



**City of Hamilton**  
**BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**AGENDA**

**Meeting #:** BIAC 26-004  
**Date:** April 21, 2026  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Room 264, 2nd Floor, City Hall (hybrid) (RM)  
71 Main Street West

Tamara Bates, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 4102

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11.1 Updates from Business Development Office (no copy)

11.2 Statements by Members (no copy)

**12. ADJOURNMENT**



# Hamilton

## **BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA SUB-COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES BIAC 26-003**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Tuesday, March 10, 2026**

**Room 264**

**Hamilton City Hall**

**71 Main Street West**

**Present:** Councillor M. Wilson  
N. Ubl – Barton Village BIA (Chair)  
S. Braithwaite– International Village BIA (virtually)  
T. MacKinnon – Westdale Village BIA and Stoney Creek BIA (virtually)  
A. Mekli, Hess Village BIA  
S. Pennie, Waterdown BIA (virtually)  
J. Mattern – Ancaster BIA (virtually)  
D. Tayler – Dundas BIA (virtually)  
E. Walsh – Downtown Hamilton BIA (virtually)  
S. Weiler – Ottawa Street BIA (virtually)

**Absent with Regrets:** Councillor T. Hwang – City Business, Councillor E. Pauls - Personal  
D. Sanchez – Concession Street BIA

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#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair N. Ubl called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

#### **2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES**

Committee Chair N. Ubl read the Land Acknowledgement.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

##### **(Tayler/Weiler)**

That the agenda for the March 10, 2026 Business Improvement Area Sub-Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Refer to the March 25, 2026 General Issues Committee Minutes for the disposition of these matters.**

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**(Pennie/Walsh)**

That the February 17, 2026 Minutes of the Business Improvement Area Sub-Committee, be adopted, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. DELEGATIONS**

There were no Delegations.

**7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

N. Ubl relinquished the Chair to S. Braithwaite to provide the following update:

**7.1 Passport Program Working Group Update (no copy)**

Nadine Ubl, addressed Committee respecting Passport Program Working Group Update.

N. Ubl assumed the Chair.

**7.2 2026 Municipal Election – Community and Voter Engagement (no copy)**

Shannah Evans, Project Manager, Elections Education and Supports, and Chandra Jobczyk, Elections Officer, Candidate and Outreach, addressed Committee respecting 2026 Municipal Election – Community and Voter Engagement.

**(Braithwaite/Pennie)**

That the following Items for Information, be received:

- 7.1 Passport Program Working Group Update (no copy); and
- 7.2 2026 Municipal Election – Community and Voter Engagement (no copy)

**CARRIED**

**8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

There were no Items for Consideration.

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**9. MOTIONS****9.1 Business Improvement Area Expenditure Requests****(Braithwaite/Ubl)**

- (a) That the expenditure request from the International Village Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$10,141.15, to be spent on events and beautification, and the holiday parking program funded from the 2025 Shared Parking Program for the Business Improvement Areas (BIA Payments Account 815010-52505), be approved;
- (b) That the expenditure request from the Barton Village Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$23,973.07, to be spent on the purchase and maintenance of hanging flower baskets and costs for cleaning and maintaining the public road allowance funded from the 2025 Shared Parking Program for the Business Improvement Areas (BIA Payments Account 815010-52505), be approved;
- (c) That the expenditure request from the Concession Street Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$10,841.34, to be spent on replacement, upgrade, and maintenance of additional coach lantern street lighting; maintenance of Concession Street gateways; replacement and upgrade of Concession Street events equipment funded from the 2025 Shared Parking Program for the Business Improvement Areas (BIA Payments Account 815010-52505), be approved;
- (d) That the expenditure request from the Ottawa Street Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$23,610.86, to be spent on beautification initiatives funded from the 2025 Shared Parking Program for the Business Improvement Areas (BIA Payments Account 815010-52505), be approved;
- (e) That the expenditure request from the Westdale Village Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$20,625.14, to be spent on streetscape expenses including plantings, seasonal decor, planters and maintenance, funded from the 2025 Shared Parking Program for the Business Improvement Areas (BIA Payments Account 815010-52505), be approved;
- (f) That the expenditure request from the Locke Street Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$24,265.12, to be spent on streetscape expenses, including seasonal streetscape décor; planters, plantings, and maintenance; lighting, and banners funded from the 2025 Shared Parking Program for the Business

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Improvement Areas (BIA Payments Account 815010-52505), be approved;

- (g) That the expenditure request from the Locke Street Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$11,774.03, to be spent on streetscape expenses, including seasonal streetscape décor; planters, plantings, and maintenance; lighting, and banners funded from the 2024 Shared Parking Program for the Business Improvement Areas (BIA Payments Account 815010-52505), be approved; and
- (h) That the expenditure request from the Downtown Dundas Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$12,634.16, to be spent on holiday decorations, beautification initiatives and event programming funded from the 2025 Shared Parking Program for the Business Improvement Areas (BIA Payments Account 815010-52505), be approved.

**CARRIED**

## **10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no Notices of Motion.

## **11. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS**

### **11.1 Updates from Business Development Office**

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

**(Tayler/Walsh)**

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

**CARRIED**

### **11.2 Statements by Members**

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

**(MacKinnon/Weiler)**

That the updates from Committee Members, be received.

**CARRIED**

**Refer to the March 25, 2026 General Issues Committee Minutes for the disposition of these matters.**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Business Improvement Area Sub-Committee adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Bates  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk

Nadine Ubl  
Chair, Business Improvement Area  
Sub-Committee

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# Recycling Collection from Non-Eligible Sources

Waste Management Division

# Blue Box Regulation

- Ontario Blue Box Regulation (O. Reg. 391 / 21) governs the Blue Box Program in Ontario
- January 1, 2026 – transition to provincial Blue Box program complete
- Only residential properties are included in the provincial Blue Box Program
- Non-residential properties (including businesses) are not included and are referred to as non-eligible properties
- Under the Blue Box Regulation, blue box collection at non-eligible properties must either be paid for by municipalities or property owners



# Council Decisions

## July 16, 2025

- Report PW25046 - fund the first three months of 2026 at an annual cost of \$2.84M
- Approved collection day changes as a cost reduction
- Determine service level moving forward through 2026 budget deliberations

## February 6, 2026

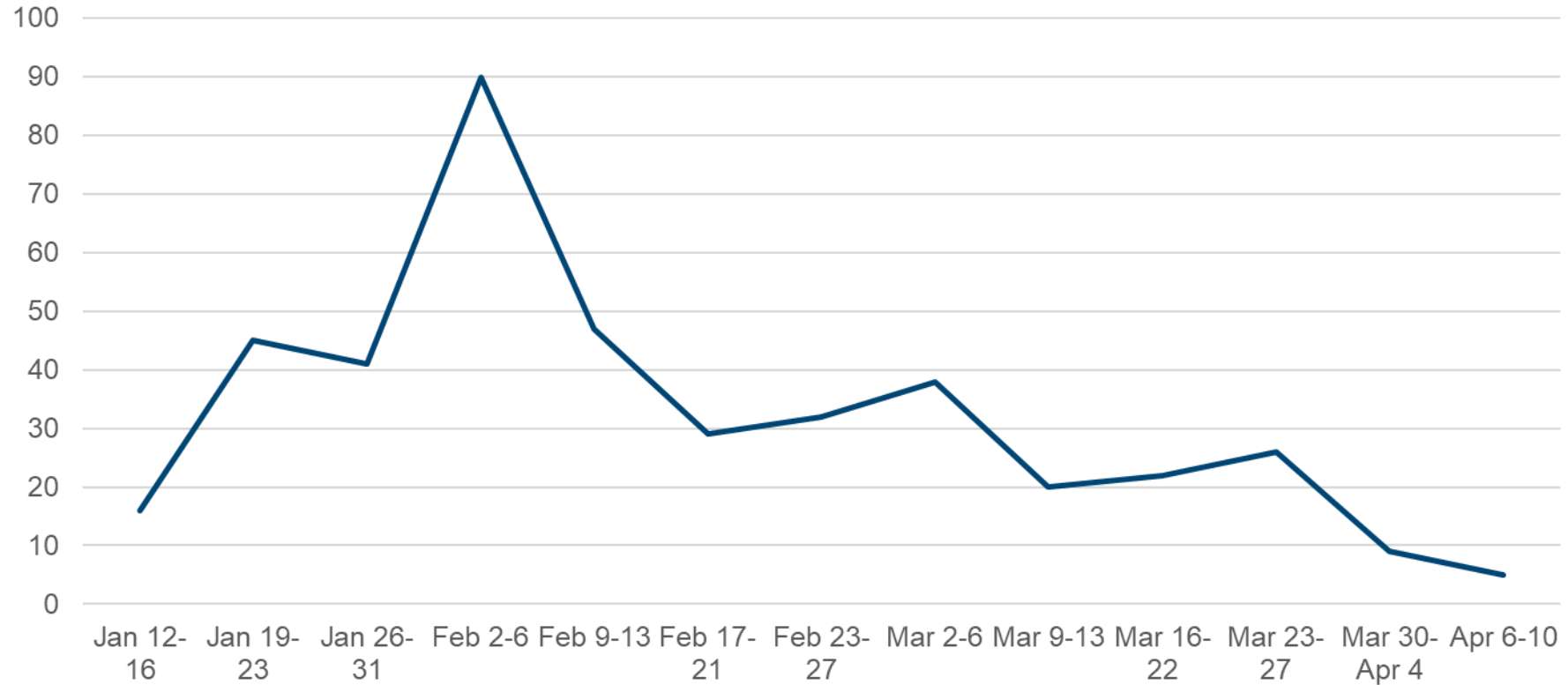
- Motion at General Issues Committee to fund service for remainder of 2026 was passed and approved as part of 2026 budget
- Last day of service will be January 2, 2027 – first day when private recycling will be required is January 4, 2027

# Transition Challenges

- To reduce collection costs, recycling collection days for non-eligible properties was changed
- Collection day changes have been challenging to manage, however this has improved
- List of non-eligible properties being serviced has been updated weekly to reflect properties not originally included
- Staff have visited problematic areas to hand deliver notices to inform of new collection day

# Missed Recycling Collection

## Weekly Reported Missed Recycling Collection from Non-Eligible Properties

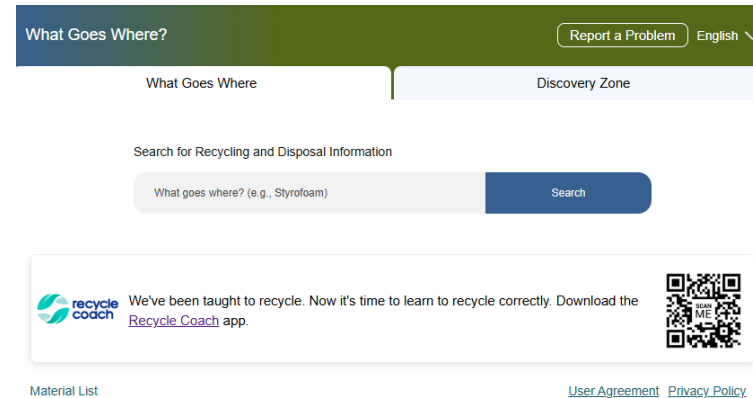


# Notification of Upcoming Change

- Notices will be mailed to all non-eligible properties in April, July and November informing properties that recycling collection will cease in 2027 and properties will need to use private recycling services either for drop-off or collection
- Notices will include resources for businesses
- Communication through BIA offices
- Information and graphics will be provided to Councillors that can be shared on social media

# Resources

- City of Hamilton business waste webpage has been updated with:
  - Map of service properties with collection days
  - Private collection companies
  - Private transfer station
- What Goes Where tool to assist in sorting recycling
- Information postcards will be provided to Municipal Service Centres and Councillor offices with recycling information for non-eligible properties





**Questions?**

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## M O T I O N

**Business Improvement Area Sub-Committee: April 21, 2026**

**MOVED BY S. PENNIE .....**

**SECONDED BY A. MEKLI .....**

**Business Improvement Area Expenditure Requests**

- (a) That the expenditure request from the Waterdown Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$4,197.54, to be spent on purchase of hanging flower baskets funded from the 2026 Contribution to Operating Budget Program for the Business Improvement Areas (BIA Payments Account 815010-56905), be approved;
  
- (b) That the expenditure request from the Hess Village Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$2,666.05, to be spent on purchase of spring flowers, including hanging baskets and flower beds funded from the 2026 Contribution to Operating Budget Program for the Business Improvement Areas (BIA Payments Account 815010-56905), be approved; and
  
- (c) That the expenditure request from the International Village Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$7,007.13, to be spent on purchase of graffiti removal, banners and office equipment funded from the 2026 Contribution to Operating Budget Program for the Business Improvement Areas (BIA Payments Account 815010-56905), be approved.