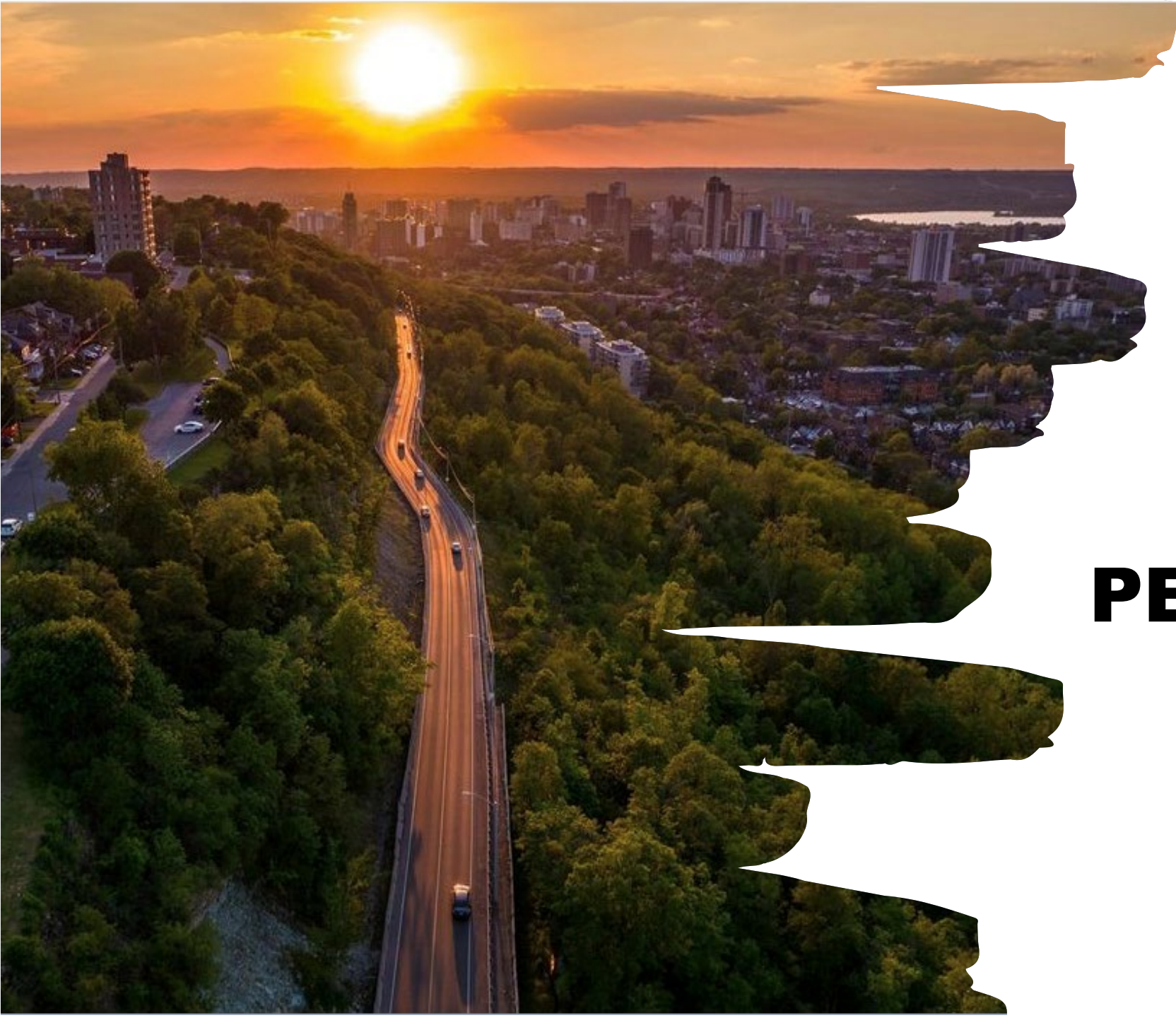
That, there being no further business, the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force be adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

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

Carrie McIntosh
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk



STREET PERFORMANCE POLICY



Photo Credit - Cara Nickerson, CBC

What is a Street Performer?

A street performer or busker is one individual or very small group of individuals who provides free and spontaneous entertainment in public spaces and can include musicians, poets, acrobats, jugglers, mimes, magicians, artists, and a variety of other types of performers.

What ISN'T Street Performance?

Amplified advertising for a business, ideology or physical item.

Entertainment is the goal, not promotion.

BACKGROUND



- Direction was provided to staff by Emergency & Community Services Committee in October, 2010 to develop a policy and guidelines relating to street performance;
- Consultation was undertaken with the public, Ward 2 Councillor's Office, local buskers, business representatives, MLE, Arts Advisory Commission, Task Force on Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core, and Hamilton Police Services;
- Jurisdictional scan was undertaken to determine best practices;
- Draft policy and guidelines were developed in the summer of 2011;
- Policy adopted in December of 2011.



Photo credit – J. Rennison, Hamilton Spectator



Photo Credit – Concession St BIA, Instagram

- Recognition that street performances add vibrancy to the community and streetscape;
- Creativity in the public realm is an important part of developing and celebrating a sense of place;
- Focus on 3 key areas: Location, Performance and Financial Transactions;
 - Location: Permitted in outdoor public spaces, cannot conflict with areas reserved for events. Private property permitted with owner permission. Prohibited at transit stops and must not impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
 - Performance: Maximum 3 hours, only battery powered amplification, no high-risk activities.
 - Financial: can accept monetary appreciation but not solicit funds. Business license to sell goods.



- Must comply with all statutory requirements, rules, regulations and by-laws (including the Noise By-law);
- May not conflict with public spaces reserved for scheduled events;
- May only occur on private property with the permission of the property owner;
- Performers **MUST** cease any activity and remove any performance equipment or materials at the request of Hamilton Police Services or any person designated by the City for reasons of public safety



Photo Credit – The Hamilton Buskers, Facebook

Revised by Council on September 14, 2022

Revised by Council on December 13, 2023

Revised by Council on May 22, 2024

Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force Terms of Reference

Mandate:

To identify issues related to the perception of the cleanliness and security of the Downtown Core and recommend appropriate action and strategies to rectify the perception. To create short-term action plans for immediate implementation and long-term action plans involving partnerships and associated funding implications.

Composition of Voting Members:

One representative from Downtown BIA International Village BIA

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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

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

Geographic Boundary:

Strachan Street (in the North) and Charlton Avenue (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).

Supporting Staff:

The Task Force will be provided support by relevant divisions within Public Works, Planning and Development, Police Services, Fire Department and Tourism. Support from Finance, Legal and Social Services will be provided as required.

Reporting:

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The Task Force will meet every 2 months and reports to the General Issues Committee report.

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.