



City of Hamilton

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

Meeting #: 25-008
Date: July 7, 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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8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 PW25043

- *b. Correspondence from Sacajawea Non-Profit Housing Inc. respecting Report PW25043, Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Public Road Allowances Abutting 95 Dundurn Street South, Hamilton (Ward 1) (Item 8.1)

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9. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

9.4 PW25046

- *b. Correspondence from Casie FitzGibbon, Ancaster Little Gems Children's Centre respecting Report Report PW25046, Recycling Service for Non-Eligible Properties Beginning January 1, 2026 (City Wide) (Item 9.4)

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9.6 Amendments to the Outstanding Business List:

- *b. Items Considered Complete and Needing to be Removed:

- *a. Stormwater Gap Evaluation

Added: November 23, 2020

Completed: December 6, 2021 (Report PW21074)

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July 2, 2025

Dear Councillor Wilson:

Thank you for supporting Sacajawea's efforts to develop new affordable housing options for Indigenous households in Hamilton, specifically in Ward 1. We are pleased to be working with the City of Hamilton in a co-operative and productive way, and appreciate the efforts of everyone involved throughout the development since we purchased the former City property at 95 Dundurn St. South in January 2024.

When the property was listed for sale, Part 2 was excluded. We expressed to Staff that we would appreciate if it was part of the sale, as it would benefit our development. Staff indicated it was likely needed for a future street widening, so was not available at that time. Regardless, we agreed to pay the listed price for the vacant parcel, maximizing the municipal financial benefits.

We have since worked closely with Staff through the pilot All4One site plan process which has proven very effective in streamlining City reviews and approvals. It was during an All4One meeting that we identified that the Part 2 parcel would indeed optimize Sacajawea's project, enabling it to effectively meet the outcome goals of each department without undue costs or extreme complexity. It was subsequently confirmed through the surplus property processes that the remnant parcels would indeed *not* be needed for municipal purposes.

As Council reviews our request to purchase the two small parcels from the City, we ask that these be transferred at a nominal cost. These remnants have no economic value to any other developments, nor utility to the City. A nominal fee would also be considered a municipal co-investment, bolstering Sacajawea's applications to CMHC. Ultimately, Sacajawea and the City of Hamilton have shared goals of developing affordable housing while practicing reconciliation with Indigenous communities. Having paid full value for the original parcel, adding these remnants at a nominal cost would continue to facilitate those goals in practical ways.

Thank you for considering this request.
Sincerely,

Miranda Rappazzo
Executive Director

To:
City of Hamilton – Office of the City Clerk
Email: clerk@hamilton.ca

Re: Written Submission – Public Works Committee Meeting #25-008 – July 7, 2025
Agenda Item 9.4: Recycling Service for Non-Eligible Properties Beginning January 1, 2026 (City Wide)

Dear Members of the Public Works Committee,

As a business owner and BIA board member, I am submitting this letter in response to the proposed changes regarding the removal of recycling services for non-residential properties, set to begin January 1, 2026.

I represent Ancaster Little Gems Children's Centre, a licensed early learning and child care facility located in the heart of the Ancaster Business Improvement Area. Our centre has proudly served families in this community since 1988 (37 years), providing care and education for children from infancy through school age. We are also a proud member of the Ancaster BIA and actively support initiatives that promote a strong, sustainable local business community.

I write today to express strong concern and opposition to the removal of municipal recycling services for businesses.

At Little Gems, sustainability and environmental responsibility are not optional – they are central to our operations and an integral part of the learning environment we provide for the children in our care. We teach our children about reducing waste, reusing materials, and recycling properly. These practices are embedded in our curriculum and our daily operations. Eliminating access to recycling services for businesses directly undermines these values and creates serious logistical and financial burdens.

Specifically, I would like to highlight the following concerns:

1. Environmental Impact
Removing recycling services for businesses may lead to a significant increase in landfill waste across the city. Businesses—especially in the education and childcare sectors—generate a high volume of recyclable materials. Without a reliable system in place, even the most environmentally conscious operators may be forced to dispose of recyclables in general waste, a decision that runs contrary to our shared climate goals.
2. Financial Burden on Small Businesses
Many small businesses operate on tight budgets, and adding the cost of private recycling services—on top of existing rising expenses—is unsustainable. For centres like ours, where every dollar is accounted for in staffing, food, programming, and maintenance, the shift to private recycling may mean cutting other essential services or supports.



3. Mixed Messaging to the Next Generation

As educators of young children, we are shaping future citizens. We emphasize the importance of environmental care, and children take great pride in their roles as “recycling helpers” within our centre. The message that recycling is no longer prioritized by the city creates confusion and undermines what we are working hard to teach them.

4. Equity and Inclusion

Excluding businesses from recycling services creates a two-tiered system, where residential properties are supported in their sustainability efforts while businesses are left to manage independently. This approach feels inequitable and short-sighted, especially given the volume of businesses within the city and their essential role in Hamilton’s economy.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reconsider the proposed removal of recycling services for businesses and instead work toward a collaborative, city-supported solution that maintains or expands recycling access for all property types.

Whether this involves a city-subsidized program, inclusion in residential routes, or partnership through BIAs and business clusters, we believe a path forward is possible—one that supports environmental goals without penalizing small businesses.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and commitment to a cleaner, more sustainable Hamilton.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. FitzGibbon".

Casie FitzGibbon
Owner/Director, Ancaster Little Gems Children’s Centre
BIA Board Member, Ancaster BIA

11.1

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Public Works Committee: July 7, 2025

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. CASSAR.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Portable Toilets in Ward 12 Community Parks

WHEREAS, Ward 12 community parks are used by multiple user groups for activities including baseball and soccer and by the general public;

WHEREAS, the parks can include features such as a spray pads, baseball diamonds, tennis courts and playground amenities that attract visitors from throughout Ward 12 and outlying communities who would benefit from washroom facilities; and

WHEREAS, additional funding for the rental and cleaning of accessible portable toilet(s) for the 2025 season through to September 2025, is required.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the provision of a portable toilet at each of Meadowlands Community Park (160 Meadowlands Boulevard), Amberly Park (284 Nakoma Road) and James Smith Park (50 Braithwaite Avenue) for the remainder of the summer season (July-September) of 2025, to be funded from the Ward 12 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609612, at an upset limit including contingency not to exceed a total of \$5,000, be approved; and
- (b) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate be authorized and directed to approve and execute any and all required agreements and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Public Works Committee: July 7, 2025

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH.....

Bennetto Community Centre – Basketball and Tennis Court, 450 Hughson Street North, Hamilton (Ward 2)

WHEREAS, the existing double play court, maintaining a basketball court and tennis court at Bennetto Community Centre, located at 450 Hughson Street North, Hamilton, is in poor condition;

WHEREAS, there is no capital funding to support the full replacement of this community asset and additional funding is needed to support the full replacement of the basketball and tennis court;

WHEREAS, this work will be undertaken by the Parks Section capital team and completed in addition to the existing work plan and ongoing projects; and

WHEREAS, resources are limited and this work will be initiated in 2025, scheduled to be completed within 12-24 months, subject to unforeseen challenges such as procurement timing, supply chain issues, weather, etc.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the replacement of the basketball and tennis courts at Bennetto Community Centre, located at 450 Hughson Street North, Hamilton, be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Re-Investment Reserve #108052 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$350,000; and
- (b) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate be authorized and directed to approve and execute any and all required agreements and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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NOTICE OF MOTION

Public Works Committee Date: July 7, 2025

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH.....

To Permit the Inclusion of Permanent Waste Enclosures as an Eligible Expense Under the Existing Commercial Districts Revitalization Grant Program

WHEREAS, the Commercial District Revitalization Grant Program (the Program) provides cost sharing grants with commercial tenants or property owners for exterior physical building and property improvements that improve the appearance, accessibility and/or environmental sustainability of a commercial property within strategic commercial districts, including Business Improvement Areas, whose success contributes to Hamilton's image for both residents and visitor;

WHEREAS, the Program is authorized under the Revitalizing Hamilton's Commercial Districts Community Improvement Project Area and Community Improvement Plan By-laws 21-163 and 21-164 respectively, with Program specific administrative and eligibility criteria approved by City Council via Appendix E to the Community Improvement Plan;

WHEREAS; the existing Program permits permanent waste enclosures as an eligible improvement only where the waste enclosure will be immediately adjacent to a public street facing façade and does not permit standalone waste enclosures nor any that would not be visible from a public facing street (such as in laneways); and

WHEREAS, the density of businesses in some parts of downtown Hamilton make it very difficult for standard commercial waste collection solutions; and

WHEREAS, implementing custom solutions to safely dispose of commercial waste is often costly, requiring the hiring of engineers, architects, and consultants.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Economic Development Division staff be directed to report back to the Public Works Committee with an amendment to the Program terms contained in Appendix E to the Revitalizing Hamilton's Commercial Districts Community Improvement Plan, by early Q4 2025, to permit permanent waste enclosures on any portion of a Program eligible commercial property along with any additional eligibility criteria which may be required to ensure such improvements are in keeping with the existing purpose and intent of the Program.

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MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. HWANG.....

Pilot Project for Greening Kenilworth Avenue North, Hamilton (Ward 4)

WHEREAS, Kenilworth Avenue North between Britannia Avenue and Barton Street has a limited number of trees and green spaces;

WHEREAS, this section of Kenilworth Avenue North has been identified as high to very high on the heat vulnerability index used by Public Health;

WHEREAS, pedestrians can benefit from the addition of shade from trees;

WHEREAS, this section of Kenilworth Avenue North has limited plantable space to support the installation of new street trees in the public right-of-way;

WHEREAS, adding insulated planters to the right-of-way containing trees and perennials may offer improved aesthetics and shade as an interim solution; and

WHEREAS the survivability of trees in insulated planters is variable based on environmental conditions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a two-year pilot project to determine the efficacy and survivability of planting trees in insulated planters be administered by the Forestry and Horticulture section, including five large, insulated planters at various locations in the right-of-way on Kenilworth Avenue North between Britannia Avenue and Barton Street;
- (b) That the two-year pilot project be funded from the Ward 4 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309400 with an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$24,000;
- (c) That the Forestry and Horticulture section be directed to report back on the success of the pilot; and

- (d) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate be authorized and directed to approve and execute any and all required agreements and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.