



City of Hamilton

CITY COUNCIL REVISED

26-006

Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 9:30 A.M.

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

4.1 Commemoration - 40th Anniversary of the Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster
Hamilton Chapter of the Ukrainian Council of Canada

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 CL 26-005

Council minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, April 1, 2026

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 LRI 2026-001

Lobbyist Registrar Inquiry Report respecting Microshelters Inc. Lobbying Activity

6.2 Correspondence respecting Hamilton Integrity Commissioner Services File No.976-100

A letter from David Boghosian, Integrity Commissioner, City of Hamilton

*6.3 FCS26050

Clarification of Loan Loss Risk – Better Homes Hamilton Pilot Program (Background Item (e), Reports PED23106 and PED26078)

7. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 HUICS 26-001

Hamilton Utilities Corporation Shareholder minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, April 7, 2026

7.2 PWC 26-005

Public Works Committee minutes of the meeting held on Monday, April 13, 2026

- a. Correspondence respecting Motion concerning Replacing the Playground Structure and Adding Shade Structures at Memorial Elementary School, 1175 Main Street East, Hamilton (Ward 3) (Minute Item 11.2)

- a. E. Lucks-Kelly, resident

- b. C. Tuttle, resident

- c. M. McSweeney, resident

7.3 PLC 26-005

Planning Committee minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

- a. Correspondence respecting PED26063 (Minute Item 8.3) concerning Application for an Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment for Lands Located at 392, 398, 400, 406 and 412 Wilson Street East and 15 Lorne Avenue, Ancaster (Ward 12)

- a. S. De Girolamo, resident

- b. T. Boal, resident

- *c. J. Asimoudis, resident

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7.4 GIC 26-006

General Issues Committee minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026

- *a. Correspondence respecting FCS26023 (Minute Item 7.5) concerning 2026 Municipal Election and Municipal Use of Resources Policy (City Wide)

- *a. V. Saunders, residents

7.5 AFA 26-005

Audit Finance and Administration Committee minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, April 16, 2026

8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

None.

9. MOTIONS

- 9.1 Supporting the Role of Trustees in Maintaining an Accountable and Transparent Education System - REVISED

This Item was REFERRED to Council from the April 15, 2026 General Issues Committee meeting.

- 9.2 Jurisdictional Scan on Emergency Shelter Access and Inter-Municipal Coordination

- 9.3 Councillor Travel to 2026 International Children's Games in Hualien, Taiwan

- 9.4 Improvements to Carpenter Park Play Structure, 145 Eagleglen Way, Hamilton (Ward 14)

- 9.5 Amendment to Council Decision of March 4, 2026 respecting Item 10.2 of the February 23, 2026 Public Works Committee Minutes PWC 26-003 Concerning Road Rehabilitation on Barton Street East from Sherman Avenue North to Emerald Street North (Ward 3)

- 9.6 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - Election to the 2026-2028 Board of Directors

- 9.7 Enhancing the Public Access Greenspace and Community Use Space at 1067 Barton St E, Ward 3

- 9.8 Placemaking: Mural Revitalization at 645 Barton St E in the Barton Village BIA (Ward 3)

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9.9 Confirmation of the Hamilton Police Service Board

10. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

*10.1 Youth Soccer Sponsorship - 245 Kenora Ave

11. STATEMENT BY MEMBERS (non-debatable)

12. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

12.1 Closed Session Minutes of the Council meeting held on April 1, 2026

Pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-sections (b), (c), (d), (f) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (b), (c), (d), (f) and (k) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; labour relations or employee negotiations; as the subject matter pertains to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for City or a local board purposes; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and as the subject matter pertains to 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.

12.2 Closed Session Minutes of the Audit Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on April 16, 2026

Pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-sections (a), (e) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (a), (e) and (k) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to the security of the property of the City or a local board; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the City or a local board; and as the subject matter pertains to 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 municipality or local board

12.3 PED26066

Acquisition of Property (City Wide) - REVISED

This Item was REFERRED to Council from the April 15, 2026 General Issues Committee meeting.

Pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-Sections (c), and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (c) and (k) 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; and 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 municipality or local board.

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12.4 Confidential Report HSC26038

Sport Training Facility Development Opportunity (City Wide)

Pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-section (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (k) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to 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.

*12.5 Confidential CM2601 - Cyber Security Follow Up Audit, Phase 2: Incident Response and Insurance Review

Pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-sections (a) and (e) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (a) and (e) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to the security of the property of the City or a local board and litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the City or a local board

13. BY-LAWS

13.1 072

To Levy a Special Charge Upon the Rateable Property in the Business Improvement Areas for the Year 2026
Ward: City Wide

13.2 073

A By-Law to Authorize the Imposition of a Special Charge under the Better Homes Hamilton Pilot Program in Accordance with Ontario Regulation 586/06 on the following properties in the City of Hamilton: 00375026800; 04031250670; 04028551020; 04028505440; 01006200340; 04028751130; 03023403550; 03020505790; 03021257020; 08108103867 (the "benefitting properties").
Ward: City Wide

13.3 074

To Amend By-law No. 01-218, as amended,
Being a By-law To Regulate On-Street Parking
Schedule 3 - Thru Hwys
Schedule 6 - Time Limit
Schedule 8 - No Parking
Schedule 10 - Alt Side (Apr-Nov)
Schedule 12 - Permit
Schedule 13 - No Stopping
Schedule 15 - Comm Veh LZ
Schedule 20 - School Bus LZ

Wards: 1,2,3,4,9,11,15

- 13.4 075
To Amend By-law No. 01-215
Being a By-law To Regulate Traffic
Schedule 3 - Flashing School Zone
Schedule 2 - Speed Limits
Schedule 9 - No Right Turn on red
Wards: 5, 10, 12
- 13.5 076
To Amend By-law No. 26-034, being a By-law to Establish Certain 2026 User Fees
and Charges for Services, Activities or the Use of Property and to Repeal By-law
No. 25-023
Ward: City Wide
- 13.6 077
To amend Zoning By-law No. 6593
with respect to lands located at
1042 and 1050 West 5th Street, Hamilton
Ward: 8
- 13.7 078
To amend Zoning By-law No. 05-200 with respect to lands located at 974 and 980
Upper Paradise Road, Hamilton
ZAC-25-034
Ward: 14
- 13.8 079
A By-law to Deem a Part of a Subdivision Not To Be Registered
Lots 1, 2, and Block 7, Registered Plan No. 62M-1229
Ward: 11
- 13.9 080
To Amend By-law No. 12-282, Respecting Tariff of Fees
Ward: City Wide

- 13.10 081
To Adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 254 to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan: 392, 398, 400, 402, 406, and 412 Wilson Street East and 15 Lorne Avenue
Town of Ancaster
Ward: 12
- 13.11 082
To Adopt:
Official Plan Amendment No. 252 to the
Urban Hamilton Official Plan
Respecting:
City-Initiated Official Plan Amendments for Phase 1 of the Employment Area
Review
Ward: City Wide
- 13.12 083
To Adopt:
Official Plan Amendment No. 257 to the
Former City of Hamilton Official Plan
Respecting:
City-Initiated Official Plan Amendments for Phase 1 of the Employment Area Review
Ward: City Wide
- 13.13 084
To Adopt:
Official Plan Amendment No. 50 to the
Former Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth Official Plan
Respecting:
City-Initiated Official Plan Amendments for Phase 1 of the Employment Area Review
Ward: City Wide
- 13.14 085
To Confirm Proceedings of Council

14. ADJOURNMENT

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



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES 26-004

9:30 a.m.

April 1, 2026

Council Chamber (Hybrid)

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor M. Wilson - Personal

Deputy Mayor Tadeson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and recognized that Council is meeting on the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, HuronWendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. It was further acknowledged that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and it was recognized that we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(Beattie/Pauls)

That the agenda for the April 1, 2026 meeting of Council, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

There were no Ceremonial Activities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 March 4, 2026

(Hwang/Francis)

That the Minutes of the March 4, 2026 meeting of Council be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

There were no items for Information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 CHHS 26-001

CityHousing Hamilton Shareholder minutes of the meeting held on March 3, 2026

(Beattie/Nann)

That CHHS 26-001, being the minutes of the CityHousing Hamilton Shareholder meeting held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 (Item 7.1), be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

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

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

**7.2 PWC 26-004
Public Works Committee minutes of the meeting held on March 23, 2026**

(Nann/Cassar)

That PWC 26-004, being the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on Monday, March 23, 2026 (Item 7.2), be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

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

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

7.3 & PLC 26-004

12.1 Planning Committee minutes of the meeting held on March 24, 2026

(i) (Hwang/Tadeson)

- (a) That PLC 26-004 being the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 (Item 7.3), be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved;
- (b) That the Closed Session minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 (Item 12.1), be approved, as presented and remain confidential; and
- (c) That the following correspondence items, be received:
 - (i) Correspondence respecting PED26068 concerning Applications for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for Lands Located at 861 Highway No. 8, Stoney Creek (Ward 10) (Minute Item 8.1) from Property Management Office (269 Glover Rd; from P. Trifunovic, resident; P. Djeneralovic, resident; and B. Asanovic, Property Management Office (269 Glover Rd) (Item 7.3(a));

- (ii) Correspondence respecting Report PED23105(a) concerning Major Transit Station Areas and Protected Major Transit Station Areas – Proposed Official Plan Amendments for Provincial Review and Public Consultation (Minute Item 9.1) from M. Johnson, and M. Leblanc, Urban Solutions (Item 7.3(b)); and
 - (iii) Correspondence respecting Motion concerning Investigation of Renewable Energy Generation as a Secondary Use Associated with Agricultural Operations (Minute Item 10.1) from J. Gariepy (Item 7.3(c)).
- (ii) **Deferral of the Steelport Lands from the Phase 1 Official Plan Amendment of the Employment Area Review (Minute Item 9.6)**

(Nann/Hwang)

WHEREAS, in October 2024, the Planning Act definition of “Area of Employment” was revised and the Provincial Planning Statement definition of “Employment Area” was introduced, which explicitly prohibited new institutional and stand-alone commercial and office uses in employment areas;

WHEREAS, all planning decisions of municipalities must conform to the Planning Act and be consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement, and the Official Plans of the City of Hamilton must be brought into conformity and consistency with these provincial planning documents;

WHEREAS, the current employment area land use designations of the Urban Hamilton Official Plan and Setting Sail (West Harbour) Secondary Plan all permit land uses no longer consistent with the definition of “employment area” in provincial planning documents, and consequently the City’s employment areas do not have the benefit of protection for long-term employment use;

WHEREAS, Phase 1 of the Employment Area Review, if approved, will amend the Official Plans of the City of Hamilton to achieve conformity with the Planning Act and consistency with the Provincial Planning Statement, by implementing a definition of “area of employment” consistent with those documents, and prohibiting new institutional and stand-alone commercial and office uses;

WHEREAS, Phase 2 of the Employment Area Review is designed to comprehensively review and inventory each parcel of land within the City’s employment areas, and determine which areas should continue to meet the provincial definition of “employment area”, while other areas will be removed from employment areas, and permit a broader range of employment and complementary uses, such as institutional, and stand-alone commercial and office uses;

WHEREAS, the Bayfront Industrial Area Strategy is a comprehensive strategy that establishes a vision that it will continue to be one of the City's major employment areas, home to a diverse range of economic activities that enhance the global competitiveness of the City and the Greater Golden Horseshoe, and will continue to accommodate a high number of jobs, and be planned to attract a wide range of innovative, and synergistic creative industries, green streets, green infrastructure, public art and public spaces; and

WHEREAS, Slate HWD Inc. has been developing a conceptual master plan to guide the development of the 800-ha former Stelco property (386 Wilcox Street) in the Bayfront Industrial Area, and in 2025 submitted a Draft Plan of Subdivision Application (25T-202403) to redevelop the property for new employment uses, municipal roads and public open spaces, retail and office uses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Appendix A of Report PED26034 **BE AMENDED** to exclude the lands within Draft Plan of Subdivision application 25T0292403 (386 Wilcox Street, Hamilton) (the subject site); and
- (b) That Recommendation a) of Report PED26034 **BE AMENDED** as follows:
 - (i) That City Initiative CI-25-F, respecting amendments to the Employment Area Designations of the Urban Hamilton Official Plan to amend policies and schedules to align the land use permissions with the Planning Act **BE APPROVED** on the following basis:
 - (1) That Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED26034, **as amended**, which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be adopted by Council **BE PREPARED and PROVIDED to Council for adoption**.
 - ~~(2) That the proposed Amendment to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan is consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024~~
 - (ii) ***That the appropriate land use designations for the subject site be determined through Phase 2 of the City of Hamilton Employment Area Review, which will also involve a determination of whether the site or portions of the site should be included within the City's employment area.***

Result: Motion to *AMEND* PED26034 (Minute Item 9.6 of PLC 26-004) CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

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

(ii) Amendment to the Phase 1 Official Plan Amendment of the Employment Area Review (Minute Item 9.6)

(Jackson/Beattie)

WHEREAS, the property Owner of the lands at 575 Highland Road West, 655 Pritchard Road, and 1603 Rymal Road East received draft plan of subdivision approval (City File No. 25T-201402) and approval of a zoning by-law amendment (City File No. ZAC-14-006) in 2016;

WHEREAS, the approved site specific zoning that was established in 2016 permits a wide range of employment and supporting commercial uses;

WHEREAS, the Owner delayed the registration of the approved draft plan of subdivision in order to advance the construction and extension of Talon Road from the Upper Redhill Valley Parkway through the owners land and beyond to Pritchard Road at the City's request;

WHEREAS, the construction and extension of Talon Road required additional studies and approvals in order to cross a hydro corridor, as part of the City's request; and

WHEREAS, the construction and extension of Talon Road beyond the Owner's lands has created a significant delay in the development of its lands for the range of uses approved through the site-specific zoning.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Employment Areas Review Phase 1 Official Plan Amendment **BE REVISED** to remove the lands at 575 Highland Road West, 655 Pritchard Road, and 1603 Rymal Road East from the “Employment Areas” designation; and
- (b) That the lands at 575 Highland Road West, 655 Pritchard Road, and 1603 Rymal Road East shall continue to **BE REVIEWED** as part of the City’s Employment Areas Review Phase 2 process as a potential “Employment Areas” designation.

Result: Motion to *FURTHER AMEND* PED26034 (Minute Item 9.6 of PLC 26-004) CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

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

(iii) The recommendations contained in Minute Item 9.1 (PED23105(a)) respecting Major Transit Station Areas and Protected Major Transit Station Areas – Proposed Official Plan Amendments for Provincial Review and Public Consultation (City Wide) were considered separately as follows:

- (a) That Report PED23105(a), dated March 24, 2026, respecting Major Transit Station Areas and Protected Major Transit Station Areas – Proposed Official Plan Amendments for Provincial Review and Public Consultation (City Wide), **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:
 - (i) That the Major Transit Station Areas Report Addendum (February 2026), prepared by Dillon Consulting, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED23105(a), **BE RECEIVED**;
 - (ii) That the proposed Urban Hamilton Official Plan amendment, attached as Appendix “B” to Report PED23105(a) and the

proposed Former City of Hamilton Official Plan Amendment, attached as Appendix "C" to Report PED23105(a), **BE RECEIVED**;

- (iii) That Planning Division staff **BE DIRECTED** to send the proposed Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment, attached as Appendix "B" to Report PED23105(a) and the proposed Former City of Hamilton Official Plan Amendment, attached as Appendix "C" to Report PED23105(a) to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for review and comment, in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act;
 - (iv) That Planning Division staff **BE DIRECTED** to provide a Communications Update to the Mayor and members of Council summarizing comments from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (if received) on the proposed Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment attached as Appendix "B" to Report PED23105(a) and the proposed Former City of Hamilton Official Plan Amendment, attached as Appendix "C" to Report PED23105(a);
 - (v) That Planning Division staff **BE DIRECTED** to:
 - 1. Schedule and give notice of a statutory Open House meeting to consider the draft Urban Hamilton Official Plan amendment and draft Former City of Hamilton Official Plan amendment, in accordance with the Planning Act;
 - 2. Prepare a draft Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment and draft Former City of Hamilton Official Plan Amendment in consideration of the feedback heard at the statutory Open House meeting and any comments received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and,
 - 3. Schedule and give notice of a combined statutory Public Meeting and Special Meeting, in accordance with sections 17 and 26 of the Planning Act, to consider the draft Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment and draft Former City of Hamilton Official Plan Amendment.
- (b) That the written submissions be received (Item 9.1(a)):
- (i) Mike Collins-Williams, West End Home Builders' Association
 - (ii) Stephanie Mirtitsch, MHBC Planning.

Result: Motion CARRIED, by a vote of 10 to 4, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
NO - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
NO - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
NO - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
NO - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(iv) The recommendation contained in Minute Item 9.3 (PED26071) respecting Parking Penalty Increases (City Wide) was considered separately as follows:

That Report PED26071, dated March 24, 2026, respecting Fee and Process Review for Formal Consultation and “H” Holding Removal Applications (City Wide) **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**:

(a) That the proposed amendment to the Administrative Penalty By-law 17-225 and Table 3 of Schedule A of this By-law, which outlines fees associated with parking penalties attached, as Appendix “A” and Appendix “B” to Report PED26071 **BE APPROVED** and be prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

(Jackson/Cooper)

That Councillor Pauls **BE APPROVED** to speak a second time on Minute Item 9.3 of PLC 26-004.

CARRIED

The Deputy Mayor called the vote on the Motion.

Result: Motion on PED26071 (Minute Item 9.3 of PLC 26-004) CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 4, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
No - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
No - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
ABSENT - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
No - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
No - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(v) The recommendations contained in Minute Item 10.1 being a Motion respecting Investigation of Renewable Energy Generation as a Secondary Use Associated with Agricultural Operations were considered separately as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton Zoning By-law regulates permitted uses within agricultural zones in order to protect agricultural lands, support active farm operations, and ensure appropriate land use compatibility;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 protects agricultural uses in prime agricultural areas and permits agriculture-related and on-farm diversified uses where they are compatible with surrounding agricultural operations and where the agricultural use of the property remains the principal use;

WHEREAS, protecting agricultural primacy is a key planning objective, and any additional use on agricultural land must ensure that the principal use of the property remains agricultural and that the land base available for agricultural production is not materially reduced;

WHEREAS, supporting farm viability is also a recognized planning objective, and farms may rely on diversified revenue streams to sustain agricultural operations, particularly where production is seasonal, crop-specific, or subject to fluctuating market conditions;

WHEREAS, diversified on-farm revenue opportunities, including renewable energy generation as a value-added economic contribution to the local grid,

may support the long-term financial sustainability of farms where agriculture remains the principal use of the land;

WHEREAS, emerging agricultural practices such as agrivoltaics allow solar panel installations to operate in conjunction with agricultural production, providing a dual-benefit of renewable energy generation and crop protection; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has declared a Climate Emergency and is committed to the Hamilton Community Climate Action Strategy and achieving Net Zero emissions by 2050.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff be directed to investigate policy and zoning options for permitting renewable energy generation facilities associated with an active agricultural operation as an on-farm diversified secondary use that remains clearly subordinate to the principal agricultural use of the property within agricultural zones in Zoning By-law No. 05-200, provided that:
 - (i) the principal use of the property remains agricultural and agricultural production remains the dominant land use on the property; and
 - (ii) the secondary use does not materially reduce the land base available for agricultural production and does not limit the continued operation of the agricultural use as the principal use of the property;
- (b) That staff report back to the Planning Committee by Q3 2026 with recommendations respecting:
 - (i) appropriate zoning definitions and permissions that support both on-site use and contribution to the energy grid;
 - (ii) regulatory controls including setbacks, height, lot coverage, and other performance standards;
 - (iii) March 24, 2026 mechanisms to ensure agricultural use remains the principal use of the property;
 - (iv) how such permissions support the City's Net Zero targets and the long-term economic viability of local agricultural operations; and

- (v) consistency with the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024, the City of Hamilton Official Plan, and any other applicable policy framework; and
- (c) That staff consider whether any recommended changes could be brought forward through a future Zoning By-law housekeeping amendment, if deemed appropriate.

Deputy Mayor Tadeson relinquished the Chair to Councillor Beattie.

The following friendly amendment was accepted by Acting Chair Beattie, and the mover and seconder of the Motion:

That clause (c) of the Motion **BE AMENDED** to read as follows:

- (c) That staff consider whether any recommended changes could be brought forward through a future Zoning By-law housekeeping amendment, if deemed appropriate, ***after consultation with the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee.***

Result: Motion on PLC 26-004 (Minute Item 10.1 of PLC 26-004), AS AMENDED CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

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

Deputy Mayor Tadeson reassumed the Chair.

- (vi) **Balance of Recommendations from the Planning Committee Minutes, PLC 26-004.**

Result: Motion on the balance of PLC 26-004 (Agenda Items 7.3, as amended, 12.1 and 7.3 (a)-(c)) CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

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

7.4 & GIC 26-005

12.2 General Issues Committee Open and Closed Session minutes of the meeting held on March 25, 2026

(Beattie/Jackson)

- (a) That GIC 26-005, being the Open Session minutes of the General Issues Committee meeting held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 (Item 7.4), be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved; and
- (b) That the Closed Session minutes of the General Issues Committee meeting held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 (Item 12.2), **BE APPROVED**, as presented and **REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL**; and
- (c) That the following correspondence items, be received:
 - (i) Correspondence respecting Report HSC26023, Emergency Warming Centre Operation at Bennetto Community Centre (City Wide) (Minute Item 7.7 of GIC 26-004) from J. Bonner, The HUB Hamilton (Agenda Item 7.4 (a)); and
 - (ii) Correspondence respecting Review of Housing-Related Services Governance and Reporting Structures (Minute Item 9.2 of GIC 26-004) from G. Cubitt, Hamilton is Home (Agenda Item 7.4(b)).

Result: Motion on GIC 26-005 (Agenda Items 7.4, 12.2 and 7.4 (a) and 7.4 (b)) CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper

YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
 ABSENT - Mayor Andrea Horwath
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
 YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
 YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
 YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
 YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
 YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
 YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
 ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

7.5 AFA 26-004

Audit, Finance and Administration Committee minutes of the meeting held on March 26, 2026

(i) (Beattie/Spadafora)

That AFA 26-004, being the minutes of the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on Thursday, March 26, 2026 (Item 7.5), be received and the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

(ii) The recommendations contained in Minute Item 8.2 (PED26052) respecting Community Liaison Group – Immigrants and Refugees (City Wide) were considered separately as follows:

That Report PED26052, respecting Community Liaison Group – Immigrants and Refugees (City Wide), dated March 26, 2026, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation, **BE APPROVED**:

- (a) That the Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council **BE APPROVED** to serve as the City of Hamilton’s Community Liaison Group for Immigrants and Refugees.

Result: Motion on PED26053 (Minute Item 8.2 of AFA 26-004) CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 1, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
 YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
 NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
 YES - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
 YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
 ABSENT - Mayor Andrea Horwath
 YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
 YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
 YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
 YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
 YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(iii) Balance of Recommendations from the Audit Finance and Administration Committee Minutes, AFA 26-004

Result: Motion on the balance of AFA 26-004 (Agenda Item 7.5), CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

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

7.6 ECS 26-002

Emergency and Community Services Committee minutes of the meeting held on March 26, 2026

(i) (Clark/Pauls)

That ECS 26-002, being the minutes of the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on Thursday, March 26, 2026 (Item 7.6), be received and the recommendations contained therein, **BE APPROVED**.

(ii) The recommendations contained in Minute Item 8.3 (HSC26017) respecting Seniors Advisory Committee's Transition to a Community Liaison Group (City Wide) were considered separately as follows:

That Report HSC26017, dated March 26, 2026, respecting Seniors Advisory Committee's Transition to a Community Liaison Group, **BE RECEIVED**, and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

(a) That the recommendation, as requested by the Seniors Advisory Committee and recommended by City staff, that the transition to the

Seniors Community Group to take effect January 1, 2027, **BE APPROVED**; and

- (b) That Long-Term Care Division staff **BE DIRECTED** to bring an Information Report outlining the Terms of Reference for the Seniors Community Liaison Group to the Emergency & Community Services Committee in November 2026.

Result: Motion on HSC26017 (Minute Item 8.3 of ECS 26-002), CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 2, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
NO - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
ABSENT - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

(iii) Balance of Recommendations from the Emergency and Community Services Minutes

Result: Motion on the balance of ECS 26-002 (Agenda Item 7.6), CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
ABSENT - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson

YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no Items for Consideration.

MOTIONS

9.1 Amendment to the Council Decision of November 19, 2025 respecting Item 9.2 of the November 10, 2025 Public Works Committee Minutes PWC 25-013, Report PW25013, Transit Standardization and Single Source Procurement of Services, Equipment and Parts (City Wide)

(Nann/Cassar)

WHEREAS, several of the legal names of the vendors listed in Appendix “A” to Report PW25013, need to be corrected in order to process the approved funding.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Council decision of November 19, 2025 respecting Item 9.2 of the November 10, 2025 Public Works Committee Minutes PWC 25-013, Report PW25013, Transit Standardization and Single Source Procurement of Services, Equipment and Parts (City Wide), be amended to read as follows:

- 9.2 PW25013
Transit Standardization and Single Source Procurement of Services, Equipment and Parts (City Wide)

That Report PW25013, dated November 10, 2025, respecting Transit Standardization and Single Source Procurement of Services, Equipment and Parts (City Wide), be received, and the following recommendations, be approved:

- (a) That the standardization and single source procurement of the products, services and manufacturers identified in **REVISED** Appendix “A” and Appendix “B” attached to Report PW25013, and pursuant to Procurement Policy #11 – Non Competitive Procurement and Procurement Policy #14 – Standardization, BE APPROVED to support efficient and cost-effective transit operations, for a term of no more than five (5) years;
- (b) That the General Manager, Public Works Department, or their designate, BE AUTHORIZED to negotiate, enter into and execute any required Contract and any ancillary documents required to give effect thereto with the suppliers identified in **REVISED** Appendix “A” and Appendix “B” attached to Report PW25013 with content acceptable to the General Manager of

Public Works, and in the form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
and

- (c) That the General Manager, Public Works Department, or their designate, BE AUTHORIZED to amend any Contracts executed and any ancillary documents as required in the effect that suppliers identified in **REVISED** Appendix “A” or Appendix “B” attached to Report PW25013 undergoes a name change in the form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

(McMeekin/Cassar)

That Councillor Nann **BE APPROVED** to speak a second time on Agenda Item 9.1.

CARRIED

(Jackson/Cooper)

That Councillor Clark **BE APPROVED** to speak a second time on Agenda Item 9.1.

CARRIED

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

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

9.2 Amendment to Item 2 of the Public Works Committee Report 23-017, respecting the Standardization of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for Parks Assets – Playgrounds, Spray Pads, Ball Diamonds, and Benches (PW23069) (City Wide) which was approved by Council on November 13, 2023

(Nann/Cassar)

WHEREAS, to correct Contract documents, it is necessary to amend Appendix “A” to the Public Works Committee Report 23-017, as follows:

- (i) Page 2, Vendor Name; Open Space Solutions Inc. changed to Openspace Solutions Inc.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Item 2, Appendix “A” of the Public Works Committee Report 23-017, respecting the Standardization of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for Parks Assets – Playgrounds, Spray Pads, Ball Diamonds, and Benches (PW23069) (City Wide), **BE AMENDED**, as follows:

- (a) That the Standardization of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for Parks Assets – Playgrounds, Spray Pads, Ball Diamonds and Benches (PW23069) (City Wide) identified in the attached Appendix “A” as **AMENDED**, to Public Works Committee Report 23-017 pursuant to Procurement Policy #14 - Standardization of Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for Parks Assets – Playgrounds, Spray Pads, Ball Diamonds and Benches, Parks Division (PW23069) (City Wide) be approved;
- (b) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate, be authorized to negotiate, enter into, and execute any required Contracts and any ancillary documents required to give effect thereto with those suppliers identified in the attached Appendix with content acceptable to the General Manager, Public Works or designate, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and
- (c) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate, be authorized to amend any Contracts executed and any ancillary documents as required in the event that a service provider, manufacturer, or distributor identified in the attached Appendix “A” undergoes a name change or a new distributor relationship in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

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

9.3 Amendment to Item 4 of the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 21-022, respecting Investing in City Roads and Sidewalks Infrastructure with Canada Community - Building Funds, which was approved by Council on December 15, 2021

(Spadafora/Jackson)

WHEREAS, the initial road projects selected by Ward 14 Councillor for the Investing in City Roads and Sidewalks Infrastructure with Canada Community - Building Funds (CCBF), which was approved by Council on December 15, 2021, be amended to include resurfacing and concrete repairs on Goldwin Street in Ward 14; and

WHEREAS, the remaining Ward 14 CCBF funds, be utilized to address road surface deficiencies by resurfacing to improve rideability, public safety, preservation of the road asset from further deterioration, reduce ongoing maintenance costs, and to overall improve the level of service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Item 4 of the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 21-022, respecting Investing in City Roads and Sidewalks Infrastructure with Canada Community - Building Funds, **BE AMENDED**, as follows:

4. Investing in City Roads and Sidewalks Infrastructure with Canada Community - Building Funds (PW21073) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)
 - (a) That the Canada Community Building Fund investment of \$30 M be allocated to the list of projects in Appendix "B", **as amended**, by adding resurfacing and concrete repairs to Goldwin Street from Greencedar Drive to Golfwood Drive in Ward 14 to Appendix "B" (attached hereto), to Audit, Finance & Administration Committee Report 21-022;
 - (b) That three Public Works temporary full-time equivalents be hired for up to 24 months at an estimated cost of \$850,000 and funded from Unallocated Capital Levy Reserve 108020 to deliver the Canada Community-Building Fund projects; and
 - (c) That the Procurement Policy 4.9 Consulting and Professional Services requirements be waived to allow for the direct award of Roster Assignments above the \$150,000 threshold for consultancy work pertaining to the Canada Community-Building Fund projects.

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

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis

ABSENT - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

9.4 Re-alignment of Community Funding Commitments for Ancaster Memorial Arts Center Construction Project (Ward 12)

(Cassar/Hwang)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton engaged in a collaborative initiative with Ancaster Society for the Performing Arts Corporation (“AMAC”) to lead the local arts community in capital fund raising for redevelopment of the former Ancaster Memorial School to develop a community arts center that benefits the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton completed the renovation of the Ancaster Memorial Center in September of 2022 at a total cost of \$22.28M (Project ID 3541641602);

WHEREAS, through Report #PW19072, the AMAC was tasked with leading community efforts to raise \$5M towards the construction project, of which \$4M was to be raised through various community efforts including donations and \$1M was to be raised through the sale of naming rights and re-paid to the City in annual installments of \$100K annually over 10 years, and the City acknowledges receipt of \$3.5M towards the community funding portion of \$4M plus \$300K towards the \$1M, and the AMAC will continue to make payments to fully pay the total commitment of \$5M;

WHEREAS, through a Motion by Councillor Ferguson on August 12, 2022 the AMAC was tasked with accommodating an EarlyON Child and Family Centre location in return for a \$300K contribution from the Best Start Initiatives Reserve #112218 but due to AMAC’s contractual programming commitments and space limitations, an EarlyON Child and Family Centre could not be accommodated;

WHEREAS, the AMAC led successful efforts jointly with the City to apply for and was granted \$1.1 Million from the federal “Canada Culture Spaces Fund” and this effort has not yet been acknowledged as being a contribution towards the community funding commitment;

WHEREAS, the AMAC provided community funding to complete and pay directly for elements of the projects including for example landscaping, lighting, and staff costs during the delayed opening and such costs are estimated at \$917K; and

WHEREAS, the AMAC has approached the City for consideration of its costs and efforts made towards the success of the project and is agreeable to an amicable settlement of the matter.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Ancaster Society for the Performing Arts Corporation (“AMAC”) in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor to affect the following terms and conditions:
- (i) That the City of Hamilton acknowledges the efforts of the AMAC in successfully applying for a federal Culture Spaces Grant and receiving \$1.1M and these funds be acknowledged as forming part of the of community funding commitment and applied as follows:
 - (1) \$270K to be applied to project overages;
 - (2) \$300K be applied to the Best Start Initiatives Reserve #112218;
 - (3) That the balance of \$530K be distributed between the City (75%) or \$397.5K and to the Community Funding Commitment (25%) or \$132K;
 - (ii) That the AMAC have no further requirement to accommodate EarlyON Child and Family Centre at the Ancaster Memorial Arts Center;
 - (iii) The AMAC waives any and all future claims against the City related to the community funding commitment; and
- (b) In recognition of the AMAC’s early notice of dispute to these matters, that the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services be authorized to waive any related interest accumulated on the AMAC account since 2022, estimated at \$56,328.77.

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

YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
ABSENT - Mayor Andrea Horwath
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson

YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson

ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

9.5 **Rapid Remediation of Illegal Dumping and Former Encampment Site Debris - REVISED**

(Francis/Spadafora)

WHEREAS, multiple locations across the city have been identified with significant illegal dumping and debris associated with former encampments, negatively impacting the natural environment, public safety, and community well-being;

WHEREAS, timely remediation of these sites is critical, particularly in environmentally sensitive areas such as ravines and waterways;

WHEREAS, the current response timelines for cleanup are often prolonged, resulting in ongoing environmental degradation and community concern;

WHEREAS, seasonal conditions provide an opportunity to identify and access impacted areas prior to full vegetation; and

WHEREAS, the City maintains existing operational budgets, staff, and contractor resources for waste management, by-law enforcement, and environmental services;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to immediately prioritize and retain an external contractor to immediately undertake cleanup and remediation of the following locations using existing resources and approved budgets:
 - (i) Red Hill Valley Parkway at Barton Street (Red Hill Creek);
 - (ii) Barton Street between Bow Valley Drive and Lake Avenue North, including the ravine area from the guardrail to the bottom; and
 - (iii) the area of Quigley Road and Albright Road.
- (b) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to expedite response timelines for illegal dumping and former encampment debris cleanup across the City, with a focus on environmentally sensitive areas;
- (c) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to report back to the Public Works Committee in Q3 2026 on:
 - (i) current service standards and response times for cleanup;
 - (ii) barriers to timely remediation, including staffing, equipment, or coordination issues; and
 - (iii) opportunities to improve response times within existing resources; and

- (d) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to engage with the Ministry of Transportation regarding debris and dumping concerns on provincially owned lands and report back on actions taken.

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

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

9.5(a) Correspondence respecting Motion concerning Rapid Remediation of Illegal Dumping and Former Encampment Site Debris – REVISED

(A. Wilson/Spadafora)

That correspondence items 9.5(a)(1) through 9.5(a)(19), respecting Motion concerning Rapid Remediation of Illegal Dumping and Former Encampment Site Debris – REVISED (Agenda Item 9.5 (a)), **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

9.6 Naming of the Bridget on Jones Street – Stoney Creek to McDougall’s Bridge

(Francis/Beattie)

WHEREAS, the bridge on Jones Street in Stoney Creek is currently under reconstruction;

WHEREAS, the McDougall family has been a longstanding presence in the Stoney Creek community since approximately 1910;

WHEREAS, Lorne McDougall served as a Councillor for the former Village of Stoney Creek in the 1920s;

WHEREAS, the McDougall family historically owned lands surrounding and behind the bridge structure since approximately 1910;

WHEREAS, the family’s local legacy continued through multiple generations, including Robert McDougall in the late 1960s and Bob McDougall from 1997 to present, with McDougall’s Garage on King Street serving as a community fixture;

WHEREAS, Bob McDougall is retiring and selling the family business, marking the end of over a century of continuous family presence in the community; and

WHEREAS, the timing of the bridge reconstruction does not align with the regular schedule of the Facility Naming Sub-Committee, and this is the only practical opportunity to incorporate a commemorative name into the bridge structure.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the naming of the bridge on Jones Street as “McDougall’s Bridge” in recognition of the McDougall family’s contributions to the Stoney Creek community **BE APPROVED**; and
- (b) That costs associated with concrete forming and related works to permanently incorporate the name into the bridge structure **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 5 Minor Maintenance Capital Project #4032311605 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$5,000.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 1, as follows:

- YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
- YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- ABSENT - Mayor Andrea Horwath
- YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
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- YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
- YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 Councillor Hwang advised that she would be bringing forward a motion to the next General Issues Committee meeting respecting Supporting the Role of Trustees in Maintaining an Accountable and Transparent Education System as follows:

WHEREAS School trustees have existed in Ontario since 1816 and play an essential role in delivering accountability, reflecting local priorities, and ensuring students receive necessary resources;

WHEREAS the democratic representation provided by trustees has been a central principle of Ontario's public education system since before Confederation;

WHEREAS in the Summer of 2025, the Government of Ontario appointed supervisors to various school boards, supplanting the role of elected trustees and creating concerns regarding lost transparency, accountability, and local representation;

WHEREAS trustees serve as essential points of contact for City Councillors to discuss pressing local issues relating to education and school sites, and provincially appointed supervisors are not a replacement for this local knowledge;

WHEREAS Bill 33, which received Royal Assent in November 2025, grants the Province overriding authority which may be used to eliminate the role of trustees in part or in whole; and

WHEREAS it is crucial for City Council to join other municipalities in reaffirming the importance of trustees to maintaining local representation for parents and students.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (a) That Hamilton City Council **SUPPORTS** the role of locally-elected trustees in ensuring accountability, representing local priorities, and advocating for the needs of students;
- (b) That Hamilton City Council **REQUESTS** that the Province of Ontario initiate a robust, province-wide consultation on school board governance models before considering any decision that would alter the governance role of trustees; and
- (c) That this Motion **BE CIRCULATED** to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA), Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Members of Provincial Parliament representing ridings in the City of Hamilton, the Minister of Education, and the Premier of Ontario.

Council recessed at 12:40 p.m.

Council resumed at 1:16 p.m. Mayor Horwath assumed the Chair.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**(Nann/Pauls)**

That Council move into closed session to consider Items 12.3, being the closed session Minutes of the Audit Finance and Administration Committee meeting, held March 26, 2026; 12.4, respecting Lease of Property in the City of Hamilton (Ward 12); 12.5, respecting Interim and Permanent Measures to permit public access to Hamilton Piers, Beach Boulevard, Hamilton (Ward 5); and 12.6, respecting correspondence concerning Human Rights and Workplace Harassment pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-sections (b), (c), (d), (f) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (b), (c), (d), (f) and (k) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; labour relations or employee negotiations; as the subject matter pertains to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for City or a local board purposes; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and as the subject matter pertains to 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.

CARRIED

Council moved into closed session at 2:02 p.m.

Council reconvened in Open Session at 3:55 p.m. with the following persons in attendance:

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

Absent with

Regrets: Councillor M. Wilson (Personal)

12.3 Closed Session Minutes of the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on March 26, 2026

(Spadafora/Nann)

That Closed Session Minutes AFA 26-004 **BE RECEIVED** and **REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL**.

CARRIED

12.4 Lease of Property in the City of Hamilton (Ward 12)

(Cassar/A. Wilson)

That the directions provide to staff in Closed Session respecting Lease of Property in the City of Hamilton (Ward 12) **BE APPROVED** and **REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL**.

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

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

12.5 Interim and Permanent Measures to permit public access to Hamilton Piers, Beach Boulevard, Hamilton (Ward 5)

(Francis/Jackson)

That the directions provided to Staff in Closed Session respecting Interim and Permanent Measures to permit public access to Hamilton Piers, Beach Boulevard, Hamilton (Ward 5), **BE APPROVED** and **REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL**.

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

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

12.6 Human Rights and Workplace Harassment

(Kroetsch/Hwang)

That the correspondence Item respecting Human Rights and Workplace Harassment **BE RECEIVED** and **REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL**.

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

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

BY-LAWS

(Tadeson/Beattie)

That Bills No. 26-058 to No. 26-070 be passed, and that the Corporate Seal be affixed thereto, and that the By-laws, be numbered, be signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk to read as follows:

- 058 To Amend By-law No. 01-215 Being a By-law To Regulate Traffic Schedule 5 – Stop Control
Ward: 11, 15
- 059 To Amend By-law No. 01-218, as amended, Being a By-law To Regulate On-Street Parking Schedule 6 - Time Limit , Schedule 8 - No Parking, Schedule 12 – Permit, Schedule 13 - No Stopping, Schedule 15 - Comm Veh LZ, Schedule 20 - School Bus LZ
Wards: 2,3,4,7,9,10,12,13,14,15
- 060 To Establish City of Hamilton Land Described as Part of Block 109 on Plan 62M-1250, designated as Part 1 on Plan 62R-22664 as Part of Columbus Gate
Ward: City Wide

- 061 To Permanently Close and Sell a Portion of Public Highway Abutting 191 Victoria Avenue South, Hamilton; Being Part of Lots 3, 4, & 5 and Part of the Alleyway (closed by By-Law 4803), on the East side of Victoria Avenue, on Registered Plan 217, and Part of Lot 12, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Barton, in the City of Hamilton; Designated as Part 4 on Plan 62R-22444; Being PART of PIN 17595 0003 (LT)
Ward: 3
- 062 Respecting: Removal of Part Lot Control Block 83, Registered Plan 62M-1298, for lands municipally known as 124, 128, 132, 136, 140, 144, 148, 152, and 156 Awrey Terrace and 35, 39, 43, 47, 51, 55, 59, 63, and 67 Blain Drive, Glanbrook
Ward 11
- 063 To Set Optional Property Classes Within the City of Hamilton for the Year 2026
Ward: City Wide
- 064 To Set and Levy the Rates of Taxation for the Year 2026
Ward: City Wide
- 065 To Establish Tax Ratios and Tax Reductions for the Year 2026
Ward: City Wide
- 066 To Amend By-law 17-225, as amended, being a By-law to Establish a System of Administrative Penalties
Ward: City Wide
- 067 To Amend By-law No. 24-055, as amended, Being the Renovation Licence and Relocation By-law
Ward: City Wide
- 068 To Adopt: Official Plan Amendment No. 250 to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan Respecting 861 Highway No. 8
Ward: 10
- 069 To Amend Zoning By-law No. 05-200 with respect to lands located at 861 Highway No. 9, Stoney Creek
Ward: 10
- 070 To Confirm Proceedings of Council

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

- YES - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- YES - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
- YES - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
- YES - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- YES - Mayor Andrea Horwath

YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin
YES - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
YES - Deputy Mayor - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
ABSENT - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the City Council meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Trennum
City Clerk
Office of the City Clerk

Mayor Andrea Horwath

CITY OF HAMILTON LOBBYIST REGISTRAR, DAVID G. BOGHOSIAN

Citation: Inquiry re: Microshelters Inc. Lobbying Activity–DGB-LRI-2026-001

Date: April 10, 2026

REPORT ON INQUIRY

INTRODUCTION

[1] My role as the City’s Integrity Commissioner and Lobbyist Registrar includes enforcing City of Hamilton By-law No. 14-244 To Establish and Maintain a Lobbyist Registry (“LR By-law”) and conducting inquiries regarding non-compliance at the request of members of the public.

[2] On January 12, 2026, a Hamilton resident (“the Complainant”) who requested and has been granted anonymity filed a Lobbyist Registry Inquiry Request in respect of the principals of a City temporary shelter supplier, Microshelters Inc., identified by the Complainant as Jeffrey Cooper and Denis Fourcaudot. The complaint relates to alleged breaches of the LR By-law by virtue of “engaging with public office holders for the purpose of procuring a single-source contract to supply temporary housing shelters to the City, without registering as lobbyists.”

[3] In the course of our investigation, we became aware of involvement of a third individual who communicated with public office holders on behalf of Microshelters and another party, namely, Dave Levac, who identified himself in the communications as being the principal of Dave Levac Consulting.

[4] The LR By-law came into effect on August 1, 2015. Section 7(1) of the LR By-law requires lobbyists to file a registration in advance of lobbying public officials subject to certain exceptions. The City’s Registry contains no record of any registrations or returns filed by or on behalf of Microshelters Inc., Jeffrey Cooper, Denis Fourcaudot, Dave Levac or Dave Levac Consulting since the By-law came into effect.

[5] The Lobbyist Registry By-law applies to *individuals* who fall within the definition of “lobbyist”. We examined all emails between Mr. Cooper, Mr. Fourcaudot and Mr. Levac (collectively, “the Respondents”) and City of Hamilton email addresses and considered additional information obtained from the Respondents and Hamilton public office holders.

[6] For the reasons set out below, I find that Jeffrey Cooper, Denis Fourcaudot and Dave Levac engaged in unregistered lobbying contrary to s. 7(1) of the LR By-law.

THE COMPLAINT

[7] The Complaint is set out as follows:

1. Purpose of This Complaint

This complaint requests that the Integrity Commissioner investigate and make findings regarding clear and documented violations of the City of Hamilton's Lobbyist Registry By-law by the owners and principals of Microshelters Inc., arising from unsolicited lobbying of City officials and the Mayor's Office between May and September 2024, as documented in Appendix "A" to Auditor General Report AUD26002 (January 15, 2026).

This complaint further requests that, as part of the Integrity Commissioner's final report, all correspondence, emails, and communications between City officials (including the Mayor's Office) and Microshelters' principals be disclosed and published, in keeping with the transparency objectives of the Lobbyist Registry regime.

2. Applicable Legal Framework

Under the City of Hamilton's Lobbyist Registry By-law:

Lobbying includes any communication with a public office holder in an attempt to influence a decision regarding the award of a financial benefit, including procurement.

Lobbying must be registered in advance of the communication.

The Mayor, Mayor's Office staff, and senior City staff are public office holders.

There is no exemption for unsolicited lobbying, marketing pitches, or pre-procurement communications.

The purpose of the By-law is to ensure transparency, accountability, and public confidence in municipal decision-making.

3. Factual Findings from the Auditor General (Direct Evidence)

The Auditor General's report¹ contains explicit, uncontested findings establishing all required elements of unregistered lobbying.

- a) Unsolicited Lobbying Initiated by Microshelters as Early as May 2024

¹ Office of the Auditor General, City of Hamilton, Appendix "A" to Report AUD26002: "Housing Audits: Barton-Tiffany Temporary Shelters Investigation and Lessons Learned".

The Auditor General found:

“Microshelters Inc. staff and their representative made multiple efforts to connect with City senior staff and elected officials to market their product as early as May 2024 (via email).”

This finding establishes:

Initiation by Microshelters (not the City)
Repeated efforts
A marketing purpose

Direct communication with public office holders

b) Lobbying Directed to the Mayor’s Office

The report is unambiguous:

“From May to September 2024, Microshelters Inc. reached out to the senior City staff and the Mayor’s Office on multiple occasions to market their shelter structures using a slide deck.”

This directly engages the highest level of municipal office and removes any doubt that the Lobbyist Registry applies.

c) Assurances and Expressions of Interest Provided Before Council Authority

Critically, the Auditor General documents that City officials conveyed interest before Council approved single-source procurement:

“City staff informed Microshelters Inc. on September 11, 2024 that the City is interested in their product.”

The report explicitly notes the timing:

“This was prior to City staff receiving direction from Council to utilize a single source procurement ... at the September 25, 2024 Council meeting.”

This establishes that:

Lobbying resulted in affirmative signals from City officials

Those signals pre-dated Council authority

The integrity of Council’s approval role was compromised

d) Lobbying Occurred Before Microshelters Was Even Incorporated

The timeline further demonstrates the impropriety of the lobbying:

Initial pricing and marketing materials received:

August 15, 2024

Microshelters Inc. incorporated:

August 28, 2024

This confirms that the lobbying was conducted by individual principals advancing a future commercial interest, not through any regulated or transparent channel.

4. Absence of Lobbyist Registration

Despite these repeated, targeted, and procurement-focused communications:

There is no record of Microshelters Inc. or its principals registering lobbying activity during this period.

The Auditor General's report contains no indication of any registration, waiver, or exemption.

The lobbying therefore occurred entirely outside the Lobbyist Registry framework. This constitutes a prima facie violation of the By-law.

5. Importance of Disclosure of Correspondence

The Auditor General's findings make clear that:

Lobbying occurred via emails and marketing slide decks

Communications were repeated and sustained

Assurances were provided informally and prior to Council authority

However, the public record currently lacks:

The content of those emails

The recipients

The language used by City officials

Any commitments, representations, or assurances made

For the Lobbyist Registry regime to have meaning, the Integrity Commissioner must publish all correspondence between Microshelters' principals and City officials (including the Mayor's Office) as part of the final report.

Failure to do so would:

Undermine the deterrent purpose of the By-law

Normalize informal, undocumented procurement lobbying

Weaken public confidence in municipal governance

6. Requested Findings and Remedies

The complainant respectfully requests that the Integrity Commissioner:

Find that the owners/principals of Microshelters Inc. engaged in unregistered lobbying in violation of the Lobbyist Registry By-law.

Find that the lobbying was unsolicited, sustained, and directed at public office holders, including the Mayor's Office.

Find that City officials provided expressions of interest prior to Council authorization, contrary to the principles of transparent governance.

Order and publish all correspondence (emails, attachments, presentations, messages) between:

Microshelters' principals, and
City staff, senior management, and the Mayor's Office

Recommend any additional remedial or policy changes necessary to prevent recurrence.

7. Conclusion

This case presents one of the clearest factual records of unregistered lobbying the City has encountered. The Auditor General has already done the investigative work. What remains is accountability under the Lobbyist Registry regime. Transparency now requires that this conduct be formally examined, publicly reported, and decisively addressed.

APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF LR BY-LAW

1. Definitions

"**communication**" means any type of expressive contact and includes but is not limited to oral, written or electronic communication and "**communicate**" has a similar meaning;

"**constituent**" means:

(a) with respect to the Mayor:

- (i) an individual who resides in the City; or
- (ii) an owner or operator of a business or other entity located in the City; and

(b) With respect to a Councillor:

- (i) an individual who resides in the Councillor's ward; or
- (ii) an owner or operator of a business or other entity located in the ward;

"**lobby**", used as a verb, means to **communicate** with a **public officer holder** on:

- (a) any of the following subject matters with the goal of advancing a business or financial interest:
 - i the development, introduction, passage, defeat, amendment or repeal of a City by-law, bill or resolution on any matter;
 - ii the development, approval, amendment or termination of a City policy, program, directive, guideline, including but not limited to a service delivery model;
 - iii the purchase of goods, services or construction and the award of a contract by the City;
 - iv the approval, approval with conditions, or refusal of an application for a service, grant, planning approval, permit or other licence or permission by the City;
 - v the award of any financial contribution, grant or other financial benefit by the City;
 - vi the transfer to or from the City of any interest in or asset of any business, enterprise or institution;
 - vii to arrange a meeting between a public office holder and any other person on any of the subject matters listed in paragraphs (i) to (vi) inclusive; and

(b) the hiring, promoting, demoting, disciplining or terminating of an employee of the City who is a member of the City's Senior Management Team.

"lobbyist" means a consultant lobbyist, in-house lobbyist or voluntary unpaid lobbyist and:

- (a) "consultant lobbyist" means an individual who lobbies for payment on behalf of a client (another individual, a business or other entity);
- (b) "in-house lobbyist" means an individual who is an employee, partner or sole proprietor and who lobbies on behalf of his or her own employer, business or other entity; and
- (c) "voluntary unpaid lobbyist" means an individual who lobbies without payment on behalf of an individual, business or other entity for the benefit of the individual, business or other entity.

"public office holder" means:

- (a) a member of Council and any person on his or her staff; and
- (b) an employee of the City who is a member of the City's Senior Management Team²;

"registration" means a first filing by a lobbyist regarding a subject matter he or she intends to lobby on as set out in subsection 7(1);

"return" means an update of a registration filed by a lobbyist as set out in subsection 7(2).

Responsibilities of the Lobbyist Registrar

3. The Lobbyist Registrar's responsibilities include ...

(d) conducting inquiries in respect of a request made by ... a member of the public about compliance with this By-law, which may include requesting that a public office holder gather information concerning lobbying of him or her and provide that information to the Lobbyist Registrar;

...

(f) enforcing this By-law;

² The "Senior Management Team" at the City is now referred to as the Senior Leadership Team. The SLT is comprised of the City Manager; the General Manager, Community Services; General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services; General Manager, Health and Safety Communities; General Manager, Planning and Economic Development; General Manager, Public Works; Executive Director, Human Resources; and the Director, Communications and Strategic Initiatives.

Lobbying Exemptions

5.(1) Lobbying does not include:

- (a) communication that occurs during a meeting of Council or a Committee of Council;
- (b) communication that occurs during a public process such as a public meeting, hearing, consultation, open house or media event held or sponsored by the City or a public office holder or related to an application;
- (c) communication that is restricted to a request for information;
- (d) communication that is restricted to compliments or complaints about a service or program;
- (e) communication with a public office holder by an individual on behalf of an individual, business or other entity about:
 - (i) the enforcement, interpretation or application of any Act or by-law by the public office holder and with respect to the individual, business or other entity;
 - (ii) the implementation or administration of any policy, program, directive or guideline by the public office holder and with respect to the individual, business or other entity;
 - (iii) a personal matter of the individual, business or other entity unless it is communication that is in respect of a matter that falls under the definition of lobbying, that is for the special benefit of the individual, business or other entity;
- (f) communication by an applicant, an interested party or their representatives with respect to an application for a service, grant, planning approval, permit or other license or permission:
 - (i) with a public office holder if the communication is restricted to providing general information on an application, including a proposed or pending application, or to inquire about the application review process;
 - (ii) with an employee of the City if the communication is part of the normal course of the approval process;
 - (iii) with an employee of the City if the communication is with respect to planning or development applications and the officer or employee has a role in the processing of a planning or development application during the formal preapplication consultation, the filing of the application and the

application review process, including the preparation of development agreements;

- (g) submitting a bid proposal as part of the procurement process and any communication with designated employees of the City as permitted in the procurement policies and procurement documents of the City;
- (h) communication with a public office holder by an individual on behalf of an individual, business or other entity in direct response to a written request from the public office holder;
- (i) communication directly related to those City-initiated consultative meetings and processes where an individual is participating as a stakeholder;
- (j) communication for or against a policy or program that state a position where the primary focus is a broad community benefit or detriment, whether City-wide or local, and where that position would have no direct, indirect or perceived benefit to a business or financial interest of the individual, business or other entity on whose behalf the communication is undertaken;
- (k) communication regarding a business or financial interest by not-for-profit businesses or other not-for-profit entity where such business or entity has no paid staff; or
- (l) communication with a public officer holder by their constituent regarding that constituent's business or financial interest.

5(2) The Lobbyist Registrar may exempt lobbying from some or all the requirements of this By-law if he or she is satisfied in advance by a lobbyist that registration could reasonably be expected to prejudice the economic interests of the City of Hamilton or the competitive position of the City of Hamilton.

Lobbyist Exemptions

6. Lobbyist does not include the following individuals when acting in their public capacity:

government or public sector not including the City and other municipal bodies

- (a) members of the Senate or House of Commons of Canada, the legislative assembly of a province, the council or legislative assembly of a territory, or persons on the staff of the members;
- (b) members of a First Nation council as defined in the Indian Act or of the council of an Indian band established by an Act of the Parliament of Canada, or persons on the staff of the members;

- (c) employees or consultants retained by the Government of Canada, the government of a province or territory, a First Nation council, a federal or provincial crown corporation or other federal or provincial public agency;
- (d) members of a council or other statutory body, including a local board, charged with the administration of the civil or municipal affairs of a municipality in Canada other than the City, persons on staff of the members, or officers or employees of the municipality or local board;
- (e) members of a national or sub-national foreign government, persons on the staff of the members, or officers, employees, diplomatic agents, consular officers or official representatives in Canada of the government;

the City and other municipal bodies

- (f) public office holders;
- (g) members or employees of a local board of the City; or
- (h) members of an advisory committee appointed by Council.

7.(1) A **lobbyist** shall file a registration for each subject matter he or she intends to **lobby** on at least 1 business day before the first lobbying **communication** occurs and the registration shall include:

- (a) his or her name, address and contact information;
 - (b) if he or she is a consultant lobbyist, in-house lobbyist or voluntary unpaid lobbyist;
 - (c) the name of the individual, client or other entity, including all business names under which the individual, client or other entity is operating, on whose behalf he or she is lobbying;
 - (d) the name of the individual or individuals he or she is lobbying;
 - (e) the subject matter and date on which the lobbying will start and finish, with the date on which the lobbying finishes being no more than one year after the date on which the lobbying starts; and (f) such further information as the Lobbyist Registrar may require.
- (2)(a) A lobbyist shall file a return updating any change to his or her registration immediately.
 - (b) If lobbying continues for more than one year, a lobbyist shall file a new registration for each year the lobbying continues.

- (3) The lobbyist is solely responsible for meeting the requirements with respect to registrations and returns set out in this section.

BACKGROUND

The Parties

[8] Jeffrey Cooper resides in Brantford, Ontario and Denis Fourcaudot resides in Burlington, Ontario, with Microshelters Inc. being based in Brantford, Ontario.³ Dave Levac, a former Speaker of the Ontario Legislature, is also based in Brantford.⁴

Auditor General's Report

[9] Communications between the principals of Microshelters Inc. and senior City staff came to light in the course of an investigation conducted by the Office of Hamilton's Auditor General, Charles Brown ("the AG"), regarding the Microshelters single-source contract to supply "tiny homes" to the City. The materials obtained by the AG that were provided to us by his office evidence communications with the City on behalf of Microshelters by Jeffrey Cooper and Denis Fourcaudot, the registered owners of Microshelters Inc., incorporated on August 28, 2024⁵ and Dave Levac, who incorporated Dave Levac Consulting on June 4, 2018.

[10] The AG investigated the Barton-Tiffany Temporary Shelter Project in response to complaints about costs, delays, and vendor selection. His January 15, 2026 report⁶ concludes that the City's outdoor shelter initiative suffered from weak governance, flawed procurement, and poor project and contract management. The shelter project originated as a rapid response to growing homelessness and encampments, with political direction to create a low-barrier tiny shelter community on Barton-Tiffany lands. The AG found that ambitious timelines drove staff toward a single-source approach instead of a competitive procurement. The AG found no evidence of an organized vendor search or public call for proposals before Microshelters Inc. was selected.

[11] The AG Report further found that Microshelters had approached the City as early as May 2024 with a concept deck, but had no proven track record, did not manufacture product itself, and was incorporated only around late August 2024, after the mayoral directive. The City became its only known customer. Units arrived non-compliant, requiring extensive retrofits, which contributed to capital costs of about \$7.9 million and a major budget overrun. The AG made 11

³ "Transcripts of Examinations under Oath under summons by Auditor General, City of Hamilton, June 4 and 12, 2025.

⁴ Dave Levac Linked-in profile as of May 8, 2025 and March 29, 2026 and Mr. Levac's email correspondence, various dates, with City of Hamilton.

⁵ Mr. Fourcaudot's evidence is that he and Mr. Cooper operated under the auspices of 2754698 Ontario Inc. before Microshelters' incorporation: Fourcaudot Transcript under Oath, June 4, 2025, Q. 7-10.

⁶ Office of the Auditor General, City of Hamilton, Appendix "A" to Report AUD26002: "Housing Audits: Barton-Tiffany Temporary Shelters Investigation and Lessons Learned"

recommendations to strengthen research, vendor vetting, contracting, and oversight in future rapid-build projects.

[12] Of relevance to the issue of lobbying, the report states:

Microshelters Inc. staff and their representative made multiple efforts to connect with City senior staff and elected officials to market their product as early as May 2024 (via email). City staff informed Microshelters Inc. on September 11, 2024 that the City is interested in their product. This was prior to City staff receiving direction from Council to utilize a single source procurement to source the shelter structures at the September 25, 2024 Council Meeting.⁷

[13] The following timeline of “some of the key events related to the implementation of the Barton Tiffany Temporary Shelters project (“Barton Tiffany”)” is taken from the AG’s report at p. 6:

June 19, 2024 GIC Direction

Staff were directed to report back on the resources needed to integrate supports at “sanctioned sites”, and to provide a jurisdictional scan of sites and costs.

July 31, 2024 Initial Research of Shelter Pricing

City staff reached out to a provider of shelters in Canada (“Company A”) to obtain an understanding of the pricing and availability of shelter units. The company sent an email containing their prices along with general information and questions about the initiative. The information was not a formal quote.

August 1, 2024 Unsolicited Quote Received

The City received an unsolicited quote for the provision of temporary shelter units from “Company B”.

August 6, 2024 Mayoral Directive

Mayoral Directive MDI 2024-02 was issued directing staff to undertake research “*respecting options for the manufacture and installation of temporary shelter structures within Hamilton including costs, identification of funding sources, potential vendors and potential site*” and to report back with relevant information and recommendations at the September 18, 2024 General Issue Committee (GIC) meeting.

⁷ Ibid., p. 8, para. 58.

August 12, 2024 Report Back to GIC on Sanctioned Sites Research

Staff reported back in response to the June 19, 2024 GIC direction regarding options for sanctioned sites. Included in this information were cost estimates of providing structures within sanctioned sites.

August 13, 2024 Unsolicited Expression of Interest

The city received an expression of interest for the provision of shelters from “Company C”. The information included preliminary price quotes.

August 15, 2024 Initial Pricing Information Received from Microshelters Inc.

City receives a slide deck with pricing and marketing information for the provision of shelter structures from an individual who later incorporated as Microshelters Inc.

August 28, 2024 Incorporation of Microshelters Inc.

Corporate search indicates Microshelters Inc. was incorporated August 28, 2024.

September 18, 2024 Budget/Single Sourcing Approval at GIC

At this GIC meeting, the General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities, was authorized to single source contracts for procurement of structures, shelter operators and contractors preparing the site for use, and a budget of \$2.8M for the site construction, including shelter installations, was approved.

September 25, 2024 Council Ratifies GIC Approval of Single Sourcing and Budget

The single sourcing recommendation and budget presented at the September 18, 2024 GIC meeting via report HSC24027(b)/FSC24028/PED24162 was approved by Council.

September 27, 2024 Microshelters Inc. Official Quote

Microshelters submitted an official quote at the request of City of Hamilton staff, which, on October 1, 2024, was revised to include a quotation for an office/common area structure.

October 17, 2024 Microshelters Inc. Purchase Order Issued

A Purchase Order CR01551 was issued to Microshelters Inc. in amount of \$2,039,027 (\$2,304,100 including HST).

INVESTIGATION REGARDING COMMUNICATIONS WITH HAMILTON PUBLIC OFFICE HOLDERS BY MICROSHELTERS PRINCIPALS AND AGENTS

[14] Communications between Hamilton public office holders and the Respondents are set out below. The italicized content does not form part of the communications and is provided for context.

Denis Fourcaudot to City Manager Marnie Cluckie, cc. Jeffrey Cooper, May 3, 2024

Subject: Re: Micro Shelters Hi Marnie Hope all is well with you please review attached (30 seconds) Denis

<https://watch.wave.video/1zLhxox1bdsI4Uk1>

Denis Fourcaudot New Cell # <Municipal World Shelter Release.pdf>

CM Marnie Cluckie to Denis Fourcaudot, cc. Jeffrey Cooper, May 12, 2024

Thanks, Denis, I have also passed this along to applicable staff. Have a great weekend.

Denis Fourcaudot to CM Marnie Cluckie, cc. Jeffrey Cooper, May 13, 2024

Thanks Marnie. I'll reach out to you when I get to the conference for us to get together. Or let me know when is a good time for us to meet Denis.

Dave Levac to Mayor Andrea Horwath, cc. Jeffrey Cooper, June 26, 2024

Subject: RE: Meeting/presentation Greetings Mayor Horwath: I hope this email finds you and yours safe and well. Since retiring from the Ontario Legislature, I have established a consulting firm (of one) with the focus on municipal and provincial topics that help develop communities. I have a client, Mr. Jeffrey Cooper, who fits right in the sweet spot of Hamilton's determination to deal with the homeless issue, specifically shelters. I would like to arrange a presentation outlining his new company, Micro Shelters. He is an Indigenous (Six Nations member) entrepreneur determined to help solve the need for affordable space that is reusable. We will be available at your convenience. Could your scheduler provide a few dates and times to meet please? We would welcome an in-person meeting at city hall. Respectfully and regards, Dave Levac Dave Levac Consulting

Dave Levac to Office of the Mayor, cc. Jeffrey Cooper, July 16, 2024

Seeking response to previous meeting request. [forwarding his June 26, 2024 email]

Dave Levac to Sarah Lowe (Mayor's Executive Assistant), cc. Jeffrey Cooper, July 16, 2024

Hi Sarah: My name is Dave Levac, former MPP and Speaker of the Ontario Legislature and a former colleague of Mayor Horwath. I am forwarding a previous email I sent to the City email address provided in your web site. To date, I have not heard from anyone for quite some time. I found your email as directed and I'm hoping we can arrange a meeting with the Mayor. The reason is explained in the first two emails previously sent. I do appreciate the many requests the Mayor receives for meetings. I am confident this meeting request will catch the interest of the Mayor for sure. We are very willing to meet in person with the Mayor. She may want to ask Social Services Senior staff to attend, particularly the one charged with Sheltering the Homeless. We are looking forward to meeting with Andrea. I'd love to catch up and deliver some good news about our product. Kindest regards, Dave Levac

Sarah Lowe to Dave Levac, cc. Jeffrey Cooper, July 18, 2024, 9:57 AM

Hello Dave, Thank you for following up on your initial email. I apologize for the delay. Mayor is away at the moment, as is her Senior Policy Advisor. Once they are back in office, I will reach out to you with meeting options. Best, Sarah

Dave Levac to Sarah Lowe, cc. Jeffrey Cooper, July 18, 2024, 12:24 PM

Hi Sarah: Thank you for your response and for arranging a meeting with the Mayor. I'm sure she'll be impressed. We do have a slide deck and short videos. I'm sure your AV people can help set it up. Looking forward to the meeting. Regards, Dave

Denis Fourcaudot to CM Marnie Cluckie and Executive Assistant, cc. Jeffrey Cooper, July 18, 2024

Subject: Micro Shelters Hi Marnie and [Executive Assistant] Marnie thank you for your text and as instructed I am emailing you. I look forward to meeting with you and or members of your team to discuss our homeless shelter solutions. Please advise potential dates that will work for you. Denis [redacted phone number]
<https://microshelters.ca/>

CM Marnie Cluckie to Denis Fourcaudot, cc. Jeffrey Cooper, July 26, 2024

Thanks Denis, We appreciate you reaching out. [Executive Assistant] will work with the applicable team in Housing to coordinate a meeting with you and them. Have a wonderful weekend.

City Manager's Office to GM Grace Mater's Office, July 26-29, 2024

[Internal emails redirecting meeting request and requesting GM Mater's office "to reach out to" Denis Fourcaudot.]

Housing Staff Member A to Denis Fourcaudot, July 30, 2024

Hello Denis. I'm wondering if you would be able to provide us with some cost estimates for the single bunk unit (25 of them) with NO kitchens and bathrooms and a common unit that could include kitchen, washrooms and a common space? Unfortunately, we have a very tight turnaround for this information, so we would appreciate a response in the next day or two if possible. Also happy to set up a call if that's easier. Thanks!

City Manager's Office to GM Grace Mater's Office, August 1, 2024

[Internal email requesting confirmation that Mr. Fourcaudot's meeting request was addressed.]

Housing Staff Member B to Denis Fourcaudot, August 1, 2024

I hope you are doing well and it is a pleasure to e-meet you. I am just checking in to see if there may be any possibility with getting this quote sent over today? We would love the opportunity to work with your team on this but we do have a VERY TIGHT deadline to meet with presenting estimated costs for this proposal. Please feel free to let me know if there is anything further I can provide to help with this process. Thank you so much in advance Denis and looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Sarah Lowe to Dave Levac, cc. Jeffrey Cooper, August 1, 2024, 4:06 PM

Hi Dave, Thank you for your patience. There were a few folks from our office on holidays in July. I would like to set up a preliminary meeting with Mayor's Senior Policy Advisor, Wynne Baker. Would you and Jeff like to attend City Hall or shall we coordinate a virtual meeting? Please let me know. Kind regards,

Dave Levac to Sarah Lowe, cc. Jeffrey Cooper, August 1, 2024, 7:19 PM

Thanks for the email. No worries. I've been around long enough to know the challenges of running a public office. I'll check in with Jeff to determine the mode of communication. (In-person or via virtual) once determined, I'll circle back to you with the answer and set things up. Thanks again, Dave

Denis Fourcaudot to Marnie Cluckie, cc. Jeffrey Cooper, August 5, 2024

Subject: Fwd: meeting request Hi Marnie, Got this from one our consultants. Giving you a heads up and how should we handle this? We have been dealing with [housing staff]. Are you going to AMO Thanks Denis [Forwarded message: August 1, 2024 email from Dave Levac to Sarah Lowe]

Jeffrey Cooper to [Housing staff], August 13, 2024

Invitation accepted August 13 2024: Jeffrey Cooper accepted the invitation for a meeting scheduled on August 15 2024 from 2 30 PM to 3 30 PM UTC. The meeting was organized by [housing staff] and will take place at Mulberry Coffeehouse, 193 James Hamilton L8R2L2, Canada.

Wynne Baker to Dave Levac and Sarah Lowe, cc. Jeffrey Cooper, August 14, 2024, 10:48 AM

Good Morning Dave! Thank you for your patience. I understand that my colleague Sarah had suggested a preliminary meeting between myself, you, and Jeff to discuss Micro Shelters. I am currently booking into the last week of August and have the following days and times available: August 27: 1:00pm, 2:00pm, or 3:00pm August 29: 11:00am or 2:00pm If none of these dates work for you we can take a peek at the first week of September. Best, Wynne Baker Stakeholder Relations and Strategic Initiatives Specialist Office of the Mayor

Dave Levac to Wynne Baker, August 15, 2024, 11:31 AM

Hi Wynne: Both dates work for us. Please take the date and time that best suits you and confirm with me and I'll book with the team. Thank you. Regards, Dave

Emails between GM Grace Mater and Housing Staff A, August 18-19, 2024

[Internal email following up on status of meeting request. Exchange indicates Housing Staff A "met with them in person last week"]

Dave Levac to Wynne Baker, cc. Jeffrey Cooper, August 22, 2024

Hi Wynne: I'm hoping you can send us the date and time for our meeting as the time is running short to book. As earlier indicated, both dates and times work for us and we wish to have you set the date and time best suited to your schedule. We are hoping that the Mayor will join us for a brief introduction as well. Thank you for your attention to this matter. The dates originally provided were August 27th or August 29th. Regards, Dave Levac

Wynne Baker to Dave Levac, August 22, 2024, 10:34 AM

Morning Dave - Apologies for the delay, I was away at a conference! Let's do August 27 at 2pm! Just want to clarify that you're ok to come to City Hall, or would you need virtual? Thanks Wynne

Dave Levac to Wynne Baker, August 22, 2024, 2:55 AM

Subject: Re: Meeting/presentation Hi Wynne: Thanks for getting back to me. That date and time is fine. We will be attending in person. We have a slide deck and video to show. I'm sure we can work out the visual aids when we get there. See you on the 27th at 2:00. Thanks again. Regards, Dave

Wynne Baker to Dave Levac, August 22, 2024

Fabulous! I'll make sure we have a room picked out that is equipped for visual aids and i'll send out a calendar invite tomorrow! Best, Wynne

Wynne Baker to Dave Levac, August 23, 2024

Hey Dave – So sorry – I literally just got slotted into a meeting at 2pm on this date that I'm not able to get out of. Can we make 10am work on the 27th?

Dave Levac to Wynne Baker, August 23, 2024

Hi Wynne: That works for us. No worries. Again, if possible, we would love to have Andrea pop in for introductions/greetings. See you at 10 am on the 27th.

Wynne Baker to Dave Levac and Jeffrey Cooper, August 26, 2024

Meeting w D. Levac re MicroShelters
Scheduled: Aug 27, 2024 at 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM, GMT
Location: MR - City Hall - 2nd Floor - Mayor's Boardroom
Invitees: Baker, Wynne, MR - City Hall - 2nd Floor - Mayor's Boardroom, Jeffrey Cooper

Dave Levac to Wynne Baker, August 26, 2024

We'll see you tomorrow. Dave

Meeting with Wynne Baker, August 27, 2024, 10 am

[Meeting attended by Dave Levac, Jeffrey Cooper and Denis Fourcaudot]

Denis Fourcaudot to Wynne Baker, cc. Jeffrey Cooper, August 27, 2024, 10:37 AM

Subject: Micro Shelter presentation and budget #'s Hi Wynne Thank you for your time Denis and Jeff

[Attachment: MicroShelters Presentation-August-2024(3).pdf]

Denis Fourcaudot to Wynne Baker, cc. Jeffrey Cooper, August 27, 2024

Subject: Re: Micro Shelter presentation and budget #'s Hi Wynne, As a follow up we would like to add : 1/ you can provide us a temporary location to position our Microshelter if needed 2/ 6-8 weeks delivery 3/ no restrictions on number of units ordered eg 20, 200, 500, 1,000..... units Again thanks for your time today Denis / Jeff

Denis Fourcaudot to Wynne Baker, cc. housing staff, September 5, 2024, 1:59 PM

Subject: Fwd: Micro Shelter presentation and budget #'s

Hi Wynne Please review attached. We have put a rental program for your review. Instead of capital budgets we're addressing operational budgets Give me a call to discuss if needed Denis [forwarding Aug 27/24 10:37 AM message from Fourcaudot to Baker]

Wynne Baker to Denis Fourcaudot, cc. housing staff, September 6, 2024

Thanks for this Denis! I'll give it a boo this weekend and reach out if I have any questions. Have a lovely weekend, W

Denis Fourcaudot to Wynne Baker, cc. housing staff, September 6, 2024

Much appreciated and I will in Halifax. Denis

Emails between Denis Fourcaudot and Housing Staff Members A and B, cc. Jeffrey Cooper, Sept 7 - 27, 2024

[These emails relate to logistical issues and culminate in September 27, 2024 email attaching a quote for 40 micro shelters and required accessories and attached 1-page contract dated September 27, 2024.]

Denis Fourcaudot to Marnie Cluckie, October 31, 2024

FYI

Attached: thespec.com, “Micro Shelters” on their way to Barton West site”

Marnie Cluckie to Denis Fourcaudot, November 8, 2024

Thanks.

Denis Fourcaudot to CM Marnie Cluckie, November 22, 2025 (text message)

Hi, good to see you at the conference a few weeks back Is there any chance we could have a quick conversation just to bring you up to speed as to what’s going on? I’m aware our lawyer has contacted your legal really don’t want to escalate this. At least if you had both sides of the story could save a lot of time and embarrassment. If you’re not the right person to talk to, who should I reach out to? [housing staff] or somebody else on the housing team to bring you the message?

CM Marnie Cluckie to Denis Fourcaudot, November 22, 2025 (text message)

Hi Dennis, I hope you are well. I understand this matter is with our respective lawyers now. Therefore, all correspondence should go through them. I cannot discuss this with you. [City lawyer] is the City’s lawyer. [Lawyer’s email address]
Thank you. Take care

SUBSEQUENT COMMUNICATIONS INITIATED BY DAVE LEVAC NOT RELATED TO MICROSHELTERS

[15] In reviewing the emails between Dave Levac and Hamilton email addresses obtained through the City’s IT Department, we identified another communication raising lobbying concerns. On September 11, 2025, Mr. Levac emailed the Office of the Mayor, with the following message:

Greetings Mayor Horwath: I hope this email finds you safe and well. It's been some time since working in each the Legislature together. I have been doing a little consulting around the area. I have a client who is working on a major development in Hamilton who wants to meet with you (and staff of your choosing) to discuss the progress of the project. His name is Rommel Lumbao. We were hoping to meet in your office over coffee as soon as possible.

[16] Ms. Lowe replied on September 15, 2025 requesting further information about the meeting and requesting that a Meeting Request form be completed. Among the information requested is the following: Registered Lobbyist: Yes__NO__ [Lobbyist Registry | City of Hamilton](#).

[17] The email also contains the following notice:

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Lobbying of the City of Hamilton’s Mayor, Council and Senior Management Team are subject to the City’s Lobbyist Registry By-law. It’s the responsibility of lobbyists to register their lobbying activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Registry please visit www.hamilton.ca/lobbyistregistry.

[18] There was no reply back from Mr. Levac to this email and he apparently took no steps to register despite receiving this email.

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM HAMILTON PUBLIC OFFICE HOLDERS

[19] We posed questions to City Manager Marnie Cluckie and the Mayor’s Chief of Staff Uzma Qureshi. Their responses are set out below.

City Manager Marnie Cluckie

[20] We asked City Manager Marnie Cluckie about the extent and circumstances of her communications with Mr. Fourcaudot, including any outside of the emails reviewed above.

Particulars of Discussions

[21] Ms. Cluckie advised that she first met Mr. Fourcaudot at an OMAA (Ontario Municipal Administrators Association) conference in May 2023, to her recollection. Her understanding is that he was attending the conference tradeshow as a vendor. “[Their] interaction was informal, similar to typical conversations that occur between vendors and municipal officials at conference tradeshows.” Mr. Fourcaudot contacted her following that event, indicating that he obtained her contact information through the conference registration list.

[22] Mr. Fourcaudot and she both attended the OMAA conference in May 2024. Mr. Fourcaudot contacted her office about scheduling a meeting during the conference. Her understanding is that her office initially attempted to book a meeting with him at his request; however, no meeting was scheduled and no meeting occurred.

[23] She and Mr. Fourcaudot were also both present at the 2025 OMAA Fall Workshop. She recalls seeing him briefly at the opening event on October 19. He attempted to discuss the Barton Tiffany project at that time, and she advised him that he should speak with the designated City staff leads responsible for the file.

[24] Ms. Cluckie added that she has not met with or seen Mr. Fourcaudot outside of conference or workshop settings.

Circumstances of Mr. Fourcaudot's May 3, 2024 email to CM Cluckie

[25] Ms. Cluckie advised that Mr. Fourcaudot contacted her office by email shortly after she began her role with the City of Hamilton, requesting a meeting. There were follow-up emails from Mr. Fourcaudot to her office in which he requested a meeting. While a meeting was requested and discussed, no meeting was ultimately scheduled and no meeting occurred with her. In July 2024, Mr. Fourcaudot was redirected by her office to the appropriate City staff working on the shelter options (to General Manager Grace Mater).

Whether Mr. Fourcaudot's communications were in response to written requests made by public office holders

[26] Ms. Cluckie denies inviting Mr. Fourcaudot to submit information to her. To her knowledge, no public office holder did so. "Vendors frequently contact City staff and elected officials regarding potential products or services."

[27] She notes that in an email dated July 18, 2024, Mr. Fourcaudot references a text message in which she instructed him to correspond with her via email. His email states, "*Marnie thank you for your text and as instructed I am emailing you.*" Ms. Cluckie advised that she reviewed her available text message records and has not been able to locate that text message. However, it is her typical practice to ask salespersons or vendors to communicate by email rather than text, so that their inquiry can be appropriately redirected to the relevant City staff.

[28] Ms. Cluckie additionally confirmed that she has no knowledge of any public office holder inviting Mr. Fourcaudot, or anyone on behalf of Microshelters Inc, to request a meeting with the Mayor or submit information regarding Microshelters Inc. to the Mayor's Office.

Involvement of Jeffrey Cooper and Dave Levac

[29] Ms. Cluckie stated that she has no knowledge of communications, invitations or meetings involving Jeffrey Cooper or Dave Levac.

Mayor's Chief of Staff Uzma Qureshi

[30] We similarly asked Mayor's Chief of Staff Uzma Qureshi regarding the extent and circumstances of communications between the Respondents and the Mayor's Office.

Relating to Microshelters

[31] Notes from the August 27, 2024 meeting with Mayor's Office staff were provided. These notes of Wynne Baker of the Mayor's Office record that Denis Fourcaudot, Jeffrey Cooper and Dave Levac were in attendance. [Our office reviewed these notes, which are otherwise limited to a description of certain features of the temporary shelters and a circled comment that indicates, "connect with Grace," who we assume is Grace Mater, Hamilton's General Manger, Healthy & Safe Communities.]

[32] There were no other contacts between Mayor's Office staff/Mayor Horwath and the Respondents.

Subsequent Communication from Dave Levac

[33] Mr. Levac further communicated with the Mayor's office in September 2025 to request a meeting on behalf of another client unrelated to Microshelters. Our file materials contained a reply from the Mayor's Executive Assistant Sarah Lowe dated September 15, 2025 attaching a meeting request form to be completed. Mr. Qureshi confirmed that the meeting request form was not returned to the Mayor's Office and that no meeting took place.

[34] Mr. Qureshi advised that the use of a meeting request form is an administrative practice to gather information to better understand the subject and purpose of the meeting request when it is unclear, and to ensure it is directed appropriately. Based on the additional information in the form, some meetings may be directed to staff, while others may be recommended for the Mayor's consideration. Due to staff turnover, it was unknown when the aforementioned administrative practice was adopted.

[35] Ms. Qureshi confirmed there is no meeting request form relating to the August 27, 2024 Microshelters meeting.

RESPONDENTS' RESPONSES

[36] My office provided the Respondents with a summary of the case against them and an opportunity to respond by email on March 27, 2026. We received no responses from Mr. Fourcaudot or Mr. Cooper despite follow-up inquiries; however, in the course of their respective examinations under oath by the AG, both provided explanations for their activities, including what we presumptively consider to be lobbying. We therefore set out summaries of relevant passages from their respective examination transcripts below.

David Levac Response

[37] Mr. Levac provided his response on March 27, 2026 and answered our follow up questions on March 29, 2026. Mr. Levac acknowledged that he attempted to arrange meetings with Mayor Horwath on behalf of Jeffrey Cooper and Rommel Lumbao. With regard to Mr. Cooper, Mr. Levac stated:

My initial contact with Mayor Horwath was initiated as a favour for a friend who asked if I knew her and if I could request a meeting. I volunteered to do so "AT NO COST." I was not paid nor had a retainer with Micro Shelters. My friend knew I served alongside Andrea in the Legislature. I was simply doing a favour for a friend... All other contacts/names mentioned were as a result of the initial contact. That said, I do not believe I have breached the by-law regarding lobbyists.

[38] Regarding Mr. Lumbao, Mr. Levac stated:

The same holds true with Rommel Lumbao. My contact was with only the Mayor under the same situation. No payment made to me with the potential to achieve a possible retainer.

[39] Mr. Levac did not provide a response regarding the application of any lobbying or lobbyist exemptions other than to indicate that he did not know Mr. Lumbao's intent in seeking a meeting with the Mayor beyond what is stated in his email ("I have a client who is working on a major development in Hamilton who wants to meet with you (and staff of your choosing) to discuss the progress of the project").

Examinations under Oath by the Auditor General, City of Hamilton

Denis Fourcaudot, June 4, 2025

[40] Mr. Cooper is a retired RCMP officer while Mr. Fourcaudot has a background "working with municipalities" in connection with social housing projects. They co-founded Microshelters with Mr. Cooper owning 51 percent and Mr. Fourcaudot owning 49 percent. Pre-incorporation Microshelters activities were conducted under the auspices of a numbered company owned by Mr. Fourcaudot. Mr. Fourcaudot was predominantly handling sales and "every once in a while Jeff would step in."⁸

[41] City Manager Marnie Cluckie was Microshelters' first and initial point of contact with City of Hamilton. Mr. Fourcaudot knew Ms. Cluckie from municipal conferences where he had identified her as "someone [they] should be talking to".⁹ Regarding his communications with Ms. Cluckie in 2024, he stated, "I reached out to her as to who we should be talking to in housing and she directed us to [them]."¹⁰ Ensuing communications with staff led to an August 16, 2024 meeting with staff attended by himself and Mr. Cooper followed by continuing communications with staff.

[42] There was no meeting or discussion with Ms. Cluckie: The following exchange is found at Q. 66-67 of the transcript:

Q.you mentioned some municipal conferences I think like CM's, AMO. Did you try to meet with Marnie Cluckie at an AMO in 2024 or any other prior year?

A. I don't think so.

Q. Okay.

A. No, I tried to meet with her, but, again, these high officials are tough to get, they're very busy.

⁸ Q. 20.

⁹ Q. 60.

¹⁰ Q. 61.

[43] Regarding Mr. Levac, Mr. Fourcaudot downplayed his role: “[H]e was introduced to my partner in Brantford and then he introduced us to Hamilton after we were already engaged with the City of Hamilton through [staff member] and Marnie Cluckie.”¹¹ Specifically, Mr. Levac arranged a meeting with Wynne Baker of the Mayor’s Office on August 27, 2024, which Mr. Fourcaudot and Mr. Cooper attended (along with Mr. Levac) “out of courtesy” since it had been arranged.¹² In his view, the meeting with Wynne Baker was unnecessary and did not give rise to any business. There was no contractual arrangement with Mr. Levac and since no business flowed from the August 27, 2024 meeting, Mr. Levac received no compensation for his efforts.¹³

Jeffrey Cooper, June 12, 2025

[44] Mr. Cooper’s evidence was that the sales responsibilities were split, with the specific roles described as follows (para 14):

We both split the sales.... Denis does a lot of on-the-road sales, so going to conferences, making connections that way. We attend sales video calls, MS Teams, Zoom jointly. We reach out to municipalities, to other third party opportunities jointly. He has a more technical knowledge about building and about that space than I do. I look after a lot of the administrative, so paying bills, coordinating some meetings. I looked after, in this instance, the shipping, the customs. So more the administrative side. Denis seems to be more the hands-on sort of side.¹⁴

[45] Regarding Dave Levac’s emails to the Mayor’s Office, Mr. Cooper stated, “I was introduced to Dave by a policing executive leader that I was talking to about Microshelters and I mentioned we were struggling getting in front of municipal people. And he recommended that I reach out to -- or he would connect me with Dave. So that's how we were connected.”¹⁵

[46] Mr. Cooper provided the following sequence of events relating to Mr. Levac:

So what I was having, myself and Levac, I wanted to share that with Denis because I was looking after the Dave Levac angle and Denis was looking after Hamilton through the CAO Marnie Cluckie. And I said: "I'm not saying anything to Dave about you working with Marnie. I think whatever meeting comes first we take." So that was July 18th.

And then we go to August 1st. This is an email from myself to Denis and I said: “How do we respond to the below email? It looks like Dave has set us up for a meeting with Mayor Horvath's policy advisor in Hamilton. I say we go ahead and

¹¹ Q. 37.

¹² Q. 55.

¹³ Q. 48-49.

¹⁴ Q. 13-14.

¹⁵ Q. 28.

book the meeting while we submit our quote." So we had already submitted a quote through Denis's contacts with [housing staff] -- I believe it was [housing staff].

And then four days after that on August 5th, Denis sends an email to Marnie and he says: "Got this from one of our consultants." He's talking about Dave Levac. He says: "Giving you a heads-up and how should we handle this? We've been dealing with [housing staff]." So he's already dealing with that, but Dave already set us up for another meeting.

So then the next significant email I had with Dave I said: "Hi, Dave. Kindly book any of the dates, times noted. Denis and I are open and eager to attend. For transparency we were also talking with the CAO and the housing team. So once confirmed, we will also invite the group we are talking with. Very exciting news."¹⁶

[47] Mr. Cooper's evidence regarding Microshelters' arrangement with Mr. Levac in terms of compensation was similar to that of Mr. Fourcaudot. He stated:

As a matter of fact, after we had signed the agreement with Hamilton I actually called Dave because I knew Dave was going to find out we had a contract and he had introduced us to the mayor's office. So I said to Dave, "Dave, I just wanted to call you to let you know we did get a contract with Hamilton, but it had nothing to do with your introduction to the mayor's office. We never heard back from them again. And so we've been talking, like I sent an email to housing and that one did come through. So I wanted to let you know so you don't feel like there's any compensation coming to you or required." And so he was fine with that. "No, I understand, you were transparent with me in letting me know what was going on."¹⁷

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

Issues

[48] As of March 29, 2026, neither Mr. Cooper, Mr. Fourcaudot nor Mr. Levac had ever registered as lobbyists since the LR By-law took effect on August 1, 2015.

[49] Whether the Respondents have contravened s. 7. (1) of the LR Bylaw, which requires that a registration be filed in advance of lobbying "public office holders," turns on the determination of the following issues:

1. Was there communication with one or more public office holders (definition of lobby)?
2. Are the Respondents lobbyists (definition of lobbyist)?

¹⁶ Q. 39-40.

¹⁷ Q. 41.

3. Was the communication carried out with goal of advancing a business or financial interest (definition of lobby)?
4. Did the communication relate to one or more of the enumerated subject matters (definition of lobby)?
5. Are there any exemptions that apply to the communications (exemptions to the definition of lobbying)?

Issue 1: Was the communication with a public office holder?

[50] “Lobby” under Section 1 of the LR By-law means to communicate with a public office holder under specified circumstances. Therefore, it must be established that there has been communication with public office holders.

[51] Under the LR By-law, "**public office holder**" means: (a) a member of Council and any person on his or her staff; and (b) an employee of the City who is a member of the City's Senior Management Team.

[52] Regarding subsection (a) of the definition of public office holder, the Respondents communicated with Sarah Lowe and Wynne Baker, being members of Mayor Horwath’s staff. Specifically, Dave Levac communicated with Sarah Lowe, the Mayor’s Executive Assistant. Dave Levac, Jeffrey Cooper and Denis Fourcaudot communicated with Wynne Baker, Stakeholder Relations and Strategic Initiatives Specialist in the Office of the Mayor.

[53] Regarding section (b) of the definition, Denis Fourcaudot communicated with City Manager Marnie Cluckie, “an employee of the City who is a member of the City's Senior [Leadership] Team.”

[54] City Manager Cluckie passed on Mr. Fourcaudot’s meeting requests to departmental staff to address, advising her assistant that the earliest she could meet Mr. Fourcaudot herself would be mid-September. It appears that the bulk of Mr. Fourcaudot’s substantive communications, i.e., sales pitches, with the City were with/to City housing staff. As these employees are not members of the Senior Leadership Team and are not part of a Council Member’s staff, they are not public office holders and therefore any communications with them do not fall within the definition of lobbying.

[55] I conclude that the “communication with a public office holder” element of lobbying is satisfied with respect to the Respondents as follows:

- Mr. Fourcaudot with respect to his emails and text messages to City Manager Marnie Cluckie and Wynne Baker of the Mayor’s Office and his attendance at the August 27, 2024 meeting with Wynne Baker;
- Mr. Cooper with respect to his attendance at the August 27, 2024 meeting with Wynne Baker;
- Mr. Levac with respect to his June 26, 2024 and September 11, 2025 emails to Mayor Andrea Horwath, his emails with Mayor’s Office staff Sarah Lowe and

Wynne Baker and his attendance at the August 27, 2024 meeting with Wynne Baker.

[56] Based on the wording and content of emails involving the Respondents and individuals with a Hamilton.ca domain name, internal emails, information obtained from public office holders and the Auditor General's investigation, we see no evidence of any other communications between the Respondents and Hamilton public office holders.

Issue 2: Are the Respondents Lobbyists?

[57] Under the LR By-law, "lobbyist" means a consultant lobbyist, in-house lobbyist or voluntary unpaid lobbyist and:

- (a) "consultant lobbyist" means an individual who lobbies for payment on behalf of a client (another individual, a business or other entity);
- (b) "in-house lobbyist" means an individual who is an employee, partner or sole proprietor and who lobbies on behalf of his or her own employer, business or other entity; and
- (c) "voluntary unpaid lobbyist" means an individual who lobbies without payment on behalf of an individual, business or other entity for the benefit of the individual, business or other entity.

[58] Mr. Fourcaudot and Mr. Cooper communicated with public office holders on behalf of a business they themselves operated. Accordingly, each of them falls within the definition of "in-house lobbyist".

[59] Mr. Levac introduced himself to public office holders as a consultant on behalf of his clients, Microshelters in the case of his communications commencing June 26, 2024 and Rommel Lumbao in the case of his September 11, 2025 communication.

[60] Mr. Levac states that he was not on retainer and was not paid for either instance of communication. Rather, he was simply doing favours for friends. According to Mr. Fourcaudot and Mr. Cooper, Mr. Levac was not paid since no business arose from his introduction.

[61] While the distinction between consultant lobbyists and voluntary unpaid lobbyists is relevant to the provincial lobbying regime and in respect of which exemptions may apply, it is not relevant to the application of Hamilton's LR By-law. Based on Mr. Cooper and Mr. Fourcaudot's characterization, I find that Mr. Levac falls within the definition of "consultant lobbyist". In any event, based on Mr. Levac's characterization, he falls within the definition of "voluntary unpaid lobbyist".

[62] I conclude that all three Respondents are lobbyists to the extent that their communications can otherwise be characterized as lobbying, which I find to be the case with respect to essentially all of their communications with Hamilton public office holders.

Issue 3: Were the communications were carried out with the goal of advancing a business or financial interest?

[63] The definition of “lobby” includes communication on seven enumerated subject matters “with the goal of advancing a business or financial interest.”

[64] Mr. Fourcaudot and Mr. Cooper’s operations under the Microshelters business were directed at marketing, sourcing and selling temporary shelters to the City of Hamilton at a markup. Mr. Fourcaudot, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Levac communicated with public office holders as detailed above to promote this business and to close the aforementioned transaction.

[65] There is a September 11, 2025 email from Dave Levac to the Mayor requesting a meeting on behalf of a developer client, which is unrelated to Microshelters. Based on the wording of that email (“I have a client who is working on a major development in Hamilton who wants to meet with you ... to discuss the progress of the project”), the communication was made with the goal of advancing a financial interest.

[66] I conclude that Mr. Fourcaudot, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Levac communicated with the goal of advancing a business or financial interest.

Issue 4: Was the communication about one or more of the enumerated subject matters?

[67] In order to constitute lobbying, the communication must be on, i.e., regarding or pertaining to, at least one of the following subject matters:

- (i) the development, introduction, passage, defeat, amendment or repeal of a City by-law, bill or resolution on any matter;
- (ii) the development, approval, amendment or termination of a City policy, program, directive, guideline, including but not limited to a service delivery model;
- (iii) the purchase of goods, services or construction and the award of a contract by the City;
- (iv) the approval, approval with conditions, or refusal of an application for a service, grant, planning approval, permit or other licence or permission by the City;
- (v) the award of any financial contribution, grant or other financial benefit by the City;
- (vi) the transfer to or from the City of any interest in or asset of any business, enterprise or institution;
- (vii) to arrange a meeting between a public office holder and any other person on any of the subject matters listed in paragraphs (i) to (vi) inclusive; or

(viii) the hiring, promoting, demoting, disciplining or terminating or an employee of the City who is a member of the City’s Senior Management Team (not necessary to establish a goal of advancing a business or financial interest for this subject matter).

[68] In this case, it is straightforward that the communications related to the subject matter described in Subsection (a)(iii) of the definition of “lobby” under Section 1 of the By-law, namely, the purchase of goods, services or construction and the award of a contract by the City.

[69] The subject matter described in Subsection (a)(vii), to arrange a meeting between a public office holder and any other person on any of the subject matters listed in paragraphs (i) to (vi) inclusive, also applies to the earlier stage communications.

[70] In the case of the September 11, 2025 email from Dave Levac to the Mayor requesting a meeting on behalf of a developer client “who is working on a major development in Hamilton who wants to meet with you (and staff of your choosing) to discuss the progress of the project,” the precise enumerated category is unclear but it appears likely that subject matter (iv), encompassing planning approvals, applies.

[71] Regarding the communications with Ms. Cluckie initiated by Denis Fourcaudot on November 22, 2025 via text message requesting a conversation to explain his perspective with respect to Auditor General’s investigation, we find that the goal was likely to advance a business or financial interest, specifically, to attempt to thwart the development of a resolution by Council to initiate legal action against Microshelters, which would be captured by s. 1 “lobby” (a)(i), “the development, introduction, passage, defeat, amendment or repeal of a City by-law, bill or resolution on any matter.” However, as the precise intent is unclear and we do not have Mr. Fourcaudot’s views on the subject, we are prepared to draw no conclusion with respect to this particular communication.

[72] I conclude that the vast majority, if not all, of the Respondents’ communications with public office holders relate to an enumerated subject matter and therefore meet this aspect of the definition of lobbying.

Issue 5: Are there any applicable lobbying exemptions that apply?

[73] Under s. 5(1) of the By-law, there are numerous enumerated circumstances where communications do not constitute lobbying notwithstanding that they are made to public office holders on the enumerated subject matter with the goal of advancing a business or financial interest. They can be generally described as routine communications in connection with commonplace contexts or regulated processes.

[74] Regarding the Microshelters communications, the majority of exemptions are inapplicable on their face to communications regarding the sale of goods to the City, e.g., planning approvals, stakeholder consultations, constituency communications, etc. In determining which exemptions to consider in more detail, we considered the following contextual factors:

- Mr. Fourcaudot's evidence under oath that he contacted City Manager Marnie Cluckie to determine who Microshelters should be talking to regarding the sale of their product;
- The Respondents' communications with the City resulted in a single source contract. The Respondents were requested by City employees to provide cost estimates, quotes and logistical information in the leadup to GIC authorization of single sourcing and budget on August 18, 2024, which was ratified by Council on September 25, 2024. Single-source contracting is addressed by City of Hamilton By-Law No. 20-2025, A By-Law to Adopt and Maintain a Procurement Policy for the City of Hamilton, Policy 11;
- The possibility that Denis Fourcaudot was responding to a written request when he communicated with City Manager Marnie Cluckie in light of their prior acquaintance and the wording of the emails;
- As distinct from the Microshelters communications, the September 11, 2025 communication of Mr. Levac regarding his client Mr. Rommel Lumbao appears to relate to a planning application;
- The possibility that a lobbying exemption was required in furtherance of the City's economic interests.

[75] In light of the foregoing, we considered the following lobbying exemptions:

- Section 5(1)(c) – communication that is restricted to a request for information;
- Section 5(1)(f)(i) communication by an applicant, an interested party or their representatives with respect to an application for a service, grant, planning approval, permit or other license or permission ... (i) with a public office holder if the communication is restricted to providing general information on an application, including a proposed or pending application, or to inquire about the application review process;
- Section 5(g) – submitting a bid proposal as part of the procurement process and any communication with designated employees of the city as permitted in the procurement policies and procurement documents of the City;
- Section 5(1)(h) – communication with a public office holder by an individual on behalf of an individual, business or other entity in direct response to a written request form the public office holder;
- Section 5(2) – The Lobbyist Registrar may exempt lobbying from some or all of the requirements of this By-law if he or she is satisfied in advance by a lobbyist that registration could reasonably be expected to prejudice the

economic interests of the city of Hamilton or the competitive position of the city of Hamilton.

Request for Information – Section 5(1)(c)

[76] Mr. Fourcaudot’s evidence regarding his communications with Ms. Cluckie is that he “reached out to her as to who we should be talking to in housing and she directed us to [them].” However, he also conceded under oath that he did attempt to meet with her at a municipal conference but was unable to secure a meeting. This is consistent with the text of the emails that were exchanged as well as the evidence of Ms. Cluckie.

[77] Pursuant to 5.(1)(c) of the By-law, “[l]obbying does not include ... communication that is restricted to a request for information.”

[78] Based on the testimony of Mr. Cooper, the pair were “struggling to get in front of” municipal officials and for that reason orchestrated a two-pronged campaign to do so, one involving Mr. Fourcaudot via City Manager Cluckie and the other involving Mr. Cooper via Mr. Levac and the Mayor’s office. Additionally, it is clear from the wording of the requests made by both Mr. Fourcaudot and Mr. Levac that these were requests for meetings, not just information. Additionally, the requests were for meetings with public office holders and not with staff. Finally, they continued to communicate with public office holders even after they were in communication with staff. There is no evidence of any information being requested at the August 27, 2024 meeting with Wynne Baker.

[79] I conclude that the exemption under s. 5(1)(c) of the By-law for communication restricted to a request for information does not apply.

Procurement Process – Section 5(1)(g)

[80] Section 5(1)(g) of the LR By-law provides an exemption for “submitting a bid proposal as part of the procurement process and any communication with designated employees of the City as permitted in the procurement policies and procurement documents of the City.”

[81] As described in more detail above, relevant events in relation to the single source procurement documented in the Auditor General’s investigation are as follows:

- June 19, 2024 GIC Direction – staff directed to research resources, scan sites and costs;
- July 31, 2024 Initial Research of Shelter Pricing – staff obtained pricing information from Company A;
- August 1, 2024 Unsolicited Quote Received by staff from Company B;
- August 6, 2024 Mayoral Directive MDI 2024-02 – research options for the manufacture and installation of temporary shelter structures including costs and potential vendors; report back Sept 18, 2024 GIC;

- August 12, 2024 Report Back to GIC on Sanctioned Sites Research;
- August 13, 2024 Unsolicited Expression of Interest – by staff from Company C;
- August 15, 2024 Initial Pricing Information Received from Microshelters Inc. (by staff);
- August 28, 2024 Incorporation of Microshelters Inc.;
- September 18, 2024 Budget/Single Sourcing Approval at GIC - \$2.8 Million for site construction, including shelter installations;
- September 18, 2024 GIC meeting via report HSC24027(b)/FSC24028/PED24162 was approved by Council;
- September 25, 2024 Council Ratifies GIC Approval of Single Sourcing and Budget;
- September 27, 2024 Microshelters Inc. Official Quote (received by staff);
- October 17, 2024 Microshelters Inc. Purchase Order Issued for \$2,039,027 (\$2,304,100 including HST).

[82] City of Hamilton By-Law No. 20-2025, A By-Law to Adopt and Maintain a Procurement Policy for the City of Hamilton, Policy 11 provides:

The General Manager of the Client Department will approve the Non-competitive Procurement Form, justifying the need to use this Policy #11 [i.e., single-source contracting policy] *prior to City staff entering into any discussions with any vendor regarding the purchase of the Goods and/or Services* [emphasis added]. This process may be adopted when any of the following conditions apply:

- (a) when Goods and/or Services are judged to be in short supply due to market conditions (short supply);
- (b) when a single source (for the purpose of this policy this shall include sole source transactions) for the supply of a particular Good and/or Service is being recommended because it is more cost effective or beneficial for the City (single source);
- (c) where a City Contract has expired or will very shortly expire and unforeseeable circumstances have caused a delay in issuing a new RFP or RFT so that a Contract extension is required (Contract extension).

- (2) Council must approve any requests for negotiations for: (a) a single source as set out in subsection (1)(b) of this Policy #11, where the cumulative value of the Policy 11 exceeds a multi-year value of the proposed procurement is \$250,000 or greater.

[83] Applying Policy 11 to the timeline of events, the “procurement process” and “communication with designed employees of the City as permitted in the procurement policies and procurement documents of the City” could only have begun on September 25, 2024 when Council ratified GIC approval of single sourcing and budget. Under this framework, communications prior to this time might be more appropriately described as market research, advertising or sales pitches.

[84] We note that with respect to the Section 5(1)(g) element of “submitting a bid proposal as part of the procurement process,” the Procurement By-law defines “bid” as an offer or submission from a vendor in response to a Request for Quotations, Request for Tenders, Request for Proposals, Request for Rostered Candidates or Request for Prequalification issued by the City. There were no such Requests issued in the circumstances of this case and therefore this element is not satisfied.

[85] In summary, the Respondents’ communications with public office holders before Council’s September 25, 2024 ratification of single-sourcing of the project do not constitute procurement communications.

[86] Mr. Fourcaudot’s email to CM Cluckie dated October 31, 2024 forwarding a Hamilton Spectator article with respect to the delivery of micro shelters is not a routine procurement-related communication.

[87] Mr. Levac’s email to the Mayor dated September 11, 2025 requesting a meeting on behalf of another client does not relate to a procurement process.

[88] We conclude that none of the Respondents’ communications with public office holders are exempted by the Section 5(1)(g) lobbying exemption for procurement communications.

Response to Public Office Holder’s Written Request – Section 5(1)(h)

[89] Section 5(1)(h) of the LR By-law provides an exemption for “communication with a public office holder by an individual on behalf of an individual, business or other entity in direct response to a written request from the public office holder”.

[90] We considered the possibility that Mr. Fourcaudot was communicating with CM Cluckie in response to requests by her or other public office holders given his apparent acquaintance with her prior to his May 3, 2024 email to her, as well as his July 18, 2024 email that reads as follows:

Hi Marnie and Rosanna Marnie thank you for your text and as instructed I am emailing you. I look forward to meeting with you and or members of your team to discuss our homeless shelter solutions. Please advise potential dates that will work for you. Denis

[91] As set out above, we reached out to City Manager Cluckie to ask for the text message referenced above as well as to advise whether any of Mr. Fourcaudot's communications were solicited to her knowledge. CM Cluckie advised that she was unable to locate the above-noted text; however, it is her typical practice to respond to texts with a request that communications be sent by email so they can be forwarded to relevant departments for action.

[92] CM Cluckie further advised that none of the Respondents were invited by her to submit information to or otherwise contact her or the Mayor's Office. She has no knowledge of any other public office holder doing so.

[93] In view of the fact that there likely was, technically, a written request from a public office holder, the contents of which we are unable to confirm, we are prepared to find that the s. 5(1)(h) exemption does apply to Mr. Fourcaudot's July 18, 2024 communication. There is no evidence that the exemption applies to any other emails.

[94] On July 30, 2024 and August 1, 2024, Mr. Fourcaudot was requested to provide a cost estimate/quote by two different City housing employees. As set out under "Communication with a Public Office Holder", neither of the Housing staff members are public office holders and therefore Mr. Fourcaudot's communications with these City employees is not considered lobbying under the LR By-law.

[95] We conclude that Mr. Fourcaudot's July 18, 2024 email to CM Cluckie is exempted from the definition of lobbying pursuant to Section 5(1)(h) of the By-law. The exemption does not apply to any other communications between the Respondents and public office holders.

General Information on Planning Approval - Section 5(1)(f)(i)

[96] Mr. Levac's September 11, 2025 email to the Mayor requesting a meeting on behalf of a developer client appears to relate to planning approvals. As indicated above, Mr. Levac indicated that he was communicating on behalf of a developer client "who is working on a major development in Hamilton who wants to meet with you (and staff of your choosing) to discuss the progress of the project."

[97] Section 5(1)(f)(i) exempts communication by an applicant, an interested party or their representatives with respect to an application for a service, grant, planning approval, permit or other license or permission ... with a public office holder if the communication is restricted to providing general information on an application, including a proposed or pending application, or to inquire about the application review process.

[98] Mr. Levac advises that he does not know whether the meeting request was initiated to communicate or obtain general information rather than to expedite a planning application etc. In the context of an individual describing themselves to a public office holder as "consulting" and communicating on behalf of a "client," it is incumbent on the individual to establish that a lobbying exemption applies to his or her communication.

[99] In the absence of specific evidence that this exemption applies, I decline to apply it.

City's Economic Interests – Section 5(2)

[100] In addition to the exemptions under s. 5(1), there is an exemption under s. 5(2) whereby “the Lobbyist Registrar may exempt lobbying from some or all of the requirements of this By-law if he or she is satisfied in advance by a lobbyist that registration could reasonably be expected to prejudice the economic interests of the City of Hamilton or the competitive position of the City of Hamilton”. As no exemption was sought in advance of the communications, this exemption does not apply. Additionally, there is no evidence that registration would have had any negative impact on the economic interests of the City.

CONCLUSIONS REGARDING THIS INQUIRY

[101] I conclude that the Respondents lobbied Hamilton public office holders without registering as lobbyists on the Lobbyist Registry in advance of doing so (or at any time subsequently). The communications that constitute lobbying include Denis Fourcaudot’s communications with City Manager Marnie Cluckie, with the exception of his July 18, 2024 email, Dave Levac’s solicitation of a meeting with the Mayor/Mayor’s office staff and the attendance of all three Respondents at a meeting with the Mayor’s policy advisor Wynne Baker. A complete list of the communications that constitute unexempted lobbying in respect of which I have found that the Respondents breached the LR By-law is found at Appendix “A”.

APPROPRIATE PENALTY

[102] Section 9(1) provides that the Lobbyist Registrar may prohibit an individual from lobbying, as follows, if the Lobbyist Registrar finds that the individual has contravened any of the provisions of this By-Law:

- (a) For 30 days for a first contravention;
- (b) For 60 days for a second contravention;
- (c) For a period of time longer than 60 days as determined by the Lobbyist Registrar for a third or subsequent contravention.

[103] Pursuant to s. 9(2), when the Lobbyist Registrar prohibits an individual from lobbying, the Lobbyist Registration shall:

- (a) Notify the individual and all public office holders of the prohibition and the reason or the prohibition in such manner as the Lobbyist Registrar determines; and
- (b) Post the prohibition and the reason for the prohibition on the City’s website.¹⁸

[104] This is the first finding of a contravention of the LR By-law on the part of each of the Respondents to my knowledge.

¹⁸ This report is being provided to Council for information purposes only as decisions of the Lobbyist Registrar are not subject to Council review: see s. 9. (1), LR By-law.

[105] Registration is a simple step that can be completed annually at no cost. All three of the Respondents were sophisticated individuals with experience dealing with government officials and politicians. In all the circumstances, I find that a 30-day penalty is, at minimum, appropriate for each of the Respondents, and that is the maximum penalty which the By-law provides for first offences.

ADDITIONAL REMEDIAL MEASURES

[106] The Complaint requests the following specific findings and remedies:

1. Find that the owners/principals of Microshelters Inc. engaged in unregistered lobbying in violation of the Lobbyist Registry By-law.
2. Find that the lobbying was unsolicited, sustained, and directed at public office holders, including the Mayor's Office.
3. Find that City officials provided expressions of interest prior to Council authorization, contrary to the principles of transparent governance.
4. Order and publish all correspondence (emails, attachments, presentations, messages) between: Microshelters' principals, and City staff, senior management, and the Mayor's Office
5. Recommend any additional remedial or policy changes necessary to prevent recurrence.

[107] With respect to 1 and 2, above, we have found that the owners/principals of Microshelters Inc. engaged in unregistered lobbying in violation of the Lobbyist Registry By-law and that the lobbying was unsolicited, sustained (in the sense that there were multiple angles pursued and multiple follow ups), and directed at public office holders, including the Mayor's Office.

[108] For the purposes of this report, we decline to make the finding requested at 3, above, as it is beyond the scope of a Lobbyist Registrar investigation.

[109] With respect to the request that we order and publish all correspondence between the Respondents and Hamilton public office holders, we have summarized and in some cases quoted from the text of these communications.

[110] With respect to recommendations to prevent recurrence, we note that the Mayor's Office occasionally utilizes a meeting request form when the intent of a meeting request is unclear per the evidence of Chief of Staff Uzma Qureshi. The form asks the parties requesting a meeting with the Mayor to clearly outline the subject matter of the meeting and additionally asks them to identify whether or not they are a registered lobbyist.

[111] While there is no requirement in the LR By-law to take proactive steps, which we regard as an omission, we strongly recommend that inquiries be made of the nature of requested meetings and whether the person is registered as a lobbyist by all Members of Council and the Senior

Leadership Team in advance of first discussions with members of the public as a matter of good practice. While one or more of the nature of the requestor, subject-matter of the discussion or reason for the discussion may not necessitate registration as a lobbyist, it will at least spur the requestor to consider whether they should be registering.

CONCLUSIONS REGARDING THE COMPLAINT

[112] I have found that Jeffrey Cooper, Denis Fourcaudot and Dave Levac violated Section 7(1) of the LR Bylaw which prohibits lobbying without registration as such on the Lobbyist Registry. These individuals are prohibited from lobbying for 30 days. This prohibition period will commence on the date of the Hamilton Council meeting at which this Report is tabled.

[113] If Mr. Cooper, Mr. Fourcaudot or Mr. Levac intend to engage in further lobbying once the prohibition ends, I urge them to register as lobbyists pursuant to the LR By-law.

[114] This concludes my investigation.

Respectfully Submitted,



David G. Boghosian,
Lobbyist Registrar,
City of Hamilton

APPENDIX “A”

SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATIONS CONSTITUTING LOBBYING FOR WHICH NO EXEMPTION TO REGISTRATION APPLIES

1. Communications initiated by Denis Fourcaudot, May 3, 2024, cc. Jeffrey Cooper

- May 3 2024: Denis Fourcaudot sent an email to Marnie Cluckie at 7:18 AM, attaching a document titled "Municipal World Shelter Release.pdf" and requesting her review. Jeffrey Cooper and CM Cluckie's executive assistant were copied on the email. Denis Fourcaudot included his contact information in the email.
- May 12 2024: Marnie Cluckie sent an email to Denis Fourcaudot, CM Cluckie's executive assistant and Jeffrey Cooper at 9:46 PM, acknowledging receipt of the document and confirming that it had been passed along to applicable staff.

This is lobbying of a member of the City's Senior Leadership Team by an in-house lobbyist regarding the purchase of goods by the City. We have not been provided with any evidence that the information was requested by CM Cluckie in writing or that another exemption applies.

2. Communications initiated by Denis Fourcaudot, May 13, 2024

- May 13 2024: Denis Fourcaudot sent an email to Marnie Cluckie at 10:01 AM, expressing his intention to reach out to her during the conference to arrange a meeting. He also invited her to suggest a convenient time for them to meet.

This is lobbying of a member of the City's Senior Leadership Team by an in-house lobbyist to arrange a meeting regarding the purchase of goods by the City. There is no evidence that an exemption applies.

3. Communications initiated by Dave Levac, June 26, 2024, cc. Jeffrey Cooper

- June 26 2024: Dave Levac sent an email to Mayor Andrea Horwath, introducing himself as a former MPP and Speaker of the Ontario Legislature who has established a consulting firm focused on municipal and provincial topics. He mentioned his client, Jeffrey Cooper, an Indigenous entrepreneur and Six Nations member, who has developed a company called Micro Shelters aimed at addressing the need for affordable and reusable shelter spaces for the homeless. Dave Levac requested an in-person meeting at City Hall and asked for available dates and times for the meeting. The email was also copied to Jeffrey Cooper.

This is lobbying of a Member of Council by a consultant lobbyist regarding the purchase of goods by the City. There is no evidence that an exemption applies.

4. Communications initiated by Dave Levac, July 16, 2024, cc. Jeffrey Cooper

- July 16 2024: Dave Levac sent a follow-up email to the Mayor's Executive Assistant Sarah Lowe, forwarding his previous email to Mayor Horwath. He expressed that he had not received a response for quite some time and reiterated his request for a meeting with the Mayor. He suggested that Social Services Senior staff, particularly the individual responsible for sheltering the homeless, might also attend the meeting. Dave Levac expressed confidence that the meeting request would catch the Mayor's interest and mentioned his willingness to meet in person to deliver good news about his product.
- July 18 2024: Sarah Lowe responded to Dave Levac's follow-up email, apologizing for the delay and informing him that the Mayor and her Senior Policy Advisor were currently unavailable. Sarah Lowe assured Dave Levac that she would reach out with meeting options once they returned to the office.
- July 18 2024: Dave Levac thanked Sarah Lowe for her response and expressed his anticipation for the meeting with the Mayor. He mentioned that he had a slide deck and short videos prepared for the presentation and requested assistance from the AV team.

This is lobbying of a member of the Mayor's staff by a voluntary unpaid or consultant lobbyist to arrange a meeting regarding the purchase of goods by the City. There is no evidence that an exemption applies.

5. Communications initiated by Dave Levac, August 1, 2014, cc. Jeffrey Cooper

- August 1 2024: Sarah Lowe emailed Dave Levac to propose a preliminary meeting with Wynne Baker, Mayor's Senior Policy Advisor. Sarah Lowe suggested either an in-person meeting at City Hall or a virtual meeting and requested confirmation from Dave Levac and Jeffrey Cooper regarding their attendance. Sarah Lowe mentioned that some staff members were on holiday in July, which delayed the communication.
- August 1 2024: Dave Levac responded to Sarah Lowe's email, expressing understanding of the challenges of running a public office. Dave Levac stated he would check with Jeffrey Cooper to determine the mode of communication (in-person or virtual) and would follow up with Sarah Lowe to finalize the meeting arrangements.

This is lobbying of a member of the Mayor's staff by a voluntary unpaid or consultant lobbyist to arrange a meeting regarding the purchase of goods by the City. There is no evidence that an exemption applies.

6. Communications initiated by Denis Fourcaudot, August 5, 2024

- August 5 2024: Denis Fourcaudot forwarded Dave Levac's August 1, 2024 email to Marnie Cluckie, Ms. Cluckie's executive assistant and Jeffrey Cooper. Denis Fourcaudot mentioned that the forwarded email was received from one

of their consultants and asked Marnie Cluckie for guidance on how to handle the situation. Denis Fourcaudot also inquired whether Marnie Cluckie would be attending AMO.

This is lobbying of a member of the City's Senior Leadership Team by an in-house lobbyist to arrange a meeting regarding the purchase of goods by the City. There is no evidence that an exemption applies.

7. Communication sent by Dave Levac, August 15-26, 2024, cc. Jeffrey Cooper

- August 15 2024: Dave Levac responded to Wynne Baker's email, confirming that both proposed dates (August 27 and August 29) worked for him and requesting her to confirm the date and time that best suited her schedule.
- August 22 2024: Wynne Baker confirmed the meeting date and time as August 27 at 2 00 PM. She clarified that the meeting would take place at City Hall and asked if virtual attendance was required.
- August 22 2024: Dave Levac confirmed the finalized meeting date and time (August 27 at 2 00 PM) and expressed hope that Mayor Andrea Horwath would join for a brief introduction. He mentioned that he and his team would attend in person and bring a slide deck and video for the presentation.
- August 23 2024: Wynne Baker informed Dave Levac that she was scheduled for another meeting at 2 00 PM on August 27 and proposed rescheduling the meeting to 10 00 AM on the same day. Dave Levac agreed to the new time.
- August 23 2024: Dave Levac confirmed the rescheduled meeting time of 10 00 AM on August 27 and expressed interest in having Andrea (Mayor Horwath) join for introductions and greetings.
- August 26 2024: Jeffrey Cooper and Dave Levac accepted an invitation for a meeting scheduled on August 27 2024 from 2 00 PM to 2 30 PM UTC. The meeting is to take place at MR - City Hall - 2nd Floor - Mayor's Boardroom. Wynne Baker is the organizer, and Dave Levac and Jeffrey Cooper are listed as attendees. The invitation was sent via Google Calendar.

This is lobbying of a member of the Mayor's staff by a voluntary unpaid or consultant lobbyist to attempt to meet with the Mayor regarding the purchase of goods by the City. There is no evidence that an exemption applies.

8. Meeting with Wynne Baker attended by Denis Fourcaudot, Dave Levac and Jeffrey Cooper, August 27, 2024

- August 27 2024: A meeting with Wynne Baker was attended by Dave Levac, Jeffrey Cooper and Denis Fourcaudot to discuss Microshelters at City Hall, 2nd Floor, Mayor's Boardroom.
- Ms. Baker's meeting notes detail features of the Microshelters product.

This meeting constitutes lobbying of a member of the Mayor's staff by a voluntary unpaid or consultant lobbyist and in-house lobbyists regarding the purchase of goods by the City. There is no evidence that an exemption applies.

9. Communications initiated by Denis Fourcaudot, August 27, 2024

- August 27 2024: Denis Fourcaudot sent an email to Wynne Baker, copying Jeffrey Cooper, regarding the Micro Shelter presentation and budget numbers. The email thanked Wynne Baker for her time and included attachments related to the Micro Shelter program, "MicroShelters Presentation-August-2024 (3).pdf."
- August 27 2024: Denis Fourcaudot sent a follow-up email to Wynne and Jeffrey Cooper at 1:13 PM, providing additional information regarding Microshelter delivery and order details. The email mentioned the possibility of providing a temporary location for positioning Microshelters, a delivery timeline of 6-8 weeks, and no restrictions on the number of units ordered, including quantities of 20, 200, or 500 units.

This is lobbying of a member of the Mayor's staff by an in-house lobbyist regarding the purchase of goods by the City. There is no evidence that an exemption applies.

10. Communications initiated by Denis Fourcaudot, September 5, 2024

- September 5 2024: Denis Fourcaudot forwarded an email to Wynne Baker, copying a housing staff member, asking Wynne Baker to review the attached Micro Shelter presentation and budget numbers. Denis Fourcaudot mentioned that the rental program was prepared for review, focusing on operational budgets instead of capital budgets. Denis Fourcaudot offered to discuss further if needed.
- September 6 2024: Wynne Baker responded to Denis Fourcaudot's email, acknowledging receipt of the Micro Shelter presentation and budget numbers. Wynne Baker mentioned reviewing the materials over the weekend and reaching out if there were any questions.
- September 6 2024: Denis Fourcaudot responded to Wynne Baker's email, expressing appreciation and confirming that he would be in Halifax.

This is lobbying of a member of the Mayor's staff by an in-house lobbyist regarding the purchase of goods by the City. There is no evidence that an exemption applies.

11. Communications initiated by Denis Fourcaudot, October 31, 2024

- October 31, 2024 Mr. Fourcaudot emailed CM Marnie Cluckie with a link to a Hamilton Spectator article regarding the Tiffany-Barton project.
- November 8, 2024 Ms. Cluckie replies, "Thanks."

This is lobbying of a member of the City's Senior Leadership Team by an in-house lobbyist regarding the purchase of goods by the City. There is no evidence that an exemption applies.

12. Communications initiated by Dave Levac, September 11, 2025

- September 11, 2025 Dave Levac email to the Mayor requesting a meeting on behalf of a developer client to discuss the progress of the client's project.
- September 15, 2025 Mayor's Executive Assistant Sarah Lowe replies with a request that Mr. Levac complete a meeting request form. There was no response by Mr. Levac to this email.

This is lobbying of the Mayor by a voluntary unpaid or consultant lobbyist to arrange a meeting regarding a client developer's planning application or related matter in furtherance of the client's financial interest. There is no evidence that a "general information on planning application" or other exemption applies.



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April 16, 2026

VIA EMAIL -- Matthew.Trennum@hamilton.ca

Matthew Trennum
c/o Mayor and Members of Council

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

**RE: HAMILTON INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER SERVICES
Our File No. 976-100**

During my tenure as your Integrity Commissioner, I have addressed several inquiries regarding the propriety of writing letters of support on behalf of residents who have matters before the Committee of Adjustments (“COA”). The most recent was this month. It was suggested to me that Council would benefit from a general statement regarding this issue.

In every case, I have provided advice to the effect of the following:

The COA is a quasi-judicial body which is required to apply legal and planning principles to its decisions. Consideration of extraneous factors such as support of the application by a Member of Council or the sympathies of the particular application highlighted in the Member’s letter of support should not be part of its decision-making process and in fact could lead to its decision being invalidated by a higher tribunal or court on the basis that it took into account irrelevant considerations. For these reasons, I regard the situation of a Member writing to a quasi-judicial body of the City (ie. the COA) to support a constituent’s application as a breach of s. 10 of the Code of Conduct, which reads in its relevant part as follows:

10. (1) No Member of Council shall use the influence of his or her office for any purpose other than the performance of the Member’s responsibilities as a Member, and other official duties.

As the COA is supposed to make decisions in a quasi-judicial fashion applying proper legal/planning principles, I do not regard it as appropriate for a Member to be attempting to influence the Committee’s judgment by writing letters of support in favour of constituents.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours very truly,



David G. Boghosian.
Integrity Commissioner,
City of Hamilton

DGB/dgb/ka



City of Hamilton

Memorandum

To: Mayor and Members of Council

Date: April 22, 2026

Report No: FCS26050

Subject/Title: Clarification of Loan Loss Risk – Better Homes Hamilton Pilot Program (Background Item (e), Reports PED23106 and PED26078)

Ward(s) Affected: (City Wide)

Information

Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide clarification, as directed by Committee, regarding Background Item (e) of Report PED23106, specifically, the reference to loan loss provision for the Better Homes Hamilton Pilot Program and to outline the potential for loan loss related to loans repaid through Local Improvement Charges. This Memorandum also describes the risk mitigation strategies currently in place and provides staff's assessment of whether a loan loss provision is required for the Pilot Program.

Background

Council previously approved funding for the administration of the Better Homes Hamilton Pilot Program, including reference to loan loss provisions, through the Climate Change Reserve Account as part of Background item (e) of Report PED23106.

Under the approved program design, loans are issued by the City to eligible homeowners for qualifying energy retrofit improvements and are repaid through a Local Improvement Charge added annually to the property tax roll. The charge is attached to the property rather than the individual borrower.

Report PED26078 seeks Council approval of a by-law required to impose the second batch of local improvement charges under the Pilot Program.

Assessment of Loan Loss Risk

Loans under the Better Homes Hamilton Program are not unsecured loans. Once certified by the City Treasurer and authorized by by-law, the loan amounts are imposed as special charges on the tax roll and secured by a priority lien on the property, consistent with Ontario Regulation 586/06.

Local Improvement Charges (LIC) have priority lien status similar to property taxes, rank ahead of most other encumbrances on title excluding Crown liens and remain enforceable regardless of property ownership changes. Collection and enforcement are carried out using the same processes available for property tax collection.

As a result, the risk of permanent loan loss is significantly reduced compared to traditional lending arrangements. While there may be circumstances where payments are temporarily delayed due to tax arrears, this does not represent a conventional loan default, as the charge remains recoverable through municipal tax enforcement mechanisms.

Existing Risk Mitigation Measures

In addition to the statutory protections inherent to the local improvement charge framework, several risk mitigation measures have been incorporated into the program design. Participation is limited to properties with tax accounts in good standing at the time of approval. All registered owners of participating properties are required to consent to the program. Individual loan amounts are capped at a maximum of \$20,000, limiting exposure relative to overall property value. Loan balances are certified by the

Treasurer, with Better Homes Hamilton staff responsible for administering the loans and providing the annual amounts to Revenue Services for placement on the tax roll. Any non-payment is addressed using standard property tax recovery tools available to the City.

Clarification Regarding Loan Loss Provision

The reference to loan loss provision in Background Item (e) of Report PED23106 was intended as a prudent and conservative consideration during the early incubation stage of the program, prior to operational experience with LIC-based repayment.

Based on experience to date and consultation with Corporate Services, the structure of the loans as Local Improvement Charges materially reduces the risk of loan default. As such, a conventional loan loss provision is not considered necessary for the Pilot Program, at this time. Any residual risk is mitigated through the security of the lien, established municipal tax collection authority and ongoing financial oversight by Revenue Services.

Conclusion

Staff concludes that loans issued under the Better Homes Hamilton Pilot Program, once imposed as Local Improvement Charges, are highly secure and present a low risk of permanent loss. The existing lien and collection framework substantially mitigates loan loss risk. The previously approved reserve funding for program administration remains appropriate as a precautionary measure during the pilot phase and staff will continue to monitor repayment performance. Any findings or recommended adjustments will be reported back to Council as part of the two-year program review previously approved by Council.

Consultation

Legal Services and Taxation have been consulted.

Appendices and Schedules Attached

None.

Prepared by:

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General Manager's Office,
Planning and Economic Development Department

Clayton Pereira: Director, Revenue Services, Corporate Services Department

Submitted and Recommended by:

Clayton Pereira, Director, Revenue Services, Corporate Services Department



**HAMILTON UTILITIES CORPORATION
SHAREHOLDER MINUTES
HUCS 26-001**

9:30 am

April 7, 2026

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

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

Absent: Councillors C. Kroetsch, and M. Spadafora – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor M. Tadeson called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

There were no ceremonial activities.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Hwang/Cassar)

That the agenda for the April 7, 2026 Hamilton Utilities Corporation Shareholder meeting, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

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5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**5.1 HUCS 25-003
Hamilton Utilities Corporation Shareholder Minutes - August 27, 2025**

(Hwang/Cassar)

The minutes of the August 27, 2025 (Item 5.1) meeting of the Hamilton Utilities Corporation Shareholder, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS

There were no Delegations.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 Alectra Management Presentation: Update on Alectra Rebasing and Sustainable Financing Process

(i) (Hwang/Cooper)

That the presentation time be extended by five minutes, for a total of fifteen minutes.

(ii) Jeffrey Cowan, President & CEO, Hamilton Utilities Corporation, provided a brief overview and introduced Brian Bentz, President & CEO, Alectra Inc who address the Shareholder with the Alectra Management Presentation: Update on Alectra Rebasing and Sustainable Financing Process.

(iii) (Hwang/Cooper)

That the Alectra Management Presentation: Update on Alectra Rebasing and Sustainable Financing Process, be received.

CARRIED

8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1 RESOLUTIONS OF THE SOLE SHAREHOLDER OF THE CORPORATION

(Hwang/Horwath)

WHEREAS the Corporation owns 17.31% of the issued and outstanding share capital of Alectra Inc. ("Alectra");

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WHEREAS Alectra's Unanimous Shareholders' Agreement (the "Alectra USA") entitles the Corporation to appoint one (1) independent and one (1) non-independent director to the board of directors of Alectra;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton is the sole shareholder of the Corporation (the "Sole Shareholder") and has previously selected Mayor Andrea Horwath to serve as the non-independent director to the board of directors of Alectra;

WHEREAS the Shareholder Direction and Unanimous Shareholder Declaration from the Sole Shareholder to the Corporation (the "USD") states in Section 3.02 that, in relation to the Corporation's appointees to the board of directors of Alectra, the Corporation's Nominating Committee shall make a report and recommendation to the Sole Shareholder regarding qualified candidates for the Sole Shareholder to select as the Corporation's appointees to the board of directors of Alectra;

WHEREAS the Corporation's Nominating Committee has prepared a report and recommendation (the "Proposal") which identifies and recommends a candidate to serve as the independent director to the board of directors of Alectra and the Board of Directors of the Corporation subsequently received and approved the Proposal at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation;

WHEREAS the USD states in Section 3.02 that the Corporation shall not, without the approval of the Sole Shareholder, place forward or nominate any appointee or nominee of the Corporation to the board of directors of Alectra;

WHEREAS the President of the Corporation has provided the Proposal to the Sole Shareholder, attached hereto as Schedule "A", for the consideration and approval of the Sole Shareholder pursuant to Section 3.02 of the USD;

WHEREAS Section 3.05(iv) of the USD requires the Corporation to provide written notice to the Sole Shareholder in relation to each request for approval received by the Corporation as a shareholder of Alectra pursuant to the Alectra USA;

WHEREAS Section 2.21(1)(j) of the Alectra USA requires special shareholder approval to appoint the auditor for Alectra; and,

WHEREAS the Corporation has provided written notice to the Sole Shareholder (attached hereto as Schedule "B") to request the Sole Shareholder's approval in relation to the appointment of KPMG as the auditor for Alectra (the "Request").

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NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton, acting in its capacity as representative of the Sole Shareholder of the Corporation, RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. RE-APPOINTMENT OF SEAN DONNELLY AS THE CORPORATION'S INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ALECTRA.

BE IT RESOLVED:

- (i) that the Proposal BE RECEIVED by the Sole Shareholder; and
- (ii) that the recommendation in the Proposal BE APPROVED by the Sole Shareholder and Sean Donnelly is hereby re-appointed as the Corporation's independent director to the board of directors of Alectra for a three-year term commencing on April 7, 2026; and
- (iii) that the Sole Shareholder approves the preparation of all necessary documents and/or agreements to give effect to the foregoing and the Corporation's President (or designate) BE AUTHORIZED and BE DIRECTED to execute, on behalf of the Corporation, all such necessary documents and/or agreements or to take any action deemed necessary in respect of any of the foregoing.

2. APPROVAL OF KPMG AS AUDITOR FOR ALECTRA

BE IT RESOLVED:

- (i) that the Request BE RECEIVED by the Sole Shareholder; and
- (ii) that the Request BE APPROVED by the Sole Shareholder and KPMG BE APPROVED by the Sole Shareholder to serve as the auditor for Alectra; and
- (iii) that the Mayor and City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED and BE DIRECTED to sign and/or dispatch and deliver any agreements, documents, notices, articles and/or certificates to be signed and/or dispatched or delivered to give effect to the foregoing or to take any action deemed necessary in respect of any of the foregoing.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTIONS are hereby consented to by the Sole Shareholder and are hereby passed as resolutions of the Corporation pursuant to the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario).

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DATED this 7th day of April 2026.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, 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
Absent	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
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
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

8. MOTIONS

There were no Motions.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion.

10. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

There were no Private and Confidential Items.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Hamilton Utilities Corporation Shareholder meeting, be adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela McRae

Deputy Mayor Mark Tadeson

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

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Legislative Coordinator

Chair, Hamilton Utilities Corporation
Shareholder



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES PWC 26-005

1:30 p.m.

April 13, 2026

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

Present: Councillors N. Nann (Chair), C. Cassar (Vice Chair), J. Beattie, R. Cooper, M. Francis, T. Hwang, T. Jackson, C. Kroetsch, T. McMeekin, E. Pauls, M. Spadafora (Virtually), M. Tadeson and M. Wilson

Absent with

Regrets: Councillor A. Wilson - Personal

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nann called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

There were no Ceremonial Activities.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Hwang/Kroetsch)

That the agenda for the April 13, 2026, Public Works Committee meeting, **BE APPROVED**, as presented.

CARRIED

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 March 23, 2026

(Cassar/Hwang)

That the minutes of the March 23, 2026 Public Works Committee meeting, **BE ADOPTED**, as presented.

CARRIED

Please refer to the April 22, 2026, Council Minutes for the disposition of these matters.

6. DELEGATIONS

(i) **Kathleen Pierce respecting the proposed HSR Bus Stop at Maple and Edgemont (In Person) (Item 6.1)**

(a) **(Hwang/Pauls)**

That the delegate **BE PROVIDED** with an additional 2 minutes to complete their delegation.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

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 Rob Cooper
Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(b) Kathleen Pierce addressed Committee respecting the proposed HSR Bus Stop at Maple and Edgemont.

(c) **(Hwang/Pauls)**

That the delegation from Kathleen Pierce respecting the proposed HSR Bus Stop at Maple and Edgemont, **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

Vice-Chair Cassar assumed the Chair

(ii) **(Nann/McMeekin)**

That Item 6.4, Delegations respecting Multi-use Court at Gage Park (Ward 3) (Item 11.1), **BE MOVED** up on the Agenda following Item 6.1.

CARRIED

Councillor Nann assumed the Chair.

(iii) Delegations respecting Multi-use Court at Gage Park (Ward 3) (Item 11.1), from the following individuals (Item 6.4):

(a) Julia Neven and Norrie King (In Person) (Item 6.4(a))

Julia Neven and Norrie King addressed Committee respecting the Multi-use Court at Gage Park (Ward 3).

(iv) Delegations respecting Replacing the Playground Structure and Adding Shade Structures at Memorial Elementary School, 1175 Main Street East, Hamilton (Ward 3) (Item 11.2), from the following individuals: (Item 6.2)

The following delegates addressed Committee respecting Replacing the Playground Structure and Adding Shade Structures at Memorial Elementary School, 1175 Main Street East, Hamilton (Ward 3) (Item 11.1):

(a) Robyn Heidi Currie (In Person) (Item 6.2(a))

(b) Adriana G. Baker (In Person) (Item 6.2(f))

(c) Liz Enriquez (Pre-recorded Video) (Item 6.2(b))

(d) Lyndall Musselman (Pre-recorded Video) (Item 6.2(c))

(e) Trisha Muldoon (Pre-recoded Video) (Item 6.2(d))

(f) Vanja (Pre-recoded Video) (Item 6.2(e))

This delegate did not provide a pre-recorded video and was not present when called upon.

(v) James Kemp respecting Accessible Portable Toilets in Ward 12 Community Parks, Hamilton (Ward 12) (Item 10.7) (Virtually) (Item 6.3)

James Kemp addressed Committee respecting Accessible Portable Toilets in Ward 12 Community Parks, Hamilton (Ward 12).

(vi) Pierre Roy respecting Report PW26025, 2023-2024 Annual Collision Report (Item 7.1) (In Person) (Item 6.5)

Pierre Roy addressed Committee respecting Pierre Roy Report PW26025, 2023-2024 Annual Collision Report (Item 7.1).

(vii) (Cooper/Spadafora)

That the following Delegations, **BE RECEIVED:**

Please refer to the April 22, 2026, Council Minutes for the disposition of these matters.

- 6.4 Delegations respecting Multi-use Court at Gage Park (Ward 3) (Item 11.1), from the following individuals:
 - (a) Julia Neven and Norrie King (In Person) (Item 6.4(a))

- 6.2 Delegations respecting Replacing the Playground Structure and Adding Shade Structures at Memorial Elementary School, 1175 Main Street East, Hamilton (Ward 3) (Item 11.2), from the following individuals:
 - (a) Robyn Heidi Currie (In Person) (Item 6.2(a))
 - (b) Adriana G. Baker (In Person) (Item 6.2(f))
 - (c) Liz Enriquez (Pre-recorded Video) (Item 6.2(b))
 - (d) Lyndall Musselman (Pre-recorded Video) (Item 6.2(c))
 - (e) Trisha Muldoon (Pre-recoded Video) (Item 6.2(d))

- 6.3 James Kemp respecting Accessible Portable Toilets in Ward 12 Community Parks, Hamilton (Ward 12) (Item 10.7) (Virtually)

- 6.5 Pierre Roy respecting Report PW26025, 2023-2024 Annual Collision Report (Item 7.1) (In Person)

CARRIED

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

**7.1 PW26025
2023/2024 Annual Collision Report (City Wide)**

Vince Sferazza, Director of Transportation introduced Mike Field, Manager of Transportation Operations who addressed Committee respecting Report PW26025, 2023/2024 Annual Collision Report (City Wide), with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

(M. Wilson/Cassar)

That Report PW26025, dated April 13, 2026, respecting 2023/2024 Annual Collision Report (City Wide), and the accompanying presentation, **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

Please refer to the April 22, 2026, Council Minutes for the disposition of these matters.

**7.2 PW26032
Rural Road Safety Report (Wards 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 15)**

(Cooper/Cassar)

That Report PW26032, dated April 13, 2026, respecting Rural Road Safety Report (Wards 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 15), **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

(i) (Kroetsch/Nann)

That the following Items for Information, **BE RECEIVED**:

**7.3 CWCL 112-2026
Memorandum respecting Speed Cushion - Kingsway Drive**

**7.4 CWCL 113-2026
Memorandum respecting Speed Cushion - Freeman Place**

CARRIED

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings.

9. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

**9.1 WMSC 26-001
Waste Management Sub-Committee Minutes - March 30, 2026**

(Kroetsch/Hwang)

That WMSC 26-001, Waste Management Sub-Committee Minutes - March 30, 2026, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein, **BE APPROVED**.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

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 Rob Cooper
Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

Please refer to the April 22, 2026, Council Minutes for the disposition of these matters.

Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

**9.2 PW26045
Fleet Services Contract Extension C11-52-17**

(Hwang/Kroetsch)

That Report PW26045, dated April 13, 2026, respecting Fleet Services Contract Extension C11-52-17, **BE RECEIVED**, and the following recommendations, **BE APPROVED**:

- (a) Pursuant to Procurement Policy #11 – Non-competitive Procurements, that Council approve the extension to Contract C11-52-17, for the provision of supply and delivery of heavy duty truck and equipment maintenance, parts and repair until November 10, 2026 and that the General Manager, Public Works Department **BE AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED** to negotiate, enter into and execute the extension and any ancillary documents required to give effect thereto with Barton Truck Centre Ltd. and Metro Freightliner Hamilton Inc., in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (b) That staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to use funding of up to \$1,350,000 from Accounts 54532 (Outside services) and 580210 (Central Garage Vehicle Shop), with up to \$960,000 allocated to Barton Truck Centre Ltd. and up to \$390,000 allocated to Metro Freightliner Hamilton Inc.; and
- (c) That the General Manager, Public Works Department **BE AUTHORIZED** to end the contract extension earlier if a new purchase order and contract is awarded before the six-month period expires.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:

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 Rob Cooper
Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Absent – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

Please refer to the April 22, 2026, Council Minutes for the disposition of these matters.

**9.3 PW26010
Standardization of Hamilton Water Equipment and Services (City Wide)**

(Hwang/M. Wilson)

That Report PW26010, dated April 13, 2026, respecting Standardization of Hamilton Water Equipment and Services (City Wide), be received, and the following recommendations, be approved:

- (a) That pursuant to the City of Hamilton's Procurement Policy #14 – Standardization, Council **APPROVE** the standardization and, where indicated, the single sourcing of the equipment, parts, supplies, and services identified in the attached Appendices "A" and "B", to Report PW26010, Standardization of Hamilton Water Equipment and Services, for the Hamilton Water Division;
- (b) That the General Manager, Public Works, or their designate, **BE AUTHORIZED** to negotiate, enter into and execute any required contract and any ancillary documents required to give effect thereto with those vendors identified in the attached appendices with content acceptable to the General Manager, Public Works, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
- (c) That the General Manager, Public Works, or their designate, **BE AUTHORIZED** to amend any contracts executed and any ancillary documents as required if a service provider, manufacturer, or distributor identified in the attached appendices undergoes a name change or a new distributor relationship in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and
- (d) That the Director of Procurement, or their designate, **BE AUTHORIZED** to amend the name of any service provider, manufacturer, or distributor name listed in the appendices, as required, to correct any discrepancy with the service provider's, manufacturer's, or distributor's full legal name for the purpose of establishing a purchase order and/or the payment of invoices.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

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 Rob Cooper
Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson

Please refer to the April 22, 2026, Council Minutes for the disposition of these matters.

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

**9.4 PW26047
Update to Bylaw 26-034 Regarding Transit Fares (City Wide)**

(Kroetsch/Cassar)

That Report PW26047, dated April 13, 2026, respecting Update to Bylaw 26-034 Regarding Transit Fares (City Wide), **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation, **BE APPROVED**:

- (a) That the draft by-law to amend the By-law No. 26-034, being a by-law to Establish Certain 2026 User Fees and Charges for Services, Activities or the Use of Property, to reflect a change in User Fees for Transit Fares prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and attached as Appendix A to Report PW26047, **BE APPROVED** and that the draft by-law **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Council.

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

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 Rob Cooper
Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

9.4(a) Correspondence respecting Report PW26047, Update to Bylaw 26-034 Regarding Transit Fares (City Wide) (Item 9.4)

(Beattie/Jackson)

That the following correspondence respecting Report PW26047, Update to Bylaw 26-034 Regarding Transit Fares (City Wide) (Item 9.4), **BE RECEIVED**:

9.4(a)(i) Viv Saunders

CARRIED

Please refer to the April 22, 2026, Council Minutes for the disposition of these matters.

10. MOTIONS

10.1 Upsizing of the Existing Cross Culvert in the Vicinity of 3225 Cemetery Road (Ward 11) - REVISED

(Tadeson/Francis)

WHEREAS, drainage and flooding concerns at 3225 Cemetery Road have been documented through resident reports, photographic evidence, and site observations; and

WHEREAS, staff will examine the drainage conditions on the private property as well as the road characteristics prior to modifying the City-owned infrastructure.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Transportation Division **BE DIRECTED** to remove the existing cross culvert and replace it with a larger size based on site conditions; and that, where upsizing is not feasible, an additional cross culvert be installed adjacent to the existing culvert in the vicinity of 3225 Cemetery Road; and
- (b) That \$20,000 from the CP Minor Maintenance Account (4031911611) **BE APPROVED** to be allocated to the Transportation Division to complete the culvert work during the 2026 construction season.

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

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 Rob Cooper
Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

10.2 Investment in a new Downtown Washroom (Ward 2)

(Kroetsch/M. Wilson)

WHEREAS, the addition of a new permanent accessible washroom in the downtown core would serve as a benefit to the community;

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WHEREAS, Corporate Facilities and Energy Management Division, Public Works, is currently overseeing a feasibility study for the addition of a new permanent washroom at John and Rebecca Park, located at 76 John Street North, Hamilton, with the final study expected in Q3 2026;

WHEREAS, the feasibility study will determine the costs, opportunities and timelines for constructing and maintaining a new permanent washroom at John and Rebecca Park;

WHEREAS, there is an existing fully Development Charge (DC) funded PID 3542441104 titled Ferguson Station Washroom with \$250K approved to date for consulting (design) and \$1.3M forecast in 2027 for construction, to advance a new permanent washroom;

WHEREAS, after further consideration, the John and Rebecca Park is now the preferred downtown washroom location over the originally planned Ferguson Station site; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Facilities and Energy Management have consulted with Development Charge staff to confirm that the DC funds approved to date (and forecast for Council approval) can be transferred to the preferred John and Rebecca Ward 2 location for the new permanent washroom.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to proceed with a capital appropriation as follows:
 - (i) Closure of the Ferguson Station Washroom PID (3542441104), and transfer of the \$1.55M in DC funding (specifically \$250K approved to date, and the \$1.3M placeholder for 2027);
 - (ii) The funds shall be transferred to a new PID (3542641104) and titled Downtown Washroom, with the pending PID capital detail sheet highlighting the new preferred site at John and Rebecca Park located at 76 John Street North, Hamilton;
- (b) That Corporate Facilities and Energy Management staff **BE DIRECTED** to complete the feasibility study for the new permanent washroom located at John and Rebecca Park and consider the costing findings to update PID 3542641104 capital detail sheet future construction funding forecast (if required) as part of the yearly capital budget process;
- (c) That the Ward 2 Councillor be provided the opportunity to offer feedback on the draft study before the final study is approved and

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published in Q3 2026; and

- (d) That the General Manager, Public Works Department be authorized to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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

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 Rob Cooper
Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

10.2(a) Correspondence respecting Investment in a new Downtown Washroom (Item 10.2)

(Kroetsch/M. Wilson)

That the correspondence respecting Investment in a new Downtown Washroom (Item 10.2), **BE RECEIVED:**

10.2(a)(i) Viv Saunders

CARRIED

10.3 Ancaster Business Improvement Area (BIA) Beautification Assistance for 2026 Season (Ward 12)

(Cassar/Hwang)

WHEREAS, in 2025, the Forestry and Horticulture Section advised all Business Improvement Areas that, beginning in 2026, all beautification services related to hanging baskets and planters would be provided on a full cost-recovery basis;

WHEREAS, the Ancaster Business Improvement Area (BIA) has requested the continuation and enhancement of its annual beautification program including 42 hanging baskets and 42 planters for the 2026 season;

WHEREAS, the City's Horticulture section has confirmed the ability to provide services similar to previous years including the creation, installation and removal,

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and seasonal watering for 42 hanging baskets and 42 planters for the 2026 season at a total cost of \$24,747.66;

WHEREAS, the Ancaster BIA will contribute \$7,115.22 toward the cost of the hanging basket flowers as in previous years;

WHEREAS, the remaining balance of \$17,632.44 represents the outstanding cost required to deliver the full program for the 2026 season; and

WHEREAS, timely approval is required to allow Horticulture staff to begin growing and preparation activities in order to meet the installation deadlines for the 2026 season.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to proceed with the creation, growth, supply, installation, maintenance, watering, and removal of 42 hanging baskets and 42 planters for the Ancaster Business Improvement Area (BIA) for the 2026 season, at a total cost of \$24,747.66;
- (b) That funding in the amount of \$17,632.44 **BE APPROVED** to be funded from CP Minor Maintenance Ward 12 (4031911612) to cover the balance not funded by the Ancaster BIA; and
- (c) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate **BE AUTHORIZED** 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.

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

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 Rob Cooper
Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

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10.4 Improvements to the Hamilton Amateur Athletics Association Grounds Field House (Ward 1)

(M. Wilson/Kroetsch)

WHEREAS, Hamilton Amateur Athletics Association (“HAAA”) Grounds is a community park located at 250 Charlton Avenue West within Ward 1 that dates back to the 1870’s;

WHEREAS, HAAA Grounds is undergoing a redevelopment of the aging park amenities as part of the overall HAAA Grounds Renewal Plan;

WHEREAS, the provision of various improvements to the historic HAAA Grounds Field House is needed to enable public access and use of the Field House (the “Project”);

WHEREAS, City of Hamilton owned fieldhouse facilities in Ward 1 are maintained by the City of Hamilton’s Corporate Facilities & Energy Management (CFEM) Division, Public Works, and permitted where applicable through the Recreation Division;

WHEREAS, many of the current fieldhouses in Ward 1 require lifecycle repair and accessibility upgrades;

WHEREAS, the Recreation Master Plan (2022) identified that 74% of the survey respondents identified park washrooms as a high priority for investment and recommends providing permanent, accessible washroom facilities within Community and City-wide Parks;

WHEREAS, HAAA Park Field House is a high use, year-round facility and the addition of accessible washrooms with exterior access and indoor multi-purpose program space available throughout all seasons will draw more users to the Park;

WHEREAS, a feasibility study and detailed design was conducted for the HAAA Park Field House, with construction anticipated to begin by 2027 dependent on further funding;

WHEREAS, the Project includes required building lifecycle improvements along with four (4) newly renovated gender-neutral washrooms, including two exterior access washrooms, two (2) universal barrier free washrooms, upgrades to support public and community use, installation of a small kitchenette, and accessibility improvements consistent with AODA requirements;

WHEREAS, the construction and furniture budget for the Project is \$2.4 million dollars, with \$1.5 million dollars being allocated from the Ward 1 Capital Re-Investment Reserve and \$250,000 from the City of Hamilton (CFEM building lifecycle funds); and

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WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has been awarded a donation of \$650,000 from the Patrick J McNally Foundation to support the Project and address the identified funding shortfall.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the General Manager of Public Works, **BE AUTHORIZED** to negotiate, enter into and execute on behalf of the City, with content acceptable to the General Manager of Public Works and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor:
 - (i) all agreements and ancillary documents with the Patrick J McNally Charitable Foundation for the receipt of a donation in the amount of \$650,000 which shall be used to fund the Project; and
 - (ii) all required agreement(s) and ancillary documents necessary to give effect to the recommendations contained within this Motion,
- (b) That the donation amount of \$650,000 from the Patrick J McNally Charitable Foundation **BE PLACED** into the Hamilton Amateur Athletics Association (“HAAA”) Field House PID (4242109108) to be used for the Project;
- (c) That Councillor Maureen Wilson **BE REQUESTED** to send a letter of thanks, on behalf of the City, to the Patrick J McNally Charitable Foundation for its gracious donation;
- (d) That Public Works staff **BE AUTHORIZED** and **DIRECTED** to retain a Contractor to undertake the construction of the Project at the Hamilton Amateur Athletic Association Park Field House, located at 250 Charlton Avenue West, Hamilton; and
- (e) That costs associated to advance the Project to construction **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 1 Capital Re-Investment Reserve #108051 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$1.5M and added to existing HAAA Field House PID (4242109108).

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

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 Rob Cooper
Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

10.5 Ainslie Wood Community Hub Furnishing (Ward 1)

(M. Wilson/McMeekin)

WHEREAS, there is a Council approved renovation project of the existing field house within Alexander Park (259 Whitney Avenue, Hamilton) nearing completion and which was fully funded through the Ward 1 area rated reserve;

WHEREAS, the field house has been repurposed to create a multi-use Ainslie Wood Community Hub;

WHEREAS, the facility is designed to provide programming for recreation, community use, multi-purpose uses for all ages and outdoor events;

WHEREAS, the community hub requires furniture, including foldable tables, chairs and dollies to facilitate multi-purpose community use; and

WHEREAS these amenities are valuable to the community within the Ainslie Wood neighbourhood.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That furnishings at Ainslie Wood Community Hub, located at Alexander Park (250 Whitney Avenue, Hamilton), **BE APPROVED** to be funded from the Ward 1 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309100 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$20,000; and
- (b) That the General Manager of Public Works, or their designate, **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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

Yes – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes – Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes – Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes – Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang

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Yes – Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes – Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

10.6 Replacement of Existing Benches at Victoria Park Plaza, 500 King Street West, Hamilton (Ward 1)

(M. Wilson/McMeekin)

WHEREAS, Victoria Park, located at 500 King Street West, Hamilton, is a highly popular park where visitors of all ages attend to enjoy the outdoors and its amenities;

WHEREAS, the existing semi-circular plaza within the park, adjacent to the spray pad, includes pre-cast concrete benches that do not have backing or arm rests;

WHEREAS, park users have varying levels of ability and comfort, and providing benches with backing and arm rests would offer additional support for residents using the park;

WHEREAS, replacing the existing pre-cast concrete benches with four new colourful park benches with backing and arm rests would enhance comfort and accessibility for park users, while also adding a pop of colour to the area; and

WHEREAS, with the proposed colourful benches differing from standard park bench colours, additional funds will be required to support the replacement of coloured bench boards/slats in the event of damage.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the removal and replacement of existing pre-cast concrete benches at the semi-circular central plaza at Victoria Park, 500 King Street West, with four new colourful park benches with backing and arm rests, as well as replacement boards/slats, **BE APPROVED**, to be funded from the Ward 1 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309100 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$12,000; and
- (b) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate **BE AUTHORIZED** to approve and execute any and all required

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agreements and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, related to the removal and replacement of existing pre-cast concrete benches for four new park benches with back and arm rests, as well as replacement boards/slats, at Victoria Park.

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

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 Rob Cooper
Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

10.7 Accessible Portable Toilets in Ward 12 Community Parks, Hamilton (Ward 12)

(Cassar/Hwang)

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 pad, 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 temporary accessible portable toilet(s) for the 2026 season through to October 2026, is required.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the provision of temporary portable toilets at each of Meadowlands Community Park (160 Meadowlands Boulevard), Amberly Park (284 Nakoma Road), James Smith Park (50 Braithwaite Avenue), and Lynden Legion Park (206 Lynden Road) for the summer season (approximately May-October) of 2026, **BE APPROVED**, to be funded from the Ward 12 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account

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#3301609612, at an upset limit including contingency not to exceed a total of \$9,500; and

- (b) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate **BE AUTHORIZED** 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, related to the implementation of temporary accessible portable toilet(s) in the listed Ward 12 park locations, Hamilton.

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

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 Rob Cooper
Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

10.8 Improvements to Lincoln Alexander Elementary School Play Structure, 50 Ravenbury Drive, Hamilton (Ward 6)

(Jackson/Beattie)

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board has provided space on their property at 50 Ravenbury Drive, Hamilton for an existing play structure that is available for public use;

WHEREAS, the subject play structure is approaching end of useful life and needs to be replaced;

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements would allow for enhanced accessibility for users with the new play equipment and new pathway;

WHEREAS, these amenities provide recreation opportunities for children, youth and families in the Greater Ward 6 community;

WHEREAS, there is an additional opportunity to plant approximately 20 trees around this play area and pathway;

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WHEREAS, the planting of the trees will be coordinated by the City of Hamilton Forestry Section, with the trees maintained until establishment, approximately 3 years. After such time the trees are recognized as a Hamilton Wentworth School Board asset; and

WHEREAS, this project will be added to the Parks capital work plan, with community engagement for the play structure replacement commencing in 2026.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That replacement of the existing play structures and tree planting at Lincoln Alexander Elementary School, 50 Ravenbury Drive, Hamilton, **BE APPROVED** and funded from the Ward 6 Capital Re-Investment Reserve #108056 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$375,000; and
- (b) That the General Manager of Public Works, or designate, **BE AUTHORIZED** 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 in relation to the replacement of play structures and tree planting at Lincoln Alexander Elementary School, 50 Ravenbury Drive, Hamilton.

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

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 Rob Cooper
Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Vice-Chair Cassar assumed the Chair.

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11.1 Multi-use Court at Gage Park (Ward 3)

(i) **(Nann/Cassar)**

That the Rules of Order **BE SUSPENDED** to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting Multi-use Court at Gage Park (Ward 3).

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a 2/3 majority vote of 12 to 0, as follows:

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 Rob Cooper
Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(ii) **(Nann/Kroetsch)**

WHEREAS, basketball has been a one of the fastest growing sports among youth in Canada and remains a low -cost activity to participate in;

WHEREAS, basketball is growing in popularity among girls and young women, thanks to the WNBA's presence in Canada with the Toronto Tempo, the local success of both Mohawk Mountaineers and McMaster University Women's Basketball in their championship wins, and the success and local support of Hamilton all-star Shai Gilgeous-Alexander;

WHEREAS, the City's Recreation Master Plan calls for a multi-use court in Gage Park by 2051;

WHEREAS, Gage Park includes sport facilities for baseball, lawn bowling, and tennis - all amenities that require a team and/or membership to play;

WHEREAS, most of the free recreation equipment at Gage Park caters to younger children, despite local teens needing a place to gather for fun and recreation;

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WHEREAS, Ward 3 only has three courts currently and they are all more than two kilometres walk away from Gage Park;

WHEREAS, the installation of the Rally Court at Woodlands Park has shown that such community assets become well-used, meet needs, and provide opportunities for positive events for our communities in local parks; and

WHEREAS, local youth have requested an expedited timeline to implement the multi-use court at Gage Park.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Public Works staff **BE DIRECTED** to report back in Q1 2027 on the feasibility to expedite the timeline for a multi-use court at Gage Park in 2027/2028, including: cost and potential revenue sources, project timeline, public consultation, etc.; and
- (b) That Public Works staff **CONSIDER** the costs that would require to be part of the 2027 Capital Budget; and work with the Ward 3 Councillor for the consideration of area-rated or other discretionary funding from 2027.

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

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 Rob Cooper
Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

11.2 Replacing the Playground Structure and Adding Shade Structures at Memorial Elementary School, 1175 Main Street East, Hamilton (Ward 3)

(i) (Nann/Hwang)

That the Rules of Order **BE SUSPENDED** to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting Replacing the Playground Structure and Adding Shade Structures at Memorial Elementary School, 1175 Main Street East, Hamilton (Ward 3).

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Result: **MOTION, CARRIED by a 2/3 majority vote of 12 to 0, as follows:**

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 Rob Cooper
Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(ii) (Nann/Hwang)

WHEREAS, improving public outdoor greenspaces and playgrounds helps to strengthen neighbourhood assets and build community-based opportunities for all;

WHEREAS, Memorial Elementary School Park, 1175 Main Street East, has a lack of shade structures and the City-owned playground structure has been deemed at end-of-life by City staff requiring it to be closed if not replaced;

WHEREAS, the design of the space adjacent to the playground structure in a manner that provides shade enhances the quality of community life, addresses hotter days in warmer seasons, and provides healthy opportunities for creative and physical play has been identified by local young neighbours, students, parent council members, and verified by the school administration as a priority;

WHEREAS, the Ward 3 Councillor's Office has worked with the local community in Crown Point West, parent council members, Memorial Elementary School administration, Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) Trustee, and City staff to identify a preferred scope of plan to address local needs;

WHEREAS, the allocation of these funds will go toward replacing the existing playground structure with the addition of shade structures in a manner informed by community input, HWDSB requirements for student use during school hours, as well as, City standards for use by young neighbours outside of school hours;

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WHEREAS, HWDSB staff have finalized a scope of work within their organizational policies and frameworks; and

WHEREAS, HWDSB does not have the adequate capital funds to address the community's interests and needs to enhance the outdoor greenspace and playground structure at Memorial Elementary School, 1175 Main Street East, Hamilton, that enable timely implementation of solutions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the revitalization of the Memorial Elementary School, 1175 Main Street East, Hamilton, playground structure, shade structures, and adjacent area, **BE APPROVED**, to be funded from the Ward 3 Capital Re-Investment Reserve #108053 (\$240,000) and Ward 4 Capital Re-Investment Reserve #108054 (\$40,000) at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed a total of \$280,000; and that a one-time exception to the Ward Specific Initiatives Policy be approved to permit use of Area Rating Reserve funds outside of the Ward; and
- (b) That City Staff **BE DIRECTED** to work in conjunction with Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) staff to establish the agreements required that considers all costs, shared use of space, maintenance and upkeep, and any other requirements associated with the redevelopment of Memorial Elementary School, 1175 Main Street East, Hamilton, playground structure and adjacent area;
- (c) That the HWDSB **BE REQUESTED** to provide the City of Hamilton and Ward 3 City Councillor with a timeline for design, procurement and installation that can be shared with the public in a timely manner; and
- (d) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate **BE AUTHORIZED** 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, related to enhancing public outdoor greenspace and playground structure at Memorial Elementary School, 1175 Main Street East, Hamilton.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

Yes – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes – Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes – Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes – Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang

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Yes – Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Absent – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes – Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

11.2(a) Correspondence respecting Replacing the Playground Structure and Adding Shade Structures at Memorial Elementary School, 1175 Main Street East, Hamilton (Ward 3) (Item 11.2)

(Nann/Hwang)

That the correspondence respecting Replacing the Playground Structure and Adding Shade Structures at Memorial Elementary School, 1175 Main Street East, Hamilton (Ward 3) (Item 11.2), **BE RECEIVED.**

11.2(a)(i) Patrick Durcharme
11.2(a)(ii) Jessica Dixon
11.2(a)(iii) Kristina Vidug
11.2(a)(iii) Willow Mackenzie
11.2(a)(iv) Trish Hlohinec
11.2(a)(v) David Potter
11.2(a)(vi) Meagan Shanahan
11.2(a)(vii) Kylie Kozolanka
11.2(a)(viii) Maria Felix Miller

CARRIED

Councillor Nann assumed the Chair.

Councillor Kroetsch introduced the following Notice of Motion:

11.3 Eastwood Park Accessible Portable Toilets, 111 Burlington Street East, Hamilton (Ward 2)

WHEREAS, Eastwood Park, 111 Burlington Street East, Hamilton, is home to various ongoing programming throughout the summer season, including Steel City Inclusive Softball Association, a safe and accessible league for 2SLGBTQIA+ people and allies;

WHEREAS, Eastwood Park includes an existing washroom facility, and current capacity may not adequately support the level of park programming and user demand;

Please refer to the April 22, 2026, Council Minutes for the disposition of these matters.

WHEREAS, Council approved the use of the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Reserve (#108052) to fund temporary portable toilet facilities in Ward 2 parks for the summer of 2025; and

WHEREAS, funding is required to support the supply and installation of up to three temporary accessible portable toilets at Eastwood Park, including regular and any additional required cleaning, for the summer season (approximately May to October 2026), with specific installation locations within the park to be determined after consultation with the user groups.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the implementation of temporary accessible portable toilets in Eastwood Park (Existing Capital Project ID#4242509217), 111 Burlington Street East, Hamilton, be approved to be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Re-Investment Reserve #108052 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$6,000; and
- (b) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate be authorized 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, related to the implementation of temporary accessible portable toilet(s) in Eastwood Park, 111 Burlington Street East, Hamilton.

11.4 Installation of Speed Cushions as a Traffic Calming Measure on Montmorency Drive (Ward 5)

- (i) **(Francis/Tadeson)**
That the Rules of Order **BE SUSPENDED** to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting Installation of Speed Cushions as a Traffic Calming Measure on Montmorency Drive (Ward 5).

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a 2/3 majority vote of 10 to 0, as follows:

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
Absent – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes – Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson

Please refer to the April 22, 2026, Council Minutes for the disposition of these matters.

Absent – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(ii) **(Francis/Tadeson)**

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has adopted Vision Zero approach which considers human error as part of the roadway safety equation;

WHEREAS, residents on Montmorency Drive between Mt Albion Road and Albright Road in Ward 5 have advocated for the installation of speed cushions to address roadway safety concerns as a result of speeding;

WHEREAS, the Transportation Division completed traffic calming warrants for Montmorency Drive between Mt Albion Road and Albright Road in Ward 5 which determined that speed cushions are not technically warranted;

WHEREAS, signatures were collected from residents resulting in support by 28 of 41 (68%) homes on Montmorency Drive between Mt Albion Road and Albright Road for the installation of speed cushions as a traffic calming measure; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Division conducted a review to select suitable speed cushion locations on Montmorency Drive, which have been reviewed by the Ward office;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Transportation Division **BE AUTHORIZED** and **DIRECTED** to install 2 speed cushions on Montmorency Drive between Mt Albion Road and Albright Road at approximately #53 and #90 Montmorency Drive as a traffic calming measure and as part of Transportation's 2026 speed cushions installation program;
- (b) That all costs associated with the installation of traffic calming measures **BE APPROVED**, to be funded through the Ward 5 Capital Re-Investment Reserve #108055 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$6,000; and
- (c) That the General Manager of Public Works and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:

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
Absent – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes – Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Absent – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

12. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

There were no Private & Confidential Items.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Works Committee adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie McIntosh
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk

Councillor Nrinder Nann,
Chair, Public Works Committee

From: Emily Lucks-Kelly [REDACTED]
Sent: April 10, 2026 12:40 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Memorial School Playground

External Email: Use caution with links and attachments.

Dear Council,

My name is Emily Lucks-Kelly and I am a parent/community member of a child that attends Memorial School.

As a parent, I am asking you to support funding for a new playground at Memorial School.

Parks and playgrounds are among the few free, universally accessible community resources, which the City recognizes as essential for equitable access to recreation (City of Hamilton).

For many families especially in priority neighbourhoods these spaces function as their “backyard.” A place to come together to play, learn, grow and build memories.

Our community has been waiting over a decade for an upgraded playground that supports various community members. We long for trees for shade, benches to sit and a safe, fun park to play.

Supporting this motion is an opportunity to uphold Hamilton’s commitment to fairness, inclusion, and equal opportunity for all children.

Sincerely,

Emily

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From: Courtney Tuttle [REDACTED]
Sent: April 10, 2026 1:44 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Public Works meeting April 13th, 2026

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Hello,

My name is Courtney Tuttle and I am writing today in support of a new playground at Memorial school in ward 3.

My [REDACTED] started attending Memorial school for [REDACTED] this past September and [REDACTED] has been having a great time, however [REDACTED] mentions that the playground is not great. [REDACTED] attended A.M. Cunningham from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] mentions all the time how much [REDACTED] misses that playground.

I recently had the chance to take a look at the playground at Memorial and I can see what [REDACTED] means about missing the playground at [REDACTED] old school. The playground at Cunningham has the rubber turf, a good number of swings, there is shade, there is seating, and it is in overall better condition. The water fountain is in the midst of being replaced at Cunningham, but my kids also really enjoy having that option if they run out of water on warm days.

My 2 younger children [REDACTED] at Memorial [REDACTED]. They are both neurodivergent and they currently use the playground at Cunningham to burn off extra energy (they are allowed to use it during the school day) and they use the swings to help regulate. They also stay after school when weather allows to play with friends and build connections. It would be amazing if they could do that on a safe, new playground at Memorial.

I would like to ask the committee to consider allocating some funds for a new playground at Memorial school, and thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Courtney Tuttle

From: Melissa McSweeney [REDACTED]
Sent: April 10, 2026 7:14 PM
To: clerk@hamilton.ca
Subject: Delegation Letter for Memorial School Play Structure

External Email: Use caution with links and attachments.

Delegation Letter for Memorial School Play Structure

Dear Councillor Nann,

I'm a parent living in Delta West and I have [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at Memorial School. I love that the school yard has a play structure, which is especially well used as part of the before and after care program that my [REDACTED] attends. We live in walking distance a few blocks away, like so many families in this Ward 3 community, and we use the playground on both school days and weekends.

That being said, the play equipment is at the end of its life. Investing in a new structure would be so beneficial to the Memorial School community.

I would love to see:

- a new safe play structure with a good amount of climbing equipment and slides for a variety of ages
- a shaded spot for those really sunny days as it can be very hot being right in the sun with no large trees around

The playground has the potential to provide so much. A spot for kids to connect with friends, use their imagination in play, enjoy physical activity in the outdoors, and head into school with refreshed minds ready to learn. I am proud to raise my son in this walkable, urban community, and I would love to see it invested in for my child and other children growing up in this neighbourhood, right now, and for years to come.

Thank you,

Melissa McSweeney

[REDACTED]

Hamilton, ON, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES PLC 26-005

9:30 a.m.

April 14, 2025

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

Present: Councillors M. Tadeson (Chair), M. Wilson (Vice-Chair), T. Hwang (2nd Vice-Chair), J. Beattie, C. Cassar, C. Kroetsch, E. Pauls, T. McMeekin, A. Wilson, M. Francis, N. Nann (virtual), R. Cooper

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair M. Tadeson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

There were no ceremonial activities.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

8.4(b)(i) Delegation from John Urbanek - WITHDRAWN

(Kroetsch/Francis)

That the agenda for the April 14, 2026 Planning Committee meeting, **BE APPROVED**, as amended.

CARRIED

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 March 24, 2026

(Pauls/Cooper)

That the minutes of the March 24, 2026 Planning Committee, **BE ADOPTED**, as presented.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS

There were no Delegations.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

There were no Items for Information.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

In accordance with the *Planning Act*, Chair M. Tadeson advised those viewing the meeting that the public had been advised of how to pre-register to be a delegate at the Public Meetings on today's agenda.

If a specified person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of Council, City of Hamilton to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the specified person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Hamilton before the by-law is passed, the specified person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a specified person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Hamilton before the by-law is passed, the specified person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

8.1 PED26024

Application for a Zoning By-law Amendment for Lands Located at 1042 and 1050 West 5th Street, Hamilton (Ward 8)

(i) (Cooper/Pauls)

That the staff presentation from Abdullah Pasha, Planner I, respecting Application for a Zoning By-law Amendment for Lands Located at 1042 and 1050 West 5th Street, Hamilton (Ward 8), **BE WAIVED**.

CARRIED

(ii) James Thomas from A.J. Clarke and Associates Ltd., were in attendance and indicated they were in support of the staff report.

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

(Cooper/Pauls)

That the delegation James Thomas from A.J. Clarke and Associates Ltd., **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

Chair Tadeson called three times for public delegations and no one came forward.

(iii) (Cooper/Hwang)

(i) That the public submissions were **RECEIVED** and **CONSIDERED** by Committee; and,

(a) Written Submissions (Item 8.1(a)):

(i) Glenn Davies – In support of the development

(ii) Seth Floyd – In support of the development

(ii) That the public meeting **BE CLOSED**.

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

YES – Ward 1 Councillor M. Wilson
YES – Ward 2 Councillor C. Kroetsch
YES – Ward 3 Councillor N. Nann
YES – Ward 4 Councillor T. Hwang
YES – Ward 5 Councillor M. Francis
YES – Ward 7 Councillor E. Pauls
YES – Ward 10 Councillor J. Beattie
YES – Ward 11 Councillor M. Tadeson
YES – Ward 12 Councillor C. Cassar
YES – Ward 13 Councillor A. Wilson
YES – Ward 15 Councillor T. McMeekin
YES – Ward 8 Councillor R. Cooper

(iv) (Cooper/Hwang)

That Report PED26024, dated April 14, 2026, respecting Application for a Zoning By-law Amendment for Lands Located at 1042 and 1050 West 5th Street, Hamilton (Ward 8), be received, and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

(a) That Amended Zoning By-law Amendment Application ZAC-25-031, by A.J. Clarke and Associates Ltd. (c/o Steve Fraser and James Thomas), on behalf of 1000259434 Ontario Inc. (c/o Anukur Patel), Owner, for a change in zoning from “C/S-1822” (Urban Protected Residential, etc.) District, Modified, to “DE-2/S-1844” (Multiple Dwellings) District, Modified, to permit the

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development of 18 multiple dwelling townhouse units, on the lands located at 1042 and 1050 West 5th Street, Hamilton, as shown in Appendix “A” attached to Report PED26024, **BE APPROVED** on the following basis:

- (i) That the draft amending By-law, attached as Appendix “B” to Report PED26024, which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, **BE ENACTED** by City Council;
- (ii) That the proposed change in zoning is consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement (2024) and complies with the Urban Hamilton Official Plan;
- (iii) That upon finalization of the amending By-law, the subject lands, known municipally as 1042 and 1050 West 5th Street and as shown in Appendix “A” attached to Report PED26024, **BE REDESIGNATED** from “Single and Double” to “Attached Housing” in the Sheldon Neighbourhood Plan, as shown in Appendix “J” attached to Report PED26024.

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

YES – Ward 1 Councillor M. Wilson
YES – Ward 2 Councillor C. Kroetsch
YES – Ward 3 Councillor N. Nann
YES – Ward 4 Councillor T. Hwang
YES – Ward 5 Councillor M. Francis
YES – Ward 7 Councillor E. Pauls
YES – Ward 10 Councillor J. Beattie
YES – Ward 11 Councillor M. Tadeson
YES – Ward 12 Councillor C. Cassar
YES – Ward 13 Councillor A. Wilson
YES – Ward 15 Councillor T. McMeekin
YES – Ward 8 Councillor R. Cooper

8.2 PED26083

Applications for a Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision for Lands Located at 36 Taylor Crescent, Flamborough (Ward 13)

(i) **(A. Wilson/McMeekin)**

That the staff presentation from Daniel Barnett, Planner II, respecting Applications for a Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision for Lands Located at 36 Taylor Crescent, Flamborough (Ward 13), **BE WAIVED**.

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

CARRIED

- (ii) Craig Rohe from GSP Group Inc. was in attendance and indicated they were not in support of the staff report.

(A. Wilson/Hwang)

That the delegation Craig Rohe from GSP Group Inc., **BE RECEIVED.**
CARRIED

Chair Tadeson called three times for public delegations and the following individuals came forward:

- (i) Renata Tejada Paredes – Concerns with the development
- (ii) Kyle Dewbury – In support of the development

(iii) (A. Wilson/McMeekin)

- (i) That the public submissions were received and considered by Committee; and,

(a) Written Submissions (Item 8.2(a)):

- (i) Amanda Andrews – Opposed to the development
- (ii) Barbara Beardwood – Opposed to the development
- (iii) Mark Osborne – Opposed to the development
- (iv) Jay Miller – In support of the development

(b) Delegations:

- (i) Renata Tejada Paredes – Concerns with the development
- (ii) Kyle Dewbury – In support of the development

- (ii) That the public meeting **BE CLOSED.**

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

YES – Ward 1 Councillor M. Wilson
YES – Ward 2 Councillor C. Kroetsch
YES – Ward 3 Councillor N. Nann
YES – Ward 4 Councillor T. Hwang
YES – Ward 5 Councillor M. Francis
YES – Ward 7 Councillor E. Pauls
YES – Ward 10 Councillor J. Beattie
YES – Ward 11 Councillor M. Tadeson
YES – Ward 12 Councillor C. Cassar
YES – Ward 13 Councillor A. Wilson
YES – Ward 15 Councillor T. McMeekin
YES – Ward 8 Councillor R. Cooper

(iv) (A. Wilson/McMeekin)

That Report PED26083, dated April 14, 2026, respecting Applications for a Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision for Lands Located at 36 Taylor Crescent, Flamborough (Ward 13), **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

(a) That Zoning By-law Amendment Application ZAC-25-037, by GSP Group Inc. (c/o Craig Rohe) on behalf of LaRey Homes (Group) Ltd., Owner, for a change in zoning from the Settlement Residential (R2-14(H)) Zone, Modified, Holding, to a site specific Settlement Residential (S1) Zone, to permit the development of 12 single detached dwellings, for lands located at 36 Taylor Crescent, as shown in Appendix “A” to Report PED26083, **BE DENIED** on the following basis:

(i) The proposal does not have regard for Section 2 of the *Planning Act*, is not consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement (2024), does not conform to the Greenbelt Plan (2017), and does not comply with the Rural Hamilton Official Plan and the Greensville Rural Settlement Area Secondary Plan as:

- (1) It does not comply with infrastructure policies for private water and sewage disposal, stormwater management policies, and policies with respect to hydrogeological studies, in the Rural Hamilton Official Plan;
- (2) It does not comply with the City’s servicing policies, stormwater management policies, and phasing policies of the Greensville Rural Settlement Area Secondary Plan;

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- (3) It has not been demonstrated that there is adequate groundwater to service the proposed development and that it will not adversely impact the available groundwater of the surrounding area;
 - (4) It has not been demonstrated that the lots will be of sufficient size to provide a sustainable sewage disposal system that complies with the Ontario Drinking Water Standard;
 - (5) It does not comply with the Mid-Spencer Creek/Greensville Rural Settlement Area Subwatershed Study;
 - (6) It has not satisfied the City of Hamilton Guidelines for Hydrogeological Studies and Technical Standards for Private Services;
 - (7) It has not been demonstrated that areas of archaeological potential are sufficiently assessed;
 - (8) It has not been demonstrated that trees have been sufficiently protected;
 - (9) It has not been demonstrated that matters of odour and noise impacts have been adequately assessed; and,
 - (10) It is not considered to be good planning as the reduction in lot size represents an overdevelopment of the subject lands.
- (b) That Draft Plan of Subdivision 25T-202508, by GSP Group Inc. (c/o Craig Rohe) on behalf of LaRey Homes (Group) Ltd., Owner, to establish a Draft Plan of Subdivision consisting of 12 lots, a municipal right-of-way (Street "A") and pedestrian walkway, on lands located at 36 Taylor Crescent, as shown on Appendix "A" to Report PED26083, **BE DENIED** in accordance with By-law No. 07-323 being the delegation of the City of Hamilton's Assigned Authority Under the *Planning Act* for the Approval of Subdivisions and Condominiums, on the following basis:
- (i) The Draft Plan of Subdivision does not have regard to the *Planning Act* for matters of provincial interest in Section 2, and does not appropriately address the criteria set out in Sub-Section 51(24);
 - (ii) The Draft Plan of Subdivision is not consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement (2024);
 - (iii) The Draft Plan of Subdivision does not conform to the Greenbelt Plan (2017);

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

- (iv) The Draft Plan of Subdivision does not comply with the Rural Hamilton Official Plan and Greensville Rural Settlement Area Plan as:
- (1) It does not comply with infrastructure policies for private water and sewage disposal, stormwater management policies, land division policies, and policies with respect to Hydrogeological Studies;
 - (2) It does not comply with City's servicing policies, stormwater management policies, and phasing policies of the Greensville Rural Settlement Area Secondary Plan;
 - (3) It has not been demonstrated that there is adequate ground water to service the proposed development and that it will not adversely impact the available groundwater of the surrounding area;
 - (4) It has not been demonstrated that the lots will be of sufficient size to provide a sustainable sewage disposal system that complies with the Ontario Drinking Water Standard;
 - (5) It does not comply with the recommendations of the Mid-Spencer Creek/Greensville Rural Settlement Area Subwatershed Study;
 - (6) It has not satisfied the City of Hamilton's Guidelines for Hydrogeological Studies and Technical Standards for Private Services;
 - (7) It has not been demonstrated that areas of archaeological potential are sufficiently assessed;
 - (8) It has not been demonstrated that trees have been sufficiently protected;
 - (9) It has not been demonstrated that matters of odour and noise impacts have been adequately assessed; and,
 - (10) It is not considered to be good planning as the proposed lot sizes represents an overdevelopment of the subject lands.

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

YES – Ward 1 Councillor M. Wilson
YES – Ward 2 Councillor C. Kroetsch
YES – Ward 3 Councillor N. Nann
YES – Ward 4 Councillor T. Hwang
YES – Ward 5 Councillor M. Francis
YES – Ward 7 Councillor E. Pauls
YES – Ward 10 Councillor J. Beattie
YES – Ward 11 Councillor M. Tadeson
YES – Ward 12 Councillor C. Cassar
YES – Ward 13 Councillor A. Wilson
YES – Ward 15 Councillor T. McMeekin
YES – Ward 8 Councillor R. Cooper

8.3 PED26063

Application for an Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment for Lands Located at 392, 398, 400, 406 and 412 Wilson Street East and 15 Lorne Avenue, Ancaster (Ward 12)

- (i) Alaina Baldassarra, Senior Planner, addressed the Committee respecting Application for an Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment for Lands Located at 392, 398, 400, 406 and 412 Wilson Street East and 15 Lorne Avenue, Ancaster (Ward 12), with the aid of a presentation.

(Cassar/Hwang)

That the staff presentation from Alaina Baldassarra, Senior Planner, respecting Application for an Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment for Lands Located at 392, 398, 400, 406 and 412 Wilson Street East and 15 Lorne Avenue, Ancaster (Ward 12), **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

- (ii) Matt Johnston from UrbanSolutions Inc. was in attendance and indicated they were in support of the staff report.

(Cassar/Hwang)

That the delegation Matt Johnston from UrbanSolutions Inc., **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

(iii) Registered Delegations

- (i) Rives Dalley Barbour, Ancaster Village Heritage Community (in-person)

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

- (ii) Jennifer Asimoudis (virtual) – was unable to delegate due to technical difficulties

Chair Tadeson called three times for public delegations and the following individuals came forward:

- (iii) Linda Hughes (in-person)
- (iv) Gillian Anchel (in-person)
- (v) Kyle Dewbury (in-person)
- (vi) Cayley Firth (in-person)

(iv) (Cassar/A. Wilson)

- (i) That the following public submissions were received and considered by Committee; and,

(a) Written Submissions (Item 8.3(a)):

- (i) Suzanne Cooper – Opposed to the development
- (ii) Seth Floyd – In support of the development with concerns
- (iii) Paul and Sylvia Wentworth – Opposed to the development
- (iv) Patrick Harrington, Aird & Berlis LLP – In support of the development
- (v) Marion Urquhart – Opposed to the development
- (vi) Brian Karschti – Opposed to the development
- (vii) Patrick DeNardis – Opposed to the development
- (viii) Honor Hughes – Opposed to the development
- (ix) Karen Reid – Opposed to the development
- (x) Marilyn Daniels – Opposed to the development
- (xi) Laurie and Colin Maier – Opposed to the development
- (xii) Wayne Cook – Opposed to the development
- (xiii) Lori and Brian Dale – Opposed to the development
- (xii) Wayne Cook – Opposed to the development
- (xiii) Lori and Brian Dale – Opposed to the development
- (xiv) Samantha Vandermark – Opposed to the development
- (xv) Lynne Bulger – Opposed to the development
- (xvi) Lee and Wendy Cormie – Opposed to the development
- (xvii) Robyn Covre – Opposed to the development
- (xviii) Shauna Cone – Opposed to the development
- (xix) Nicole McArthur-Newton – Opposed to the development

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- (xx) Marianne Morton – Opposed to the development
- (xxi) Sharon Hall – Opposed to the development
- (xxii) Katherine Smith – Opposed to the development
- (xxiii) David Buck – Opposed to the development
- (xxiv) Andy Hvizd – Opposed to the development
- (xxv) Roy De Matos – Opposed to the development
- (xxvi) Janelle Lanza – Opposed to the development
- (xxvii) Genevieve Anson – Opposed to the development
- (xxviii) Monica McCrory – Opposed to the development
- (xxix) Andrea Spitale – Opposed to the development
- (xxx) Chris Asimoudis – Opposed to the development
- (xxxi) John Olmsted – Opposed to the development
- (xxxii) Kathryn Hennessey – Opposed to the development
- (xxxiii) Leslie Brown – Opposed to the development
- (xxxiv) Maya Bartels – Opposed to the development
- (xxxv) Tony Stillo – Opposed to the development
- (xxxvi) Nonni Iler – Opposed to the development
- (xxxvii) Mary Jo Glassco-Sinclair – Opposed to the development
- (xxxviii) Debbie Mikalauskas – Opposed to the development
- (xxxix) Jennifer Pate – Opposed to the development
- (xl) John and Jan Allan – Opposed to the development
- (xli) Erin Davis – Opposed to the development
- (xlii) Julie Adams – Opposed to the development
- (xliii) Ashlee Taylor – Opposed to the development
- (xliv) Christine Nash – Opposed to the development
- (xlv) Sadaf Ali – In support of the development
- (xlvi) Anne Newbigging – Opposed to the development
- (xlvii) Kari Morrow-Floren – Opposed to the development
- (xlviii) Wendi Van Exan – Opposed to the development
- (xlix) Olga Rosenbloom – Opposed to the development
- (l) Matthew Rosenbloom – Opposed to the development
- (li) Janice Currie – Opposed to the development
- (lii) Howie Keown – Opposed to the development
- (liii) Eric Cone – Opposed to the development
- (liv) Lysie Alkema – Opposed to the development
- (lv) Rebecca Ripco – Opposed to the development
- (lvi) Carol Donahoe – Opposed to the development
- (lvii) Bonnie Buchko – Opposed to the development
- (lviii) Elizabeth Gail Moffatt – Opposed to the development

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- (lix) Jan Bondy & Richard Chorney – Opposed to the development
- (lx) Stephanie Gomes Wynne – Opposed to the development
- (lxi) Karen Lane-Groen – Opposed to the development
- (lxii) Kathleen Wheeler – Opposed to the development
- (lxiii) Shaila Sinke – Opposed to the development
- (lxiv) Karen Hanna – Opposed to the development
- (lxv) Sarah King – Opposed to the development
- (lxvi) Marg Peppler – Opposed to the development
- (lxvii) Lynn Bommarito – Opposed to the development
- (lxviii) Dave Howitt – Opposed to the development
- (lxix) Min Sun and Bernd Zabel – In support of the development
- (lxx) Katie Rebelo – Opposed to the development
- (lxxi) Laura Donahoe – Opposed to the development
- (lxxii) Jennifer Haverty – Opposed to the development
- (lxxiii) Kara O'Donnell – Opposed to the development
- (lxxiv) Paul Shields – Opposed to the development
- (lxxv) Trudy Mcgovern – Opposed to the development
- (lxxvi) Cynthia Watson – Opposed to the development
- (lxxvii) Tim and Tara Lawr – Opposed to the development
- (lxxviii) Cate Banfield – Opposed to the development
- (lxxix) Sharon Mikula – Opposed to the development
- (lxxx) Kristina Westbrook – Opposed to the development
- (lxxxii) Allyson Short – Opposed to the development
- (lxxxiii) Danielle Molon – Opposed to the development
- (lxxxiv) Nanda Cozzi – Opposed to the development
- (lxxxv) Paige Kaleci – Opposed to the development
- (lxxxvi) Ron and Grace Soldaat – Opposed to the development
- (lxxxvii) Dianne Bender – Opposed to the development
- (lxxxviii) Karen Shields – Opposed to the development
- (lxxxix) Annette Vedelago – Opposed to the development
- (lxxxix) Hailey Cone – Opposed to the development
- (xc) Mark Collings – Opposed to the development
- (xci) Amy Telford – Opposed to the development
- (xcii) Chris and Jennifer Asimoudis – Opposed to the development
- (xciii) Hughanne and Paul Nopper – Opposed to the development
- (xciv) Laura Hutchinson – Opposed to the development
- (xcv) Marilyn Stewart – Opposed to the development

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- (xcvi) Peter Sommer – Opposed to the development
 - (xcvii) Brian and Susan Hamilton – Opposed to the development
 - (xcviii) Fran Welsh and David Repchuck – Opposed to the development
 - (xcix) Bonnie Angelini – Opposed to the development
 - (c) Leslie and Valda Farrington – Opposed to the development
 - (ci) Melissa Jeffrey – Opposed to the development
 - (cii) Margarita De Antuñano – Opposed to the development
 - (ciii) Muna and Zainab Pirbhai – Opposed to the development
 - (civ) Noora Grifi – Opposed to the development
 - (cv) Jill Custeau-Maida - Opposed to the development
 - (cvi) Evan Ferber - Opposed to the development
 - (cvii) Drew Bednar - Opposed to the development
 - (cviii) Katia Harvie – Opposed to the development
 - (cix) Ann Cunningham – Opposed to the development
 - (cx) Matt Handyside - Opposed to the development
 - (cxi) Dr. Sakhi Naimpoor – Opposed to the development
 - (cxii) Shannon Eves – Opposed to the development
 - (cxiii) Donald Firth – Opposed to the development
 - (cxiv) Luisa Da Silva – Opposed to the development
 - (cxv) Cynthia Watson – Opposed to the development
 - (cxvi) Jennifer Kershaw – Opposed to the development
 - (cxvii) Hazel Ryan – Opposed to the development
 - (cxviii) Dan and Rita Faulkner – Opposed to the development
- (b) Delegation (Item 8.4(b)):
- (i) Rives Dalley Barbour, Ancaster Village Heritage Community – Opposed to the development
 - (ii) Linda Hughes – Concerns with the development
 - (iii) Gillian Anchel – Concerns with the development
 - (iv) Kyle Dewbury – Opposed to the development
 - (v) Cayley Firth - Concerns with the development
- (ii) That the public meeting **BE CLOSED**.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

YES – Ward 1 Councillor M. Wilson
YES – Ward 2 Councillor C. Kroetsch
YES – Ward 3 Councillor N. Nann
NOT PRESENT – Ward 4 Councillor T. Hwang
YES – Ward 5 Councillor M. Francis
YES – Ward 7 Councillor E. Pauls
YES – Ward 10 Councillor J. Beattie
YES – Ward 11 Councillor M. Tadeson
YES – Ward 12 Councillor C. Cassar
YES – Ward 13 Councillor A. Wilson
YES – Ward 15 Councillor T. McMeekin
YES – Ward 8 Councillor R. Cooper

(v) (Cassar/Francis)

That Report PED26063, dated March 24, 2026, respecting Application for an Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment for Lands Located at 392, 398, 400, 406 and 412 Wilson Street East and 15 Lorne Avenue, Ancaster (Ward 12), **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

(a) That Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment Application UHOPA-25-001, by Urban Solutions Planning and Land Development Inc. (c/o Matt Johnston), on behalf of Wilson Street Ancaster Inc., Owner, for a change in designation on a portion of the lands from “Low Density Residential 1” to “Mixed Use Medium Density – Pedestrian Focus” and adding a new site specific policy to permit a maximum height of eight storeys in the Ancaster Wilson Street Secondary Plan, to facilitate the development of an eight storey mixed use building, on the lands located at 392, 398, 400, 406 and 412 Wilson Street East and 15 Lorne Street, Ancaster, as shown on Appendix “A” attached to Report PED26063, **BE APPROVED** on the following basis:

- (i) That the Draft Official Plan Amendment, attached as Appendix “B” to Report PED26063, **BE ADOPTED** by City Council;
- (ii) That the proposed Official Plan Amendment is consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement (2024).

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

YES – Ward 1 Councillor M. Wilson
YES – Ward 2 Councillor C. Kroetsch
YES – Ward 3 Councillor N. Nann
NOT PRESENT – Ward 4 Councillor T. Hwang
YES – Ward 5 Councillor M. Francis
YES – Ward 7 Councillor E. Pauls
YES – Ward 10 Councillor J. Beattie
YES – Ward 11 Councillor M. Tadeson
YES – Ward 12 Councillor C. Cassar
YES – Ward 13 Councillor A. Wilson
YES – Ward 15 Councillor T. McMeekin
YES – Ward 8 Councillor R. Cooper

The Committee recessed from 12:24 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Committee reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

8.4 PED26053

Application for a Zoning By-law Amendment for Lands Located at 974 and 980 Upper Paradise Road, Hamilton (Ward 14)

(i) (Cooper/Beattie)

That the staff presentation from Mark Michniak, Senior Planner, respecting Application for a Zoning By-law Amendment for Lands Located at 974 and 980 Upper Paradise Road, Hamilton (Ward 14),
BE WAIVED.

CARRIED

(ii) Katelyn Gillis from Landwise was in attendance and indicated they are in support of the staff report.

(Cassar/Cooper)

That the delegation Katelyn Gillis from Landwise, **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

(iii) Registered Delegations

(i) John Urbanek was not in attendance when called upon to speak.

Chair Tadeson called three times for public delegations and no one came forward.

(iv) (McMeekin/Beattie)

(i) That the public submissions were received and considered by Committee; and,

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

Written Submissions (Item 8.4(a)):

- (i) Seth Floyd – In support of the development
- (ii) Sandra Serafini – Concerns with the development
- (iii) John Urbanek – Opposed to the development

(ii) That the public meeting **BE CLOSED**.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 8 to 0, as follows:

YES – Ward 1 Councillor M. Wilson
YES – Ward 2 Councillor C. Kroetsch
NOT PRESENT – Ward 3 Councillor N. Nann
NOT PRESENT – Ward 4 Councillor T. Hwang
NOT PRESENT – Ward 5 Councillor M. Francis
NOT PRESENT – Ward 7 Councillor E. Pauls
YES – Ward 10 Councillor J. Beattie
YES – Ward 11 Councillor M. Tadeson
YES – Ward 12 Councillor C. Cassar
YES – Ward 13 Councillor A. Wilson
YES – Ward 15 Councillor T. McMeekin
YES – Ward 8 Councillor R. Cooper

(iv) (Beattie/Kroetsch)

That Report PED26053, dated April 14, 2026, respecting Application for a Zoning By-law Amendment for Lands Located at 974 and 980 Upper Paradise Road, Hamilton (Ward 14), be received and the following recommendations be approved:

(a) That Revised Zoning By-law Amendment Application ZAC-25-034, by Landwise (c/o Katelyn Gillis) on behalf of Winzen Ancaster Homes Limited (c/o Raymond Zenkovich), Owner, for a change in zoning from the “C/S-1822” (Urban Protected Residential, etc.) District, Modified, to Low Density Residential (R1, 960) Zone, to permit 12 three-storey townhouse dwelling units, as shown in Appendix “A” to Report PED26053, BE APPROVED on the following basis:

(i) That the Revised Zoning By-law, attached as Appendix “B” to Report PED26053, which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be enacted by City Council;

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

- (ii) That the proposed change in zoning is consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement (2024) and complies with the Urban Hamilton Official Plan;
- (iii) That upon finalization of the amending By-law, the subject lands known municipally as 974 and 980 Upper Paradise Road and shown in Appendix “A” to Report PED26053, be redesignated from “Single and Double” to “Attached Housing” in the Falkirk West Neighbourhood Plan as shown on Appendix “I” to Report PED26053.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 8 to 0, as follows:

YES – Ward 1 Councillor M. Wilson
YES – Ward 2 Councillor C. Kroetsch
NOT PRESENT – Ward 3 Councillor N. Nann
NOT PRESENT – Ward 4 Councillor T. Hwang
NOT PRESENT – Ward 5 Councillor M. Francis
NOT PRESENT – Ward 7 Councillor E. Pauls
YES – Ward 10 Councillor J. Beattie
YES – Ward 11 Councillor M. Tadeson
YES – Ward 12 Councillor C. Cassar
YES – Ward 13 Councillor A. Wilson
YES – Ward 15 Councillor T. McMeekin
YES – Ward 8 Councillor R. Cooper

9. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

9.1 PED26057

Application to Deem Lands Being Lots 1 and 2 of Registered Plan 62M-1229, known as 50 Aeropark Boulevard, and Block 7 of Registered Plan 62M-1229, known as Part of 110 Aeropark Boulevard, Glanbrook, not to be Part of a Registered Plan of Subdivision for the Purposes of Subsection 50(3) of the *Planning Act* (Ward 11)

(Beattie/Cooper)

That Report PED26057, dated April 14, 2026, respecting Application to Deem Lands Being Lots 1 and 2 of Registered Plan 62M-1229, known as 50 Aeropark Boulevard, and Block 7 of Registered Plan 62M-1229, known as Part of 110 Aeropark Boulevard, Glanbrook, not to be Part of a Registered Plan of Subdivision for the Purposes of Subsection 50(3) of the Planning Act (Ward 11), **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

- a) That the application to deem Lots 1 and 2 of Registered Plan 62M-1229, known as 50 Aeropark Boulevard, and Block 7 of Registered Plan 62M-1229, known as Part of 110 Aeropark Boulevard,

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

Glanbrook, as shown on Appendix "A" to Report PED26057, not to be Part of a Registered Plan of Subdivision for the purposes of Subsection 50(3) of the *Planning Act*, **BE APPROVED**; and,

- b) That the draft By-law, attached as Appendix "E" to Report PED26057, which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, **BE ENACTED**.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 8 to 0, as follows:

YES – Ward 1 Councillor M. Wilson
YES – Ward 2 Councillor C. Kroetsch
NOT PRESENT – Ward 3 Councillor N. Nann
NOT PRESENT – Ward 4 Councillor T. Hwang
NOT PRESENT – Ward 5 Councillor M. Francis
NOT PRESENT – Ward 7 Councillor E. Pauls
YES – Ward 10 Councillor J. Beattie
YES – Ward 11 Councillor M. Tadeson
YES – Ward 12 Councillor C. Cassar
YES – Ward 13 Councillor A. Wilson
YES – Ward 15 Councillor T. McMeekin
YES – Ward 8 Councillor R. Cooper

9.2 PED26038

Fee and Process Review for Formal Consultation and Holding Removal Applications (City Wide)

- (i) Joseph Sanseverino, Business Facilitator - Development Planning, addressed the Committee respecting Fee and Process Review for Formal Consultation and Holding Removal Applications (City Wide), with the aid of a presentation.

(Cooper/M. Wilson)

That the staff presentation from Joseph Sanseverino, Business Facilitator - Development Planning, respecting Fee and Process Review for Formal Consultation and Holding Removal Applications (City Wide), **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

- (ii) **(Cassar/Cooper)**

That Report PED26038, dated April 14, 2026, respecting Fee and Process Review for Formal Consultation and Holding Removal Applications (City Wide), **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**:

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

- a) That the draft By-law to amend By-law No. 12-282, as amended, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED26038, which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, **BE APPROVED**.
- (b) That the written submission from Mike Collins-Williams, West End Home Builders’ Association (Item 9.2 (a)(i)), **BE RECEIVED**.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 8 to 0, as follows:

YES – Ward 1 Councillor M. Wilson
YES – Ward 2 Councillor C. Kroetsch
YES – Ward 3 Councillor N. Nann
NOT PRESENT – Ward 4 Councillor T. Hwang
NOT PRESENT – Ward 5 Councillor M. Francis
NOT PRESENT – Ward 7 Councillor E. Pauls
NOT PRESENT – Ward 10 Councillor J. Beattie
YES – Ward 11 Councillor M. Tadeson
YES – Ward 12 Councillor C. Cassar
YES – Ward 13 Councillor A. Wilson
YES – Ward 15 Councillor T. McMeekin
YES – Ward 8 Councillor R. Cooper

**9.3 HMHC 26-003
Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee Minutes dated March 27, 2026**

(Kroetsch/McMeekin)

That Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committees Minutes dated March 27, 2026, be received and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 8 to 0, as follows:

YES – Ward 1 Councillor M. Wilson
YES – Ward 2 Councillor C. Kroetsch
YES – Ward 3 Councillor N. Nann
NOT PRESENT – Ward 4 Councillor T. Hwang
NOT PRESENT – Ward 5 Councillor M. Francis
NOT PRESENT – Ward 7 Councillor E. Pauls
NOT PRESENT – Ward 10 Councillor J. Beattie
YES – Ward 11 Councillor M. Tadeson
YES – Ward 12 Councillor C. Cassar
YES – Ward 13 Councillor A. Wilson
YES – Ward 15 Councillor T. McMeekin
YES – Ward 8 Councillor R. Cooper

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

10. MOTIONS

10.1 Reducing Demolition by Neglect

(Kroetsch/Nann)

WHEREAS, the current economic climate is slowing development which may result in stalled development proposals and buildings vacated for re-development remaining vacant for longer times and in greater numbers;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee values early proactive enforcement of property standards regarding building maintenance such as roof repairs, heating and securing a site, and that this proactive enforcement is essential to preventing future unsafe buildings and demolition by neglect for vacant heritage and non-heritage buildings across the city;

WHEREAS, the proactive and effective management of vacant buildings can result in their re-use for housing and other uses supporting city goals, maintaining the tax base, helping keep neighborhoods safe and in the case of heritage buildings, preserving and celebrating our City's irreplaceable built heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Built Heritage Emergency Protocol that provides guidance for the use of Structural Engineers with heritage expertise and the roles of the Building and Planning Divisions with respect to recognized heritage buildings under threat was approved in 2005 and has not been updated to include Licensing and By-law Services as well as and current policy and legislative changes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to review current resources, processes and policies in Licensing and By-law Services, Building, and Planning Divisions and recommend options to implement proactive enforcement of property standards associated with the City's Vacant Building Registry By-law to minimize situations where demolition by neglect occurs and future unsafe building orders are required, considering but not limited to the following:
 - (i) A review and update of the Built Heritage Emergency Protocol to include both Building and Licensing and By-law Services Divisions and to address current policy and legislative changes;
 - (ii) To apply current legislation and ensure structural engineers and other consultants with appropriate expertise in heritage buildings are available in a timely manner to address building maintenance issues; and

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

- (iii) Resource considerations to ensure proactive enforcement of property standards associated with the Vacant Building Registry By-law can be actioned with appropriate expertise to manage vacant building files with heritage interests.
- (b) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to consult with the Municipal Heritage Committee on the review and update of the Built Heritage Emergency Protocol by Q4 2026; and,
- (c) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to report back on recommendations for any proposed policy or process changes and any staffing and financial impacts by Q1 2027.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 8 to 0, as follows:

YES – Ward 1 Councillor M. Wilson
YES – Ward 2 Councillor C. Kroetsch
YES – Ward 3 Councillor N. Nann
NOT PRESENT – Ward 4 Councillor T. Hwang
NOT PRESENT – Ward 5 Councillor M. Francis
NOT PRESENT – Ward 7 Councillor E. Pauls
NOT PRESENT – Ward 10 Councillor J. Beattie
YES – Ward 11 Councillor M. Tadeson
YES – Ward 12 Councillor C. Cassar
YES – Ward 13 Councillor A. Wilson
YES – Ward 15 Councillor T. McMeekin
YES – Ward 8 Councillor R. Cooper

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor M. Wilson introduced the following Notice of Motion:

11.1 Infill Cost Recovery from Public Damage

That staff **BE REQUESTED** to report back in early Q2 on how the City ensures that private infill development assumes the full cost of renewing any damage to the public realm resulting from construction.

12. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

Committee determined that discussion of Item 12.1 was not required in Closed Session; therefore, the matter was addressed in Open Session, as follows:

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

12.1 Closed Session Minutes – March 24, 2026

(Beattie/Kroetsch)

That the Closed Session Minutes of the March 24, 2026 Planning Committee meeting, **BE ADOPTED** and **REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL**.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 9 to 0, as follows:

YES – Ward 1 Councillor M. Wilson
YES – Ward 2 Councillor C. Kroetsch
YES – Ward 3 Councillor N. Nann
NOT PRESENT – Ward 4 Councillor T. Hwang
NOT PRESENT – Ward 5 Councillor M. Francis
NOT PRESENT – Ward 7 Councillor E. Pauls
YES – Ward 10 Councillor J. Beattie
YES – Ward 11 Councillor M. Tadeson
YES – Ward 12 Councillor C. Cassar
YES – Ward 13 Councillor A. Wilson
YES – Ward 15 Councillor T. McMeekin
YES – Ward 8 Councillor R. Cooper

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Planning Committee adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kelsey
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk

Councillor M. Tadeson,
Chair, Planning Committee

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sabrina De Girolamo [REDACTED]

Sent: April 13, 2026 11:00 PM

To: Catarino, Jennifer <Jennifer.Catarino@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca; Baldassarra, Alaina <Alaina.Baldassarra@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Ancaster development on Wilson Street

External Email: Use caution with links and attachments.

Hello,

My name is Sabrina and I am a long time Ancaster resident.

I am deeply opposed to the Spallacci homes development on Wilson Street. Ancaster is a Village and the building proposed at 8 stories is a monstrosity that doesn't fit in with our Ancaster Village, small town feel. Such a tall building is completely out of place. The height of the building needs to be lowered and the style of the building needs to match the old style stone buildings similar to the Baracks inn.

It is shameful that the wishes of the residents and taxpayers of Ancaster are not respected by the Doug Ford government. It is completely unacceptable that Doug Ford can overturn the City's decision to disallow such tall structures in Ancaster. What ever happened to buildings in Ancaster not exceeding 3 stories?

We are very disappointed with what is happening in our town of Ancaster and this Province.

Regards,

Sabrina

Sent from my iPhone

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-----Original Message-----

From: Trish B [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 10:34 PM
To: Catarino, Jennifer <Jennifer.Catarino@hamilton.ca>
Subject: Ancaster proposal for 8 story building

External Email: Use caution with links and attachments.

Please note that we at [REDACTED] in Ancaster object to the multi level apartment which is the proposed development for Ancasters' small already very congested town core. We have already had to close an entire intersection just to attempt to alleviate the traffic congestion in this precise area. This would create a horrible out of place eyesore and takes away from the historic look of the village core. We do not have the infrastructure to support this massive increase in population in such an already overdeveloped town. Traffic studies alone support this information never mind all of the thousands of complaints in regards to the same development. There is a sincere hope in the town that if there is any development it will be in scale with the rest of the village buildings.

Thank you,

Tricia and Geoff Boal

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: April 21, 2026 12:02 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Re: Ancaster Wilson Street development proposal PED26063/ UHOPA-25-001

External Email: Use caution with links and attachments.

Respectfully, I would like to ask councillors to review the written measurements for the Ancaster 8 storey proposal. At 98 feet 10 inches in height, it is closer to the typical height (100 feet) of a 10 storey residential condo. It should not be permitted until its height is reduced.

It is at least 326 feet wide, which is more than 3 times its height and spans the entire block on a narrow 2 lane road overshadowing historical and residential buildings and homes. It is not set back far enough to mitigate the immensity of its size, even with proposed set backs of the 4th and fifth floors.

On the proposed plans, the Marr-Phillipo House is shown to be removed to an obscured site on Lorne Street, but according to the developer's verbal claim at the planning committee meeting, it will instead be sold privately to the owner at 14 Academy St. and placed there (a house recently sold presently occupies the site). Its removal may jeopardize its historical designation and should be left where it is.

Leaving the Marr-Phillipo house where it is, using it as either a museum/gift shop or tea house, and requiring the developer to provide a landscaped urban park square on the corner of Wilson and Academy Streets with a water feature would be more in keeping with the pedestrian friendly streetscape and reduce the width and layout of this massive imposing structure.

I ask that a permit be delayed until these issues have been addressed.

Thank you.

Jennifer Asimoudis



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES - GIC 26-006

9:30 a.m.

April 15, 2026

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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor M. Tadeson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

There were no ceremonial activities.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Hwang/Cassar)

That the agenda for the April 15, 2026 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 GIC 26-005 March 25, 2026

(Hwang/McMeekin)

That the March 25, 2026 minutes of the General Issues Committee, **BE ADOPTED**, as presented.

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Delegations respecting Report PED24163(e), Final 10-Year Downtown Hamilton Revitalization Strategy (City Wide) (Item 8.6)

- (i) The following delegates addressed the Committee respecting Report PED24163(e), Final 10-Year Downtown Hamilton Revitalization Strategy (City Wide) (Item 8.6):
 - (a) Susie Braithwaite, International Village BIA (In-Person) (Item 6.1(a))
 - (b) Emily Walsh, Downtown Hamilton BIA (In-Person) (Item 6.1(b))
 - (c) Greg Dunnett, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce (In-Person) (Item 6.1(c))
 - (d) David Hudson, Hamilton Arts Council (In-Person) (Item 6.1(d))
- (ii) **(McMeekin/Hwang)**
That the following delegations respecting Report PED24163(e), Final 10-Year Downtown Hamilton Revitalization Strategy (City Wide) (Item 8.6), **BE RECEIVED:**
 - (a) Susie Braithwaite, International Village BIA (In-Person) (Item 6.1(a))
 - (b) Emily Walsh, Downtown Hamilton BIA (In-Person) (Item 6.1(b))
 - (c) Greg Dunnett, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce (In-Person) (Item 6.1(c))
 - (d) David Hudson, Hamilton Arts Council (In-Person) (Item 6.1(d))

CARRIED

6.2 Andrew Selman, respecting a call on Council to provide a transparent accounting of the full financial cost of the 2024 cyberattack and its downstream costs and impacts (In-Person)

- (i) Andrew Selman addressed the Committee respecting a call on Council to provide a transparent accounting of the full financial cost of the 2024 cyberattack and its downstream costs and impacts.
- (ii) **(McMeekin/Hwang)**
That the delegation from Andrew Selman, respecting a call on Council to provide a transparent accounting of the full financial cost of the 2024 cyberattack and its downstream costs and impacts, **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

6.3 Dr. Zobia Jawed, Clean Air Hamilton, to present the 2022 and 2023 Progress report for Clean Air Hamilton (Virtually) - WITHDRAWN

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

This Item was withdrawn.

6.4 Jennifer Bonner, The HUB, respecting unsheltered homelessness (In-Person)

(i) (Jackson/McMeekin)

That the delegate **BE PROVIDED** with an additional 5 minutes to complete their delegation.

Result: MOTION, DEFEATED by a vote of 7 to 7, as follows:

Absent	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
No	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
No	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
No	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
No	-	Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
No	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
No	-	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

(ii) Jennifer Bonner, The HUB, addressed the Committee respecting unsheltered homelessness.

(iii) (McMeekin/A. Wilson)

That the delegation from Jennifer Bonner, The HUB, respecting unsheltered homelessness, **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

6.5 Jovan Popovic, Break First Entertainment Inc., respecting the Route 905 Festival, a large-scale 2-day country music event, at the Ancaster Fairgrounds on July 24-25, 2026 (In-Person)

(i) Jovan Popovic, Break First Entertainment Inc., addressed the Committee respecting the Route 905 Festival, a large-scale 2-day country music event, at the Ancaster Fairgrounds on July 24-25, 2026.

(ii) (Cassar/McMeekin)

That the delegation from Jovan Popovic, Break First Entertainment Inc., respecting the Route 905 Festival, a large-scale 2-day country music

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event, at the Ancaster Fairgrounds on July 24-25, 2026 (In-Person), **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

6.6 Paul Takala, Chief Executive Officer, Hamilton Public Library; Gagan Batra, Board Chair, Hamilton Public Library; and Sue Phipps, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Mental Health Association, Hamilton Branch; respecting the Opioid Crisis and the Hamilton Public Library (In-Person)

(i) Paul Takala, Chief Executive Officer, Hamilton Public Library; Gagan Batra, Board Chair, Hamilton Public Library; and Sue Phipps, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Mental Health Association, Hamilton Branch; addressed the Committee respecting the Opioid Crisis and the Hamilton Public Library.

(ii) **(Jackson/McMeekin)**
That the delegate **BE PROVIDED** with an additional 3 minutes to complete their delegation.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 8 to 6, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
No	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
No	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
No	-	Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
No	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
No	-	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

(iii) **(Kroetsch/Nann)**
That the delegation from Paul Takala, Chief Executive Officer, Hamilton Public Library; Gagan Batra, Board Chair, Hamilton Public Library; and Sue Phipps, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Mental Health Association, Hamilton Branch; respecting the Opioid Crisis and the Hamilton Public Library, **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

6.7 Delegations respecting Item 9.5, Supporting the Role of Trustees in Maintaining an Accountable and Transparent Education System

(i) The following delegates addressed the Committee respecting Item 9.5, Supporting the Role of Trustees in Maintaining an Accountable and Transparent Education System:

- (a) Abby Zaitley (In-Person) (Item 6.7(a))
- (b) Amanda Fehrman, HWDSB Trustee (In-Person) (Item 6.7(b))

(ii) **(Hwang/Beattie)**

That the following delegations respecting Item 9.5 - Supporting the Role of Trustees in Maintaining an Accountable and Transparent Education System, **BE RECEIVED**:

- (a) Abby Zaitley (In-Person) (Item 6.7(a))
- (b) Amanda Fehrman, HWDSB Trustee (In-Person) (Item 6.7(b))

CARRIED

6.8 Chris McLaughlin, Bay Area Restoration Council, respecting Report PED26082, Biodiversity Action Plan Agreement and Progress (Item 8.4) (In-Person)

(i) Chris McLaughlin, Bay Area Restoration Council, addressed the Committee respecting Report PED26082, Biodiversity Action Plan Agreement and Progress (Item 8.4).

(ii) **(Kroetsch/A. Wilson)**

That the delegation from Chris McLaughlin, Bay Area Restoration Council, respecting Report PED26082, Biodiversity Action Plan Agreement and Progress (Item 8.4), **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

6.9 Delegations respecting the Opioid Crisis and the Hamilton Public Library (Item 6.6)

(i) The following delegates addressed the Committee respecting the Opioid Crisis and the Hamilton Public Library (Item 6.6):

- (a) Kelly Oucharek (In-Person) (Item 6.9(a))
- (b) Greg Voisin (In-Person) (Item 6.9(b))

(ii) **(Kroetsch/A. Wilson)**

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

That the following delegations respecting the Opioid Crisis and the Hamilton Public Library (Item 6.6), **BE RECEIVED**:

- (a) Kelly Oucharek (In-Person) (Item 6.9(a))
- (b) Greg Voisin (In-Person) (Item 6.9(b))

CARRIED

6.10 Delegations respecting Item 9.3, Winter Response for People Living Unsheltered in the City of Hamilton

(i) The following delegate addressed the Committee respecting Item 9.3, Winter Response for People Living Unsheltered in the City of Hamilton, from the following individuals:

- (a) Evan Ubene (In-Person) (Item 6.10(a))

(ii) The following delegate was not present when called upon:

- (b) Jahmal Pierre, Keeping Six (In-Person) (Item 6.10(b))

(iii) **(McMeekin/Kroetsch)**

That the following delegation respecting Item 9.3, Winter Response for People Living Unsheltered in the City of Hamilton, **BE RECEIVED**:

- (a) Evan Ubene (In-Person) (Item 6.10(a))

CARRIED

(i) **(Kroetsch/Hwang)**

That the General Issues Committee **RECESS** at 1:00 p.m. until 1:40 p.m.

CARRIED

The General Issues Committee reconvened at 1:40 p.m.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 HSC26029

User Fee Framework Project Update and Current State Analysis (City Wide)

(Cooper/Clark)

That Report HSC26029, respecting User Fee Framework Project Update and Current State Analysis (City Wide), **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

7.1(a) Correspondence from Viv Saunders, respecting Report HSC26029, User Fee Framework Update and Current State Analysis (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Cooper/Jackson)

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

That the Correspondence from Viv Saunders, respecting Report HSC26029, User Fee Framework Update and Current State Analysis (City Wide) (Item 7.1), **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

**7.2 HSC23076(b)
2025 Ending Chronic Homelessness Performance Update (City Wide)
(Outstanding Business List Item)**

(Kroetsch/Cassar)

(a) That Report HSC23076(b), respecting 2025 Ending Chronic Homelessness Performance Update and attached appendices **BE RECEIVED** for information; and,

(b) That the Outstanding Business List Item GIC-11/20/24-10.4, respecting the number of individuals that have transitioned out of tent encampments to social housing, residential care facilities, transitional housing, and shelter beds **BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE** and **REMOVED** from the listing.

CARRIED

**7.3 HUR26006
Labour Relations Activity Report and Analysis – 2021-2025 (City Wide)**

(Cassar/Cooper)

That Report HUR26006, respecting Labour Relations Activity Report and Analysis – 2021-2025 (City Wide), **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

**7.4 PED26018(a)
Ensuring Pedestrian Access at Jackson Street West and MacNab Street
South (Ward 2)**

(Kroetsch/Hwang)

That Report PED26018(a), respecting Ensuring Pedestrian Access at Jackson Street West and MacNab Street South (Ward 2), **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

**7.5 FCS26023
2026 Municipal Election and Municipal Use of Resources Policy (City Wide)**

(Kroetsch/Hwang)

That Report FCS26023, respecting 2026 Municipal Election and Municipal Use of Resources Policy (City Wide), **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1 PED26078

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

A By-Law to Authorize the Imposition of a Special Charge under the Better Homes Hamilton Pilot Program – Batch 2 (City Wide)

(Jackson/Hwang)

That Report PED26078, dated April 15, 2026, respecting A By-Law to Authorize the Imposition of a Special Charge under the Better Homes Hamilton Pilot Program – Batch 2 (City Wide), **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

- (a) That the by-law attached as Appendix A to Report PED26078, being a by-law to authorize the imposition of a special charge under the Better Homes Hamilton Pilot Program, **BE APPROVED**.

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 Rob Cooper
- 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

**8.2 LRTC 26-001
Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee Minutes - March 31, 2026**

(Nann/Clark)

That the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee Minutes LRTC 26-001 - March 31, 2026 **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein, **BE APPROVED**.

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

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 Rob Cooper
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

**8.3 HSC26020
Housing Focused Community Liaison Group (City Wide)**

(Cassar/Horwath)

That Report HSC26020, dated April 15, 2026, respecting Housing Focused Community Liaison Group (City Wide), **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation be approved:

- (a) That the Housing and Homelessness Advisory **COMMITTEE BE DISSOLVED** and;
- (b) That the Housing Services Division and the Housing Secretariat **BE DIRECTED** to continue community engagement through existing City-led community tables.

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Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 1, 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 Rob Cooper
No	-	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

**8.4 PED26082
Biodiversity Action Plan Agreement and Progress (City Wide)**

(Hwang/Cooper)

That Report PED26082, dated April 15, 2026, respecting Biodiversity Action Plan Agreement and Progress (City Wide), **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

- (a) That the General Managers of Planning and Economic Development and Public Works, or the designate of either General Manager, **BE AUTHORIZED** and directed to:
 - (i) **EXECUTE**, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, the Biodiversity Action Plan Implementation Agreement (the “BAP Implementation Agreement”) in substantially the form attached as Appendix A to this Report, which includes the Terms of Reference in substantially the form attached as Schedule “A” to the BAP Implementation Agreement;
 - (ii) **NEGOTIATE**, enter into, and **EXECUTE**, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, all agreements, amendments, extensions, renewals, applications, letters, City led or Collaborating Agency led grant applications, or any other documents ancillary to or respecting the BAP Implementation Agreement, the Biodiversity Action Plan (“BAP”), or any BAP related actions, including but not limited to permissions to authorize BAP related work on City owned lands, letters of support, and grant applications and agreements, provided same are on terms satisfactory to the General Managers of

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Planning and Economic Development and Public Works and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,

- (iii) **APPOINT** and **PROVIDE DIRECTION** to the City of Hamilton's member for the Management Committee and the Steering Committee as required by the BAP Implementation Agreement.

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 Rob Cooper
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

**8.5 PBLC 26-001
Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Liaison Committee Minutes -
April 2, 2026**

(Beattie/Hwang)

That the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Liaison Committee Minutes PBLC 26-001 - April 2, 2026 **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein, **BE APPROVED**.

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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 Rob Cooper
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

**8.6 PED24163(e)
Final 10-Year Downtown Hamilton Revitalization Strategy (City Wide)**

(i) (Kroetsch/Horwath)

That Report PED24163(e), dated April 15, 2026, respecting the Final 10-Year Downtown Hamilton Revitalization Strategy (City Wide), **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

- (a) That the 10-Year Downtown Hamilton Revitalization Strategy, contained in Appendix “A” to Report PED24163(e) **BE APPROVED**;
- (b) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to incorporate the directions and actions of the 10-Year Downtown Hamilton Revitalization into all applicable City departmental and divisional work plans;
- (c) That the City Manager or designate **BE REQUESTED** to complete a governance review of departmental roles and responsibilities respecting the Downtown and West Harbour and report back to General Issues Committee by the end of Q1 2027 with recommendations for any organizational structural improvements or refinements to roles and responsibilities needed to support the efficient and timely implementation of the 10-Year Downtown Hamilton Revitalization Strategy, and that this review **BE FUNDED** from Economic Development Initiatives Project 3621708900 to a maximum of \$75,000;
- (d) That until such time as a Downtown and West Harbour governance review is completed, the Economic Development Division **BE**

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DIRECTED to continue as the interim coordination and implementation planning lead for the 10-Year Downtown Hamilton Revitalization Strategy across all City departments;

- (e) That the General Manager of Public Works **BE DIRECTED** to identify existing response times for service requests within Downtown public rights-of-way and parks, and where deemed insufficient, identify potential opportunities to improve response times benchmarked against those achieved for Downtowns in comparable municipalities, and report back in advance of the 2027 budget process on any budget pressures that would result from achieving those improved standards;
- (f) That the Economic Development Division, in collaboration with identified departments/divisions, **BE DIRECTED** to undertake the following initiatives to support downtown revitalization, commencing in 2026, and funded entirely through existing departmental/divisional resources:
 - (i) Explore and implement a pilot project for permanent infrastructure improvements on James Street North between York Boulevard and the West Harbour GO Station that would better enable recurring and cost-effective temporary street closures for festivals and events in collaboration with the Transportation Division, Transportation Planning and Parking Division, Transit (Hamilton Street Railway), Hamilton Police Services, and the Tourism and Culture Division;
 - (ii) Identify and implement improvements to John-Rebecca Park that would better enable greater public use of the park including through placemaking events and activations, public art and other temporary amenities in collaboration with the Tourism and Culture Division and Environmental Services Division;
 - (iii) Develop and implement a Wayfinding Strategy, including updated pedestrian, active transportation and vehicular directional signage to strategic destinations, parking amenities, transit, and other visitor focused needs in alignment with the City Wide 2024-2028 Tourism Strategy and in collaboration with the Tourism and Culture, Transportation Planning and Parking, and Transportation Divisions;
 - (iv) Identify and implement pilot projects that will support street-level activation on York Boulevard to increase vibrancy and

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pedestrian activity in collaboration with the Hamilton Farmer’s Market, Tourism and Culture Division and Transportation Division;

- (v) Investigate the current state of use and physical condition of Commonwealth Square and report back to General Issues Committee in Q1 2027 respecting potential next steps to address the future/role function of the Square;
- (vi) That the Public Works, Healthy and Safe Communities, and Planning and Economic Development Departments **BE DIRECTED** to jointly undertake a comprehensive audit of Downtown lighting and other safety-related conditions within public rights-of-way, public parks, and municipal parking lots, and to develop and implement a work plan that expedites interim and permanent improvements and/or mitigation measures to enhance overall safety in the Downtown;
- (g) That the Planning Division **BE DIRECTED** to prepare a Precinct Plan for the area around TD Coliseum, identified as an area to leverage in the 10-Year Downtown Hamilton Revitalization Strategy, to develop a framework for coordinating future development, infrastructure and urban design needs required to achieve an identifiable and vibrant entertainment district within Downtown;
- (h) That the Tourism and Culture Division **BE DIRECTED** to engage the Downtown Business Improvement Area as the on-going operator of the King William Summer Pedestrianization Program to support continued and uninterrupted activation and placemaking with such costs limited to \$50,000 annually, with annual increases tied to inflation, and with such agreement to be executed by the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department including such terms and conditions as determined by the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (i) That the Economic Development Division **BE DIRECTED** to provide annual updates on the status of implementing the 10-Year Downtown Hamilton Revitalization Strategy through Economic Development’s annual State of the Downtown reporting to the General Issues Committee over the duration of the Strategy’s implementation; and,
- (j) That Clerks **BE DIRECTED** to remove Outstanding Business List Item GIC-12/04/24-10.5.

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(ii) **(Clark/Cooper)**

That sub-section (a) to Report PED24163(e), Final 10-Year Downtown Hamilton Revitalization Strategy (City Wide), **be amended**, as follows:

- (a) That the 10-Year Downtown Hamilton Revitalization Strategy, contained in Appendix “A” to Report PED24163(e) **BE APPROVED in principle and costs for 2027 and beyond be referred to future budget year(s) processes;**

Result: AMENDMENT, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 3, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
No	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
No	-	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
No	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(iii) Main Motion, **As Amended**, to read as follows:

- (a) That the 10-Year Downtown Hamilton Revitalization Strategy, contained in Appendix “A” to Report PED24163(e) **BE APPROVED in principle and costs for 2027 and beyond be referred to future budget year(s) processes;**
- (b) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to incorporate the directions and actions of the 10-Year Downtown Hamilton Revitalization into all applicable City departmental and divisional work plans;
- (c) That the City Manager or designate **BE REQUESTED** to complete a governance review of departmental roles and responsibilities respecting the Downtown and West Harbour and report back to General Issues Committee by the end of Q1 2027 with recommendations for any organizational structural improvements or refinements to roles and responsibilities needed to support the efficient and timely implementation of the 10-Year Downtown Hamilton Revitalization Strategy, and that this review **BE FUNDED**

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from Economic Development Initiatives Project 3621708900 to a maximum of \$75,000;

- (d) That until such time as a Downtown and West Harbour governance review is completed, the Economic Development Division **BE DIRECTED** to continue as the interim coordination and implementation planning lead for the 10-Year Downtown Hamilton Revitalization Strategy across all City departments;
- (e) That the General Manager of Public Works **BE DIRECTED** to identify existing response times for service requests within Downtown public rights-of-way and parks, and where deemed insufficient, identify potential opportunities to improve response times benchmarked against those achieved for Downtowns in comparable municipalities, and report back in advance of the 2027 budget process on any budget pressures that would result from achieving those improved standards;
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 - (ii) Explore and implement a pilot project for permanent infrastructure improvements on James Street North between York Boulevard and the West Harbour GO Station that would better enable recurring and cost-effective temporary street closures for festivals and events in collaboration with the Transportation Division, Transportation Planning and Parking Division, Transit (Hamilton Street Railway), Hamilton Police Services, and the Tourism and Culture Division;
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 - (iv) Develop and implement a Wayfinding Strategy, including updated pedestrian, active transportation and vehicular directional signage to strategic destinations, parking amenities, transit, and other visitor focused needs in alignment with the City Wide 2024-2028 Tourism Strategy and in collaboration with the Tourism and Culture,

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Transportation Planning and Parking, and Transportation Divisions;

- (v) Identify and implement pilot projects that will support street-level activation on York Boulevard to increase vibrancy and pedestrian activity in collaboration with the Hamilton Farmer's Market, Tourism and Culture Division and Transportation Division;
- (vi) Investigate the current state of use and physical condition of Commonwealth Square and report back to General Issues Committee in Q1 2027 respecting potential next steps to address the future/role function of the Square;
- (vii) That the Public Works, Healthy and Safe Communities, and Planning and Economic Development Departments **BE DIRECTED** to jointly undertake a comprehensive audit of Downtown lighting and other safety-related conditions within public rights-of-way, public parks, and municipal parking lots, and to develop and implement a work plan that expedites interim and permanent improvements and/or mitigation measures to enhance overall safety in the Downtown;
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- (h) That the Tourism and Culture Division **BE DIRECTED** to engage the Downtown Business Improvement Area as the on-going operator of the King William Summer Pedestrianization Program to support continued and uninterrupted activation and placemaking with such costs limited to \$50,000 annually, with annual increases tied to inflation, and with such agreement to be executed by the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department including such terms and conditions as determined by the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (i) That the Economic Development Division **BE DIRECTED** to provide annual updates on the status of implementing the 10-Year Downtown Hamilton Revitalization Strategy through Economic Development's annual State of the Downtown reporting to the

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General Issues Committee over the duration of the Strategy’s implementation; and,

- (j) That Clerks **BE DIRECTED** to remove Outstanding Business List Item GIC-12/04/24-10.5.

Result: MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED, 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 Rob Cooper
- 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

9. MOTIONS

9.2 Review of Contract Work

(i) (Kroetsch/Tadeson)

WHEREAS, contracting work to third parties has the potential to increase costs and lengthen delivery time due to procurement processes, internal review, and market competition;

WHEREAS, Council, through the Public Works Committee, starting in 2015, began to contract out some Public Works services with the intention of reporting back with more information on whether or not the program achieves the goals it set, including things like costs and benefits, but also on whether or not it would ultimately erode front line unionized work; and,

WHEREAS, there is work done, routinely, by the City that could be performed internally if there was an exploration of the advantages and disadvantages of this work and a cost-benefit analysis for the Public Works Committee to consider.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

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That staff **BE DIRECTED** to conduct a corporation-wide analysis of contract work undertaken since amalgamation, and report back to the General Issues Committee by Q3 2026, with the following:

- (a) An overview of how contractors are engaged, the service areas in which contract staff are utilized, and the circumstances under which contractors are retained;
- (b) A cost-benefit analysis to determine whether the use of contractors is more advantageous than utilizing City staff; and,
- (c) A time-efficiency analysis, including the time required to procure and engage contractors, compared to the time required to recruit and onboard City staff.

(ii) Councillor Kroetsch WITHDREW the motion.

9.3 Winter Response for People Living Unsheltered in the City of Hamilton

(Kroetsch/A. Wilson)

WHEREAS, as of December 2025, the number of unhoused people living in the City of Hamilton is approximately 1980;

WHEREAS, of those 1980, approximately 338 are unsheltered, meaning they are not staying in emergency shelters or other temporary accommodations;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton provides, operates, and partners with community agencies to offer several drop-in, shelter, and warming spaces for individuals who are unsheltered, with expanded services during winter months;

WHEREAS, drop-ins offer temporary accommodation, access to basic necessities, as well as supports both onsite and in the community to meet immediate and longer-term needs related to overall health, wellbeing, and the ability to acquire housing;

WHEREAS, the current homeless serving system, including winter response overnight drop in and warming spaces, are not sufficient to meet the needs of all people living unsheltered; and,

WHEREAS, people with pets and couples are not accommodated in the current drop-ins.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to bring forward a report to General Issues Committee in Q2 2026 outlining a winter response strategy for the 2026/27 winter season that addresses any service gaps in the current

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system, and details the funding required to operationalize the enhanced service; and

- (b) That the report **INCLUDE**, but not be limited to:
 - (i) An assessment of service quality and capacity to meet the City's evolving needs;
 - (ii) Best practices and models from other municipalities; and,
 - (iii) A cost analysis of funding required to operationalize a comprehensive winter response strategy.

The Deputy Mayor, mover and seconder of the Motion accepted the following friendly amendment:

That Clause (a) of the Motion **BE AMENDED** to read as follows:

- a) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to bring forward a report to General Issues Committee in ~~Q2~~ **early Q3** 2026 outlining a winter response strategy for the 2026/27 winter season that addresses any service gaps in the current system, and details the funding required to operationalize the enhanced service

Result: MOTION, as amended, 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 Rob Cooper
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

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9.4 Municipal Price Index

(Kroetsch/Cassar)

WHEREAS, a Municipal Price Index provides a tool for measuring the effects of inflation on the cost of providing municipal services;

WHEREAS, a Municipal Price Index differs from the Consumer Price Index (CPI) because it measures the cost increases to a representative basket of expenditures such as asphalt, steel and cement, that a municipality makes compared with that of the CPI which measures the prices that consumers face when buying a basket of goods for their household;

WHEREAS, municipalities such as Ottawa and Milton have utilized MPI as one tool that helps inform the City's budgetary process of external economic conditions that the City will face;

WHEREAS, the development of municipal price indexes can assist in creating an understanding of how the patterns of local government spending can be different than those of the average household;

WHEREAS, a Municipal Price Index can be used to explain increases in annual budget expenditures attributable to inflation; and

WHEREAS, a Municipal Price Index can aid in the more accurate development of current and multi-year City budgeting forecasts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to determine the feasibility of developing a Municipal Price Index for the City of Hamilton for incorporation into the Annual Budget Process and report back to the General Issues Committee no later than Q3 2026.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 5, 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
No	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
No	-	Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
No	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
No	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
No	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

Councillor Clark assumed the Chair

9.1 Strategic Workforce Capacity and Consultant Utilization Review

(i) (Tadeson/Beattie)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has initiated a review of consultant utilization to identify opportunities for operational efficiencies and cost containment;

WHEREAS, strengthening internal workforce capacity supports long-term fiscal sustainability, organizational resilience, and service delivery continuity; and,

WHEREAS, Council requires defined timelines and measurable reporting to ensure progress toward optimizing internal capabilities and capacity, and reducing reliance on external consultants where feasible.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to provide an update on the Recruitment and Retention Strategy presented to Council in 2023 including any progress made to attract and retain talent and report back to the General Issues Committee no later than Q3 2026;
- (b) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to prepare a Report that provides an outline of the time, resources and methodology that will be required to conduct a comprehensive Skills Gap Analysis which may inform strategies related to competency and or capacity as it's related to the dependency of external consultants , in

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collaboration with Human Resources, Finance and operating departments, with the objective of assessing current workforce competencies against current and projected service delivery needs, and report back to the General Issues Committee no later than Q4 2026 with an outline;

- (c) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to provide a consolidated report no later than Q4 2026 outlining:
 - (i) current consultant utilization trends and associated expenditures;
 - (ii) areas of sustained external consultant reliance;
- (d) That Staff **BE DIRECTED** to include Senior Leadership Team (SLT) management action plans as presented in the 2017 Calendar year, for addressing the implementation of the Audit report recommendations #1 – 12, to Appendix “A” of Report AUD17008, respecting the Use of External Consultants Performance Audit, on a future General Issues Committee agenda as an Item for Information by June 2026; and,
- (e) That staff **PROVIDED** an update on the current status and future plans of the implementation of recommendations #1 – 12, as attached in Report AUD17008 Appendix A to the General Issues Committee by Q4 2026.

The Deputy Mayor, mover and seconder of the Motion accepted the following friendly amendment:

That Clause (c) of the Motion **BE AMENDED** to read as follows:

- (c) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to provide a consolidated report no later than ~~Q4 2026~~ **Q2 2027** outlining:
 - (ii) **(McMeekin/Hwang)**
That the General Issues Committee meeting of April 15, 2026, be permitted to extend past the 5:30 p.m. curfew, up to 6:40 p.m.

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a 2/3's majority vote of 13 to 0, 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
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
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
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(iii) At the request of Committee, sub-section (a) to the Motion respecting Strategic Workforce Capacity and Consultant Utilization Review, was voted on separately, as follows:

(a) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to provide an update on the Recruitment and Retention Strategy presented to Council in 2023 including any progress made to attract and retain talent and report back to the General Issues Committee no later than Q3 2026;

Result: Sub-Section (a) to MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 2, as follows:

No	-	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
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
No	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
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
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

(iv) At the request of Committee, sub-section (b) to the Motion respecting Strategic Workforce Capacity and Consultant Utilization Review, was voted on separately, as follows:

(b) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to prepare a Report that provides an outline of the time, resources and methodology that will be required to conduct a comprehensive Skills Gap Analysis which may inform strategies related to competency and or capacity as it's related to the dependency of external consultants , in collaboration with Human Resources, Finance and operating departments, with the objective of assessing current workforce competencies against current and projected service delivery needs, and report back to the General Issues Committee no later than Q4 2026 with an outline;

Result: Sub-Section (b) to MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 2, as follows:

No	-	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
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
No	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
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
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(v) At the request of Committee, sub-section (c) to the Motion respecting Strategic Workforce Capacity and Consultant Utilization Review, was voted on separately, as follows:

(c) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to provide a consolidated report no later than **Q2 2027** outlining:

- (i) current consultant utilization trends and associated expenditures;
- (ii) areas of sustained external consultant reliance;

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

Result: Sub-Section (c) to MOTION, as amended, DEFEATED by a vote of 6 to 7, as follows:

No	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
No	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Absent	-	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
No	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
No	-	Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
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
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
No	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(vi) At the request of Committee, sub-section (d) to the Motion respecting Strategic Workforce Capacity and Consultant Utilization Review, was voted on separately, as follows:

(d) That Staff **BE DIRECTED** to include Senior Leadership Team (SLT) management action plans as presented in the 2017 Calendar year, for addressing the implementation of the Audit report recommendations #1 – 12, to Appendix “A” of Report AUD17008, respecting the Use of External Consultants Performance Audit, on a future General Issues Committee agenda as an Item for Information by June 2026; and,

Result: Sub-Section (d) to MOTION, DEFEATED by a vote of 5 to 8, as follows:

No	-	Mayor Andrea Horwath
No	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
No	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
No	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
No	-	Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
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

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Absent - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
No - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(vii) At the request of Committee, sub-section (e) to the Motion respecting Strategic Workforce Capacity and Consultant Utilization Review, was voted on separately, as follows:

(d) That Staff **BE DIRECTED** to include Senior Leadership Team (SLT) management action plans as presented in the 2017 Calendar year, for addressing the implementation of the Audit report recommendations #1 – 12, to Appendix “A” of Report AUD17008, respecting the Use of External Consultants Performance Audit, on a future General Issues Committee agenda as an Item for Information by June 2026; and

Result: Sub-Section (e) to MOTION, DEFEATED by a vote of 6 to 7, as follows:

No - Mayor Andrea Horwath
No - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Absent - 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
No - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
No - Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
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
Absent - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
No - Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

Councillor Tadeson assumed the Chair.

(i) **(Nann/Cooper)**

(a) That the following Items **BE REFERRED** to Council on April 22, 2026, for consideration:

- (i) Supporting the Role of Trustees in Maintaining an Accountable and Transparent Education System – REVISED (Item 9.5)
- (ii) PED26066
Acquisition of Property (City Wide) – REVISED (Item 11.2)

(b) That the following Item **BE DEFERRED** to the May 6, 2026 General Issues Committee meeting, for consideration:

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

(i) GIC 26-005 - March 25, 2026 - Closed Session Minutes

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

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

9.5 Supporting the Role of Trustees in Maintaining an Accountable and Transparent Education System - REVISED

This Item was referred to Council meeting being held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

9.6 Food Security

(McMeekin/Hwang)

WHEREAS; there is a substantial growth to the need for food caused by financial insecurity related to food costs, high housing costs and inadequate Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Supports;

WHEREAS; the Flamborough Food Bank (Carlisle) and Food with Grace (Waterdown) continue to struggle to meet the food security needs of the local community; and,

WHEREAS; the Tastebuds nutritious lunch program at Waterdown District High School has had a dramatic increase in students participating in the program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a grant **BE PROVIDED** to the Flamborough Food Bank and funded from the Ward 15 Non Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609615) at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$12,000;

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- (b) That a grant **BE PROVIDED** to Food with Grace and funded from the Ward 15 Non Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609615) at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$12,000;
- (c) That a grant **BE PROVIDED** to the Waterdown District High School Tastebuds Student Lunch Program and funded from the Ward 15 Non Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609615) at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$5000; 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.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

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

9.7 Flamborough Connects

(McMeekin/Tadeson)

WHEREAS, Flamborough Connects is a registered charity proudly providing free and low-cost Seniors Service and Community Service to residents of Flamborough. We serve residents who may be geographically isolated, socially isolated, vulnerable, physically challenged, financially disadvantaged or new to Flamborough, encouraging them to be engaged, active and empowered;

WHEREAS, the Flamborough Connects' free Income Tax Program supports low income Flamborough residents by providing no-cost tax preparation and filing for individuals earning under \$40,000 and couples under \$55,000 with simple tax situations;

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WHEREAS; many of the people served rely solely on Canada Pension Plan (CPP) and Old Age Security (OAS), often living on less than \$20,000 annually – some on under \$10,000 – making the cost and complexity of filing a significant barrier;

WHEREAS, by partnering with the Canada Revenue Agency's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program, we help residents remain compliant while ensuring they can access critical benefits such as GST and Trillium rebates, the Guaranteed Income Supplement, the Canadian Dental Care Plan, and maintain eligibility for subsidized housing;

WHEREAS, with the average Canadian expending \$130 annually to file taxes, this program removes a financial and technological barrier for vulnerable residents, many of whom do not have internet access or the ability to file independently;

WHEREAS, the program is entirely offered by trained volunteers;

WHEREAS, the program value to low-income Flamborough residents is estimated at 200 returns costing an average of \$130 saving the residents \$26,000 and the total benefits claimed by clients are estimated at \$688,595.75; and,

WHEREAS, the Ward 15 Community Council has reviewed and unanimously supported grant funding for this project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a grant **BE PROVIDED** to Flamborough Connects for their Income tax Program and funded from the Ward 15 Non Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609615) at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$11,500 to support this clinic; and,
- (b) 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.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

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

9.8 HEART - Healthy Youth Network

(McMeekin/Tadeson)

WHEREAS, the Healthy Education About Relationship project at Waterdown District High School continues to attract a lot of students' attention;

WHEREAS, the Program has continued to focus on value-based engagement to promote healthy nongender violence and awareness of youth dating violence;
WHEREAS, engaging young males has historically been a challenge;

WHEREAS, McMaster Social Psychology department students have evaluated male engagement in the HEART program determining the need for a targeted Pilot entitled GUYS WITH HEART;

WHEREAS, this pilot will sponsor monthly Lunch and Learn sessions featuring key influencers identified by W.D.H.S. students;

WHEREAS, the curriculum will move beyond gender-based violence talks to include a focus on Healthy Masculinity, Mental Health and a Business Base for healthy relationships (while building strong connections and enhance success);
and,

WHEREAS, the overall objective is to create a safe male space to explore and discuss the root causes of gender-based violence.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

- (a) That a grant **BE PROVIDED** to Healthy Youth Network (HEART) in support of Guys with Heart and funded from the Ward 15 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609615) at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$10,000; and,
- (b) 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.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

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

9.9 Souharissen Trail

(McMeekin/M. Wilson)

WHEREAS, the Waterdown District High School (W.D.H.S.) continues to collaborate with Indigenous partners through Ontario’s only high school Treaty Study Program,

WHEREAS, this partnership finds expression in two major led projects, namely; the Museum of Hope and the Souharissen Natural Area, a nationally recognized 55-acre space established in Waterdown by the Mississauga’s of the Credit Nation and students from W.D,H.S.,

WHEREAS, the natural was originally dedicated by Chief Byran Laforme and Lieutenant Governor David C. Onkey on August 21st, 2014 and has once been visited by many dignitaries, including Chiefs and Lieutenant Governors,

WHEREAS, the previous “Ponds Program” enhanced the historical significance of the Trail and was re-dedicated by Chief Sult and Ontario’s Lieutenant Governor the Honourable Edith Dumont,

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

WHEREAS, the W.D.H.S. students are continuing to work collaboratively through the Treaties Studies Program, Rick Hill Sr. (aabbwad) 6 Nations and the Mississauga's of the New Credit, desire to create a sit down gathering please for reflection and ongoing dialogue,

WHEREAS, this Gathering Space will be facilitated by the placement of four directional benches; and,

WHEREAS, the Ward 15 Community Council continues to endorse the importance of this historic and sacred spaces.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a grant **BE PROVIDED** to support the installation of four (4) benches through the City of Hamilton Bench Program funded from the Ward 15 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609615) at an upset limit of \$12,000, including contingency; and,
- (b) 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.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

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

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

9.10 The Waterdown-East Flamborough Heritage Society – Flamborough Archives

(McMeekin/Jackson)

WHEREAS, the Flamborough Archives, a voluntary group, continues to provide a valuable service to the people of Ward 15 and beyond;

WHEREAS, the Archives is managed by a full-time volunteer professional archivist;

WHEREAS, the Community is wanting to continue the existing partnership relationship with the Waterdown District High School student sponsors of the award-winning Museum of Hope (a veteran's memorial);

WHEREAS, it is of continuing importance to affirm the ongoing and developing interests in local history in both the student and broader community;

WHEREAS, the reduction in the provision of Federal grants is placing additional challenges to the ongoing work of the Archives making the provision of important and necessary archival work with student support even more important;

WHEREAS, infrastructure changes are impacting the phone and computer services previously available causing unanticipated fiscal pressures on both Flamborough Connects and Flamborough Archives;

WHEREAS, that acquisition of two new computers to replace the two units and monitors owned by the library and to provide for the installation of new Bell Canada services as well as an upgrade to the Windows 11 Pro system is necessary to enable the ongoing work of the Archives; and,

WHEREAS, the hiring of the traditional student summer employee is pivotal to the catch-up archival work of Flamborough Archives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a grant **BE PROVIDED** to The Waterdown-East Flamborough Heritage Society for the Flamborough Archives and funded from the Ward 15 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609615) at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$15,000 and,
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** and **DIRECTED** to approve and execute all agreement and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

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

9.11 Jurisdictional Scan on Emergency Shelter Access and Inter-Municipal Coordination

This Item was Withdrawn.

9.12 Breakfast on the Farm Sponsorship - WITHDRAWN

This Item was Withdrawn.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 Opposition to Provincial Consolidation of Conservation Authorities – REVISED

(i) (Clark/Cassar)

That the Rules of Order **BE SUSPENDED** to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting Opposition to Provincial Consolidation of Conservation Authorities – REVISED.

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a 2/3's vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

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

(ii) WHEREAS, Conservation Authorities are locally governed, watershed-based organizations that play a critical role in flood management, erosion control, natural heritage protection, source water protection, and climate resilience;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is currently served by multiple Conservation Authorities, including Conservation Halton, Hamilton Conservation Authority, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, and Grand River Conservation Authority, each with jurisdiction over different watershed areas that collectively reflect Hamilton's diverse geography;

WHEREAS, these Conservation Authorities provide significant benefits to Hamilton residents, including stewardship of conservation lands, protection of environmentally sensitive areas, management of flood and erosion risks, watershed planning, environmental monitoring, and public education;

WHEREAS, these organizations bring decades of local expertise and scientific knowledge related to Hamilton's unique natural features, including the Niagara Escarpment, Lake Ontario shoreline, urban and rural watersheds, agricultural lands, and provincially significant wetlands;

WHEREAS, Conservation Authorities are key partners in municipal planning and infrastructure decisions, providing technical review and guidance to ensure development occurs safely and responsibly, reducing long-term risks to residents, property, and municipal infrastructure;

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario enacted Bill 68, the *Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2025*, which received Royal Assent on November 27, 2025, and amended the *Conservation Authorities Act* to establish the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency;

WHEREAS, the Province has introduced Bill 97, the *Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2026*, currently at Second Reading, which proposes further amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act*, including the amalgamation of existing Conservation Authorities into a smaller number of regional entities and the establishment of transition committees to implement those changes;

WHEREAS, the proposed amalgamation of Conservation Authorities represents a significant restructuring of Ontario's watershed-based governance model, with potential implications for local decision-making, service delivery, and the ability to respond to the unique environmental and planning needs of communities such as Hamilton; and,

WHEREAS, changes of this scale require meaningful consultation with Conservation Authorities, municipalities, and other stakeholders to ensure that local knowledge, governance structures, and service delivery impacts are fully understood and considered prior to implementation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton formally **EXPRESS** its opposition to the proposed consolidation of Conservation Authorities as outlined in Schedule 3 of Bill 97, the *Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2026*;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton **URGE** the Province of Ontario to undertake meaningful consultation with Conservation Authorities, municipalities, and sector partners prior to advancing any consolidation or restructuring of the Conservation Authority system;
- (c) That the Province **BE REQUESTED** to ensure that any changes to the Conservation Authority framework preserve local representation, watershed-based decision-making, and the ability to respond to local environmental and planning needs; and,
- (d) That a copy of this motion **BE SENT** to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Provincial Parliament, and the Chairs and Chief Administrative Officers of Conservation Halton, Hamilton Conservation Authority, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, and Grand River Conservation Authority.

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

Absent	-	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
Absent	-	Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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Absent	-	Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
Yes	-	Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

10.2 Feasibility of a 50-Metre Pool in the City of Hamilton

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is committed to supporting the health, wellness, and recreational needs of residents through the provision of high-quality community recreation infrastructure;

WHEREAS, swimming is consistently identified as one of the most desired recreational and sport activities in Canada, with strong public demand for increased access to aquatic facilities;

WHEREAS, 25-metre pools are not sufficient to meet the needs of competitive aquatic sport, limiting opportunities for training, competition, and sport development;

WHEREAS, Ontario is experiencing a significant infrastructure gap, with only 19 50-metre pools across the province, and only a small number constructed in the 21st century;

WHEREAS, six of the seven largest cities in Canada without a 50-metre pool are located in Ontario, demonstrating a disproportionate lack of access to this critical infrastructure;

WHEREAS, there are currently no publicly accessible 50-metre pools west of the Greater Toronto Area, with the exception of McMaster University's pool, which was constructed in the 1960s and is approaching end-of-life;

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

WHEREAS, Hamilton has a strong legacy of excellence in aquatic sport, having produced notable athletes including Olympian Joanne Malar, Jimmy Thompson, Patty Thompson, and Jack McCormick;

WHEREAS, investment in a 50-metre pool has the potential to significantly expand programming capacity, support learn-to-swim initiatives, improve community health outcomes, and position Hamilton to attract sport tourism and regional competitions;

WHEREAS, the Aquatic Sport Council of Ontario has identified the need for regionally significant aquatic facilities anchored by 50-metre pools, supported through partnerships across municipalities, institutions, and other sectors; and

WHEREAS, other Ontario municipalities, including the Cities of Mississauga and Waterloo, are actively exploring the feasibility of developing 50-metre aquatic facilities and seeking senior government support for such infrastructure.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to report back to the General Issues Committee on the feasibility of developing a 50-metre aquatic facility in the City of Hamilton, including:
 - (i) capital and operating considerations;
 - (ii) potential locations, including integration into existing or planned recreation facilities;
 - (iii) a scan of other municipalities to identify best practices and emerging opportunities; and,
 - (iv) potential partnership models, including with neighbouring municipalities, post-secondary institutions, and other partners;
- (b) That the Mayor **BE REQUESTED** to communicate Hamilton's interest in advancing regionally significant aquatic infrastructure to the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada, including the need for dedicated funding to support such facilities.

11. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

11.1 GIC 26-005 - March 25, 2026 - Closed Session Minutes

This Item was deferred to the Council meeting being held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

11.2 PED26066 Acquisition of Property (City Wide) – REVISED

This Item was referred to the Council meeting being held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

Please refer to the April 22, 2026 Council minutes for the disposition of these matters.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela McRae
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk

Deputy Mayor Mark Tadeson
Chair, General Issues Committee

From: Viv Saunders [REDACTED]

Sent: April 19, 2026 11:25 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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Subject: FCS26023 - 2026 Municipal Election Information Report - Council Agenda GIC Report

External Email: Use caution with links and attachments.

Dear Honourable Mayor & Council

I've spoken to a few of my friends & neighbors, and the general consensus is that Community Polls held on September 24th in select areas in select locations will without a doubt negatively impact the integrity of our upcoming municipal election and further erode public trust.

Other than being mandated to ensure every Voting Location is accessible to electors with disabilities, City Clerks have very broad powers* on the selection of dates and locations.

Council's acceptance (approval to receive) of the above report will also be viewed as a vote to support any alleged impropriety; which is why I'm taking the time to reach out to you.

I appreciate that it's hard to lose focus sometimes when the measure of a successful election process usually boils down to hard numbers: Voter Turnout.

Voter Turnout however is not the municipality's responsibility. The municipality's mandate is to ensure the election is conducted in accordance with the principles of the Act.

*The principles include, but aren't limited to **Voters and candidates shall be treated fairly and consistently***

Will holding Advanced Votes in some wards 30 days before Voting date, but in other wards not until 2 weeks later, enhance or diminish the integrity of the process in the eyes of the electorate?

Will this decision increase or erode public trust in the eyes of the electorate?

Timing: September 24, 2026

As everyone knows, name recognition is a key component to any successful campaign.

Name recognition is garnered through various means; one of which is advertising via lawn signs.

Signs don't vote however the date that signs are allowed to be used for name recognition purposes, is when the playing field is level for incumbents & non-incumbents campaigns.

Lawn signs cannot be placed on properties until September 31st; a full week after an Advanced Vote will take place.

In addition, in the last election, we had historical voter turn-outs during the Advanced voting..

Will holding Advanced Votes ahead of allowing lawn signs enhance or diminish the integrity of the election?

Will holding Advanced Votes ahead of allowing lawn signs increase or erode public trust?

Locations:

(a) Everyone also knows, GOTV is key to a successful campaign.

With respect, there is a fine line between methods a municipality uses to increase voter turnout or equitable accessibility for the whole electorate v. the public's perception the municipality is GOTV for a campaign by bringing the Voting Place to certain electors in only certain wards.

FWIW, the Auditor's report did not identify this need under their 50 recommendations nor have the locations been made public.

From experience, I can share with you what occurs in an apartment building where the Voting Place is located in the common area.

Campaigning on that date is not allowed in the Voting Place however it is allowed throughout other areas of the building where dwellings are located.

Door knocking, telephone calls & directing occupants on their way in/out of the building to "go vote for xxx" is a reality.

It's a method that is not unlike the municipality appointing an Election Official to go from house to house, on the heels of a volunteer canvasser, & the occupants casting their vote on the spot.

(b) There is a significant difference between seniors residences and apartment buildings where the residents are mostly seniors.

Voting in Senior's Residences is mandatory (retirements homes with more than 50 beds such as Amica, Seasons etc)

Outside of retirement & LTC homes, birthdates and/or mobility issues are not a matter of public record on the Voter's List

Presently, we have processes in place in every ward to address mobility issues for the *whole* electorate.

Were locations selected based on anecdotal information and by whose request?

How was the public even made aware a request could be made?

(c) Although high density (>100 units) buildings are allowed to be chosen as a voting location, at the core of this selection process is equal access (fairness & consistency) for the electorate. This would encompass dates, times, locations, etc.

In my neighbourhood, where access to voting is by car we have 3 high-density apartment buildings (@ 575 dwellings) plus 4 more mid-density within 5 min. walking distance.

I can tell you anecdotally 2 of 3 are places that are primarily senior occupied.

Regular Advance Voting is scheduled to occur at a location that is 7 kms away a full two weeks after other Hamiltonians are being given a location to vote.

From what I've been able to gather, not only will this area not have a Community Poll, there will also not be a Community Poll located anywhere in the ward for Ward 10 residents to vote on the same day as other voters for their next mayor.

Is it fair that a candidate in Ward X can cross off names on their Voter's List a full 2 weeks before candidates in other wards can?

Will restricting Advance Voting on September 24th to high density apartments in only certain wards, enhance or decrease the public's perception re: principle of Fairness & Consistency for the Electorate?

Will introducing High Density Apartments as a voting place (where eager members of the public can 'canvass') , increase or erode public trust?

As always, with respect,

Viv Saunders

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Number and location of voting places

45 (1) The clerk shall establish the number and location of voting places for an election as he or she considers most convenient for the electors. 1996, c. 32, Sched., s. 45 (1).

Accessibility

(2) In establishing the locations of voting places, the clerk shall ensure that each voting place is accessible to electors with disabilities. 2009, c. 33, Sched. 21, s. 8 (23).



AUDIT, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES AFA 26-005

9:30 a.m.

April 16, 2026

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

Present: Councillors J. Beattie (Chair), B. Clark, R. Cooper, T. Hwang, C. Kroetsch, E. Pauls, M. Spadafora, M. Tadeson, A. Wilson (virtually) and M. Wilson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Beattie called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

There were no Ceremonial Activities.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Cooper/Hwang)

That the agenda for the April 16, 2026, Audit, Finance and Administration Committee meeting, **BE APPROVED, AS AMENDED** by deferring consideration of Items 8.1 AUD21004(d), Cyber Security Follow Up Audit, Phase 2: Incident Response and Insurance Review (City Wide) and 8.2 FCS26037, Request to Extend Contract for Secure Transportation of Funds Services (City Wide), until after Closed Session.

CARRIED

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(Pauls/Hwang)

That the Minutes of the March 26, 2026 meeting of the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee, **BE ADOPTED**, as presented.

Refer to the April 22, 2026 Council Minutes for the disposition of these matters.

CARRIED

Refer to the April 22, 2026 Council Minutes for the disposition of these matters.

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Delegations respecting 2026 Development Charges Indexing (Item 7.1)

6.1.(a) Viv Saunders

Viv Saunders addressed Committee respecting 2026 Development Charges Indexing (Item 7.1).

6.1.(b) Mike Collins-Williams, West End Home Builders Association

Mike Collins-Williams, West End Home Builders Association, addressed Committee respecting 2026 Development Charges Indexing (Item 7.1).

6.2 Viv Saunders, respecting Financial Accountability in Administration of Grant Funding (Item 9.1) - WITHDRAWN

(Tadeson/Cooper)

That the following Delegations, **BE RECEIVED**:

6.1 Delegations respecting 2026 Development Charges Indexing (Item 7.1)

6.1.(a) Viv Saunders

6.1.(b) Mike Collins-Williams, West End Home Builders Association

CARRIED

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

**7.1 FCS26032
2026 Development Charges Indexing (City Wide)**

(Pauls/Cooper)

That Report FCS26032 **BE REFERRED** to staff for report back to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee on May 7, 2026, with additional information on the following:

- (a) the feasibility of breaking down or adjusting Development Charges Indexing by sector (residential, industrial, etc.); and
- (b) clarification from higher levels of government as to funding announcements, which have been ambiguous to date.

Refer to the April 22, 2026 Council Minutes for the disposition of these matters.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 8 to 2, as follows:

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
NO - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES – Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - CHAIR - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

**7.1(a) Correspondence from Mike Collins-Williams respecting
Development Charges Indexing Report (FCS26032)**

(Tadeson/Pauls)

That the Correspondence from Mike Collins-Williams respecting
Development Charges Indexing Report (FCS26032), **BE RECEIVED.**
CARRIED

**7.2 HUR23007(a)
Workplace Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy Progress Update (City
Wide)**

Iva Peressini, Manager, Health, Safety and Wellness, addressed Committee
respecting Workplace Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy Progress
Update with the aid of a presentation.

(Kroetsch/Hwang)

That the following Items for Information, **BE RECEIVED:**

7.2 HUR23007(a)
Workplace Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy Progress Update (City
Wide) and the associated presentation, and

7.3 HUR26005
Annual Employee Absence Report 2025 (City Wide)

CARRIED

9. MOTIONS

**9.1 Financial Accountability in the Administration of Grant Funding –
REVISED**

Refer to the April 22, 2026 Council Minutes for the disposition of these matters.

(Kroetsch/Hwang)

WHEREAS, City Council approved recommendations in Procedures for Ward-Specific Funding Initiatives (FCS18014(a)) on December 17, 2018;

WHEREAS, Report FCS18014(a) outlined “Scenario 2: Social Infrastructure Funding”, which permits Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Reserves to be used for grants to an outside agency to improve social infrastructure assets;

WHEREAS, Report FCS18014(a) outlined “Scenario 3: Grants”, which permit Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Discretionary Fund to be used for grants to support community initiatives;

WHEREAS, Report FCS18014(a) does not contain any restrictions regarding the ability to fund grants from the Cellular Tower and Ward-Specific Non-Property Tax Revenues beyond the general procedures found in Appendix “D” to that Report;

WHEREAS, these funds are allocated at the discretion of the Ward Councillor in a manner that conforms to the criteria outlined in Appendix “A” and Appendix “B” to Report FCS18014(a), respecting Procedures for Ward-Specific Funding Initiatives;

WHEREAS, with the exception of grants under \$350 that are funded through the Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Discretionary Fund under “Scenario 3: Grants”, all grants require Council approval;

WHEREAS, the Ward Councillor Offices are responsible for administering the payment of grants funded through Ward-Specific Funding Initiatives; and

WHEREAS, no policy currently exists that outlines the procedures for the Ward Councillors Offices are to follow when administering the payment of grants.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to develop a grant payment policy designed to improve transparency and financial accountability for all grants funded through the Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Reserves, Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Discretionary Fund, and Cellular Tower and Ward-Specific Non-Property Tax Revenues; and
- (b) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to report back to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee with a draft grant payment policy in Q3 2026.

Refer to the April 22, 2026 Council Minutes for the disposition of these matters.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 8 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
ABSENT – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
ABSENT – Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - CHAIR - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

9.1(a) Correspondence from Gabriel Nicholson, respecting Financial Accountability in the Administration of Grant Funding - REVISED

(Hwang/Tadeson)

That the Correspondence from Gabriel Nicholson, respecting Financial Accountability in the Administration of Grant Funding – REVISED, **BE RECEIVED.**

CARRIED

9.2 Golden Horseshoe Live Steamers Educational Pavilion

(Hwang/Kroetsch)

WHEREAS, the Golden Horseshoe Live Steamers is a non-profit volunteer operated organization that provides educational railway experiences through miniature ride-on and ride-behind locomotives out of the Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology grounds;

WHEREAS, their facility includes 366 metres of elevated dual gauge (89 and 121 millimetre) track with a transfer table and steaming bays, 914 metres of ground mounted 184 millimetre gauge track with a turntable, a loading hoist and steaming bays, as well as club riding cars for all gauges, a railway station house, car barns, storage sheds, and a pedestrian bridge crossing both tracks;

WHEREAS, in 2025, the Golden Horseshoe Live Steamers celebrated their 50th anniversary and welcomed a record of 10,000 riders (double their 2024 ridership);

WHEREAS, to accommodate the storage of locomotives and riding stock, the Golden Horseshoe Live Steamers purchased and installed on the site two shipping containers. These were painted to match the esthetic of the 1859 Hamilton Waterworks National Historic Site;

Refer to the April 22, 2026 Council Minutes for the disposition of these matters.

WHEREAS, the Golden Horseshoe Live Steamers will install a roof spanning over the two shipping containers, creating an area between them that is protected from the elements, which will be used as an educational pavilion with hands-on interactive exhibits. The cost to enclose, equip, and finish the space is estimated at \$35,000;

WHEREAS, the Golden Horseshoe Live Steamers train days have a mutually beneficial impact on attendance at the Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology, and attract tourists of all ages from Hamilton and beyond;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a grant to the Golden Horseshoe Live Steamers for the roof of their education pavilion **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 4 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309400 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$15,000;
- (b) That any funds allocated and distributed **BE EXEMPT** on a one-time basis and not be counted toward any formula that restricts regular funding from the City including the City Enrichment Fund for 2026; and
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 8 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
ABSENT – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
ABSENT – Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - CHAIR - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

9.2(a) Correspondence from Denny Williams, Golden Horseshoe Live Steamers, respecting proposed grant for the Golden Horseshoe Live Steamer Educational Pavilion

(Hwang/Tadeson)

That the Correspondence from Denny Williams, Golden Horseshoe Live Steamers, respecting proposed grant for the Golden Horseshoe Live Steamer Educational Pavilion, **BE RECEIVED**.

CARRIED

Refer to the April 22, 2026 Council Minutes for the disposition of these matters.

9.3 Play Structure Replacement at Inasmuch House (Ward 2)

(Kroetsch/M. Wilson)

WHEREAS, Inasmuch House is a shelter located in Ward 2, which serves women and children who have experienced abuse, offering comprehensive crisis support;

WHEREAS, access to community playgrounds is often not safe for Inasmuch House residents due to ongoing risks related to intimate partner violence, and public spaces increase the likelihood of being located, harassed, or harmed by an abusive partner;

WHEREAS, an on-site playground is the safest and most accessible outdoor play space available to children while they're staying at Inasmuch House;

WHEREAS, the playground at Inasmuch House is severely outdated and fails to meet the needs of children who rely on it for recreation, emotional relief, and socialization; and

WHEREAS, replacing the current playground with a structure that meets the needs of the residents has been costed, with contingency, at \$152,000.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That costs associated with replacing the play structure at Inasmuch House to Mission Services of Hamilton **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Reinvestment Reserve #108052 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$152,000; and
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 8 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
ABSENT – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
ABSENT – Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - CHAIR - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

Refer to the April 22, 2026 Council Minutes for the disposition of these matters.

9.4 Ward 2 Community Grants - 2026 (Ward 2)

(Kroetsch/M. Tadeson)

WHEREAS, the Ward 2 Community Grants program closed for 2026 on March 6, 2026 with a total of 70 applications;

WHEREAS, the 2026 Ward 2 Community Grants program will be open for one application acceptance period, rather than running quarterly application periods;

WHEREAS, City staff in Financial Planning, Administration and Policy and Communication and Engagement - Grants reviewed the recommendations from the Ward 2 Community Grants program and found that the following were eligible; and

WHEREAS, the following \$101,400 in 53 individual grants represents the fulfillment of the 2026 Ward 2 Community Grants program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That costs associated with contracting consultants to assist with Human Resources policy and material development to 15789800 CANADA FOUNDATION (ABRAR Trauma and Mental Health Services) **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$3,500;
- (b) That interior ads about the Tenant Support Program placed on HSR buses with Ward 2 based routes to ACORN Canada (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now) **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,500;
- (c) That costs associated with The Choreographic Incubator, a four-week professional development program in Ward 2, to Aeris Körper Contemporary Dance **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,200;
- (d) That costs associated with MusicSparks, a program providing free open air music sessions for kids in Ward 2 parks, to Arts For All **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,500;
- (e) That costs associated with spring cleanups, neighbourhood events, and monthly meetings to Beasley Neighbourhood Association **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,800;

Refer to the April 22, 2026 Council Minutes for the disposition of these matters.

- (f) That the expansion of Adventure Canada Club and Exploring Our Roots programming into Ward 2 schools to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton and Hamilton (serving Grand Erie) **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,000;
- (g) That costs associated with CAP's Drive programs, transporting Ward 2 residents to cancer-related appointments and delivering essential supports, to Cancer Assistance Program **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,200;
- (h) That costs associated with the Central Park Fall Fair to Central Neighbourhood Association **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,500;
- (i) That website domain and maintenance, online advertising, and promotional materials for Music@Central to Central Presbyterian Church **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,500;
- (j) That lighting installations at the 2026 Hess Winter Village to Charity of Hope **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,600;
- (k) That food items for Golden Hearts Food Pantry to CityHousing Hamilton **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,225;
- (l) That weekly arts-based programming and music lessons at Residential Care Facilities in Ward 2 to Community Connection & Recreation Network of Hamilton **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,500;
- (m) That neighbourhood outreach, communications, and 2026 event planning to Corktown Neighbourhood Association **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,750;
- (n) That cycling and bicycle safety lessons for Dr. Davey students to Dr. J.E. Davey Elementary School **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,000;

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- (o) That costs associated with a community-based Financial Literacy and Economic Empowerment Workshop Series at the Downtown Mosque to Eternal Sparks Foundation **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,500;
- (p) That costs associated with providing free Rainbow Baby Prenatal Classes for families in Ward 2 who are expecting after pregnancy or infant loss to Family Rootz Alliance **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,000;
- (q) That online advertising to increase participation and support for the FAB 5k Challenge and its program sites in Ward 2 to Fit Active Beautiful Foundation **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,200;
- (r) That stage production, sound, and lighting at their Hamilton Italian Heritage event to Fratellanza Racalmutese Italian Club **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,500;
- (s) That promotion and artists' compensation for A Night of Community at the Art Gallery of Hamilton to Freedom of Speech Entertainment **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,500;
- (t) That accessibility devices for virtual gatherings and hybrid meetings to Hamilton Arts Council **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,100;
- (u) That promotional materials for the Queer Justice Project to Hamilton Community Legal Clinic **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,100;
- (v) That artist compensation for Indigenous dancers participating in Made in Hamilton to Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts Society **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,600;
- (w) That costs associated with the Monthly Budget Friendly Cooking Program to Hamilton Family Health Team **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,500;

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- (x) That artist fees for a concert series at the Farmers Market and Hamilton Public Library to Hamilton Farmers Market **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,000;
- (y) That costs associated with the launch of Indigenous Programming Day on Fringe Boulevard to Hamilton Festival Theatre Company **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,500;
- (z) That costs associated with road closures for the Boxing Day Road Race to Hamilton Harriers **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,200;
- (aa) That transportation and snacks for youth involved in the Winter & Spring 2026 semesters of the Shai Gligeous-Alexander/HMC Musical Futures Production Program to Hamilton Music Collective **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,000;
- (ab) That artist fees for Tiny Tots, a free drop-in music series for children aged 0-4, to Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,000;
- (ac) That bed frames for the Mark Preece House to Hospital Family Houses of Ontario **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,500;
- (ad) That descriptive audio equipment and subscription to software that improves accessibility for visually impaired community members to James North Baptist Church **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,500;
- (ae) That artist honorariums and sound and staging equipment for Cuts & Chords, an event that combines live local music with free haircut services for youth and vulnerable residents, to Living Rock Ministries **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,000;
- (af) That costs associated with activating King William Street as an accessible, community-driven arts marketplace to event organizer Margaret Qin **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$3,000;

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- (ag) That costs associated with conducting research into heat impacts on Residential Care Facilities in Ward 2 to McMaster University's School of Earth, Environment & Society **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,575;
- (ah) That costs associated with PATCH: Hamilton Quilt Show at Corktown Park to project lead Michael Gracie **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,400;
- (ai) That costs associated with a six-week Ward 2 based creative arts workshop series for immigrants, children of immigrants, newcomers, and refugees to Open Heart Arts Theatre **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$3,500;
- (aj) That proteins like tuna and beans for weekly meal provision at Gore Park Outreach to Port Nelson United Church **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,200;
- (ak) That the cost of program space in downtown Hamilton to Practical Philosophy **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,500;
- (al) That costs associated with launching "Sowing Roots," a program to address food security among African newcomers, to Rafiki Hamilton Centre **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$3,000;
- (am) That reproduction fees to acquire archival footage and materials related to sex work history in Canada to Sex Workers' Action Program (SWAP) Hamilton **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,600;
- (an) That consulting fees for developing an updated organizational strategic plan to Sexual Assault Centre (Hamilton and Area) **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,850;
- (ao) That event costs associated with Strangewaves: Strange Day at the Bay to Shush Inc. **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,000;
- (ap) That rental fees for Hamilton Elite Soccer and STAC Basketball programming in Ward 2 to STAC Hamilton **BE FUNDED** from the

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Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,200;

- (aq) That Volunteer Recognition Program supplies to support volunteer coaches and scorekeepers during the 2026 softball season at Eastwood Park to Steel City Inclusive Softball Association (SCISA) **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,200;
- (ar) That permits, insurance, sound amplification, food, and artist fees for the fourth annual Catharine Street North Block Party to event organizer Stevan Garic **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,900;
- (as) That costs associated with their Collective Healing project to Substance Overdose Prevention and Education Network (SOPEN) **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,300;
- (at) That costs associated with activating City parking lots during Supercrawl to Supercrawl Productions **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,500;
- (au) That costs associated with a Pride family picnic in Eastwood Park to The All Out Collective **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,500;
- (av) That insurance, City park permit, and a sound system rental at the 33rd Annual Beasley Sk8 Jam to The Hamilton Skateboard Assembly **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$1,200;
- (aw) That costs associated with People's Café, a free and accessible weekly gathering for community members, to Trinity Lutheran Church **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,000;
- (ax) That race subsidies, equipment, snacks and refreshments, and outreach materials for Hamilton Bayfront Ultra Black Run Club to Ultra Black Wellness Society **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,000;

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- (ay) That costs associated with volunteer management software and improvements to Welcome Inn Community Centre of Hamilton **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$3,500;
- (az) That stroller wagons to safely transport children in Wesley's childcare program at Dr. Davey School to Wesley Urban Ministries **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,000;
- (ba) That costs associated with Celebrating Pride, spectrum's Rainbow Reading Party & Rainbow Picnic to YWCA Hamilton **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309200 at an upset limit, not to exceed \$2,000;
- (bb) That any funds allocated and distributed through the Ward 2 Community Grants Program **BE EXEMPT** on a one-time basis and not be counted toward any formula that restricts regular funding from the City including the City Enrichment Fund (e.g. the City's 30% formula); and
- (bc) That the Mayor and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 7 to 1, as follows:

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
ABSENT – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
ABSENT – Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - CHAIR - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

9.5 Ward 2 Capital Expenses – Area Rating Reserve 2026 (Ward 2)

(Kroetsch/A. Wilson)

WHEREAS, the Ward 2 Community Grants and Capital Expenses programs closed for 2026 on March 6, 2026;

WHEREAS, any Community Grants applications that request assistance with capital infrastructure needs are better suited to the Ward 2 Capital Expenses program; and

Refer to the April 22, 2026 Council Minutes for the disposition of these matters.

WHEREAS, investment in accessibility, arts, affordable housing, and gathering spaces is necessary for a thriving community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That costs associated with constructing an Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act compliant ramp at the building entrance to 272 Caroline St S Housing Co-operative Inc. **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Re-investment Reserve Account #108052 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$30,000;
- (b) That accessible door hardware and installation and accessible audience seating areas to Hamilton Theatre Inc. **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Re-investment Reserve Account #108052 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$5,000;
- (c) That replacement windows to improve energy efficiency to Hess Street Co-operative Inc. **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Re-investment Reserve Account #108052 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$31,000;
- (d) That a building feasibility study to improve accessibility in the community hall to St. Lawrence Parish **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Re-investment Reserve Account #108052 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$5,000;
- (e) That construction of a garden shed for the St. Luke's Mission community garden space to The Anglican Diocese of Niagara **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 2 Capital Re-investment Reserve Account #108052 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$4,800; and
- (f) That the Mayor and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 8 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
ABSENT – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
ABSENT – Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - CHAIR - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson

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YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 Empowering Tutoring Program for Sudanese Newcomer Youth

(Hwang/Kroetsch)

That the Rules of Order **BE SUSPENDED** to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Empowering Tutoring Program for Sudanese Newcomer Youth.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a 2/3s vote of 8 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
ABSENT – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
ABSENT – Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - CHAIR - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

(Hwang/Kroetsch)

WHEREAS, the Sudanese Canadian League of Hamilton (SCLOH), which is based in Ward 4, has served the Hamilton community since 1994 and has supported over 500 families in their integration and settlement journeys;

WHEREAS, SCLOH identified the need for additional educational supports for school-aged Sudanese newcomers, in that they face unique challenges, including not only language barriers and financial constraints, but also academic gaps and trauma from the effects of the war in Sudan;

WHEREAS, tutoring and academic support is invaluable to support integration and the Empowering Tutoring Program will provide essential culturally responsive and trauma-informed academic support in literacy and numeracy for 20 to 30 students in Grades 1 to 12 during a 12-month pilot; and

WHEREAS, the program will also include workshops for parents to increase their capacity to navigate the Ontario education system and support their children's success.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

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- (a) That a grant to the Sudanese Canadian League of Hamilton for the Empowering Tutoring Program pilot **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 4 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309400 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$15,000;
- (b) That any funds allocated and distributed **BE EXEMPT** on a one-time basis and not be counted toward any formula that restricts regular funding from the City including the City Enrichment Fund for 2026; and
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 7 to 1, as follows:

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
ABSENT – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
ABSENT – Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - CHAIR - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

10.2 Ward 11 Community Grants – 2026 Pilot

(Tadeson/Kroetsch)

That the Rules of Order **BE SUSPENDED** to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Ward 11 Community Grants – 2026 Pilot.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a 2/3s vote of 6 to 2, as follows:

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
ABSENT – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
ABSENT – Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - CHAIR - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
NO - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

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(Tadeson/Kroetsch)

WHEREAS, the Ward 11 Community Grants pilot program was established to support local non-profit organizations, community groups, and other eligible entities delivering one-time projects, initiatives, and programming that benefit Ward 11 residents;

WHEREAS, Ward 11 receives non-property tax revenue from a cellular tower license agreement, funds from which can only be spent within the Ward at the discretion of the Ward 11 Councillor in accordance with Appendix "D" to Report FCS18014(a), Procedures for Ward Specific Funding Initiatives, under "Scenario 3: Grants", and are subject to Council approval;

WHEREAS, the Ward 11 Community Grants pilot program is a pre-defined, non-discretionary funding program administered in accordance with established eligibility criteria and does not constitute a sponsorship or donation program;

WHEREAS, the total funding envelope for the 2026 pilot is \$20,000 and funding is limited to one-time project or initiative support, to a maximum of \$2,000 per organization or group, and excludes ongoing operating costs, salaries, retroactive expenses, and sponsorship-style funding;

WHEREAS, the Community Grants program provides a structured and documented application and evaluation process to support the equitable distribution of funds and the maintenance of public trust;

WHEREAS, all successful applicants are required to report on the use of funds by year-end, and such reporting will be documented by the Ward 11 Office on its website; and

WHEREAS, 20 applications were received by the March 31, 2026 deadline, of which 18 were deemed eligible following staff review in accordance with the one-application-per-organization requirement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That costs associated with program materials, supplies, and community initiative delivery to Binbrook Woodburn Women's Institute **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 11 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609611 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$1,000;
- (b) That costs associated with youth training, program delivery, and cadet initiatives to 826 Gryphon Squadron Air Cadets **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 11 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609611 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$1,000;

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- (c) That costs associated with agricultural programming, community engagement activities, and initiative delivery to Binbrook Agricultural Society **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 11 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609611 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$1,200;
- (d) That costs associated with team programming, equipment, and participant supports to Binbrook Bisons **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 11 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609611 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$1,600;
- (e) That costs associated with skating program delivery, equipment, and participant supports to Glanbrook Skating Club **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 11 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609611 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$1,500;
- (f) That costs associated with theatre programming, production costs, and community arts initiatives to Binbrook Little Theatre **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 11 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609611 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$1,500;
- (g) That costs associated with community outreach, programming, and service delivery to Mount Hope Community CRC **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 11 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609611 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$500;
- (h) That costs associated with youth agricultural programming, supplies, and educational initiatives to Hamilton Wentworth 4H Association **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 11 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609611 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$1,500;
- (i) That costs associated with youth programming, leadership development, and community engagement activities to Girl Guides of Canada (1st Binbrook) **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 11 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609611 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$1,600;
- (j) That costs associated with community recreation programming, equipment, and participation supports to Glanford Curling Club **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 11 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609611 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$1,500;
- (k) That costs associated with environmental programming, community engagement, and sustainability initiatives to Green Venture **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 11 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account

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#3301609611 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$1,500;

- (l) That costs associated with youth development programming, equipment, and participation supports to CHILL Foundation **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 11 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609611 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$1,500;
- (m) That costs associated with community support programming and initiative delivery to Lifting Stripes Initiative **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 11 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609611 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$500;
- (n) That costs associated with cultural programming, community engagement, and community initiatives to Famee Furlane of Hamilton **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 11 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609611 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$300;
- (o) That costs associated with recreational programming, equipment, and participation supports to Glanbrook Non Contact Hockey League **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 11 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609611 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$500;
- (p) That costs associated with youth programming, materials, and community engagement to Binbrook Chess Club **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 11 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609611 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$500;
- (q) That costs associated with park improvements, materials, and community led initiatives to Glanbrook Hills Park **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 11 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609611 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$300;
- (r) That costs associated with youth soccer programming, equipment, and participation supports to Glanbrook Youth Soccer **BE FUNDED** from the Ward 11 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609611 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$2,000;
- (s) That any funds allocated by and distributed through the Ward 11 Community Grants Program **BE EXEMPT** on a one time basis and not be counted toward any formula that restricts regular funding from the City, including the City Enrichment Fund or the One Time Enhancement Grant (e.g. the City's 30% formula); and

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- (t) That the Mayor and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 8 to 1, as follows:

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
YES – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
ABSENT – Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
NO - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - CHAIR - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

The Chair of the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee recessed the meeting at 12:52 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

The Audit, Finance and Administration Committee reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

11. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Committee determined that discussion of Item 11.1 was not required in Closed Session; therefore, the matter was addressed in Open Session, as follows:

11.1 Closed Session Minutes – March 26, 2026

(Hwang/Kroetsch)

That the Closed Session Minutes of the March 26, 2026 Audit, Finance and Administration Committee meeting, **BE ADOPTED** and **REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL**.

CARRIED

(Clark/Hwang)

That Aron Feuer and Darren Jones of Valencia **BE PERMITTED** to attend Closed Session respecting Item 11.2, Confidential Appendices A, B and C to Report AUD21004(d), respecting Cyber Security Follow Up Audit, Phase 2: Incident Response and Insurance Review.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 7 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
ABSENT – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls

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ABSENT – Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
YES - CHAIR - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

(Tadeson/Hwang)

That Committee move into Closed Session for Items 11.2, 11.3, 11.4, pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-sections (a), (e), and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (a), (e), and (k) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to the security of the property of the City or a local board; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the City or a local board; and 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.

CARRIED

The Audit, Finance and Administration Committee resolved into Closed Session at 1:35 p.m.

The Audit, Finance and Administration Committee meeting reconvened in Open Session at 3:33 p.m.

11.2 Confidential Appendices A, B and C to Report AUD21004(d), respecting Cyber Security Follow Up Audit, Phase 2: Incident Response and Insurance Review

(Tadeson/Hwang)

That the direction to staff provided in Closed Session, be approved.

CARRIED

For further disposition of this Item, refer to Item 8.1 in these Minutes.

11.3 Confidential Appendix A to Item 8.2, Report FCS26037 - Request to Extend Contract for Secure Transportation of Funds Services

For disposition of this Item, refer to Item 8.2 in these Minutes.

**11.4 AUD26004
Auditor General Reporting of Serious Matters to Council (Report #94613) (Wards 3 and 4)**

(Tadeson/Hwang)

That Report AUD26004, respecting Auditor General Reporting of Serious Matters to Council (Report #94613) (Wards 3 and 4), dated April 16, 2026, **BE RECEIVED** and **REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL**.

Refer to the April 22, 2026 Council Minutes for the disposition of these matters.

CARRIED

8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1 AUD21004(d)
Cyber Security Follow Up Audit, Phase 2: Incident Response and Insurance Review (City Wide)

(Hwang/Tadeson)

That Report AUD21004(d), respecting Cyber Security Follow Up Audit, Phase 2: Incident Response and Insurance Review (City Wide), dated April 16, 2026, and the associated Confidential Presentation, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations, **BE APPROVED**:

- (a) That the Confidential Audit Report, attached as Appendix “A” to Report AUD21004(d), **BE RECEIVED** for information and **REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL**;
- (b) That the Confidential Audit Report, attached as Appendix “B” to Report AUD21004(d), **BE RECEIVED** for information and **REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL**.
- (c) That the management responses in Appendix “C” to Report AUD21004(d) **BE APPROVED** and **REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL**; and
- (d) That the Chief Information Officer (Acting) and the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services **BE DIRECTED** to implement the management responses contained in Appendix “C” to Report AUD21004(d) and report back to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee by August 2026, on the nature and status of actions taken in response to the Audit Report.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
ABSENT - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
ABSENT – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
ABSENT – Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - CHAIR - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES – ACTING CHAIR - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

Refer to the April 22, 2026 Council Minutes for the disposition of these matters.

**8.2 FCS26037
Request to Extend Contract for Secure Transportation of Funds
Services (City Wide)**

(Hwang/Clark)

That Report FCS26037, respecting Request to Extend Contract for Secure Transportation of Funds Services (City Wide), dated April 16, 2026, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations, **BE APPROVED**:

- (a) Pursuant to Procurement Policy #11 – Non-competitive Procurements, that the extension to Contract A-01-19 for the provision of secure transportation of funds services until April 30, 2027 **BE APPROVED** and that the General Manager, Corporate Services Department **BE AUTHORIZED** and **DIRECTED** to negotiate, enter into and execute the extension and any ancillary documents required to give effect thereto with Brink’s Canada Limited, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
- (b) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to release publicly the negotiated awarded cost of the contract extension in the applicable quarterly status report for Emergency and Non-competitive Procurements.
- (c) That the contents of Appendix “A” to Report FCS26037 **REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL**.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:

YES - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
ABSENT - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
ABSENT – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
ABSENT – Ward 8 Councillor Rob Cooper
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - CHAIR - Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
YES - Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
YES - Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
YES – ACTING CHAIR - Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

Refer to the April 22, 2026 Council Minutes for the disposition of these matters.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee, adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Bates
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk

Councillor J. Beattie,
Chair, Audit, Finance and Administration
Committee

Councillor M. Spadafora,
Vice-Chair, Audit, Finance and Administration
Committee

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

General Issues Committee: April 15, 2026

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. HWANG.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR J. BEATTIE.....

Supporting the Role of Trustees in Maintaining an Accountable and Transparent Education System - REVISED

WHEREAS, School trustees have existed in Ontario since 1816 and play an essential role in delivering accountability, reflecting local priorities, and ensuring students receive necessary resources;

WHEREAS, the democratic representation provided by trustees has been a central principle of Ontario's public education system since before Confederation;

WHEREAS, in the Summer of 2025, the Government of Ontario appointed supervisors to various school boards, supplanting the role of elected trustees and creating concerns regarding lost transparency, accountability, and local representation;

WHEREAS, trustees serve as essential points of contact for City Councillors to discuss pressing local issues relating to education and school sites, and provincially appointed supervisors are not a replacement for this local knowledge;

WHEREAS, Bill 33, which received Royal Assent in November 2025, grants the Province overriding authority which may be used to eliminate the role of trustees in part or in whole;

WHEREAS, it is crucial for City Council to join other municipalities in reaffirming the importance of trustees to maintaining local representation for parents and students; and,

WHEREAS, Bill 101, introduced in the Ontario Legislature on April 13, 2026, further underscores the Province's intention to reshape school board governance and the role of trustees, making it especially important that any legislative changes preserve meaningful elected local representation, transparency, and accountability to the communities that schools serve; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (a) That Hamilton City Council SUPPORTS the role of locally-elected trustees in ensuring accountability, representing local priorities, and advocating for the needs of students, and
- (b) That Hamilton City Council REQUESTS that the Province of Ontario conduct an impact assessment of Bill 33 and Bill 101 on the governance role of elected trustees, work collaboratively with school boards, trustees and trustee associations to develop a clear framework defining the role and responsibilities of trustees moving forward, and ensure local accountability and representation are maintained through the implementation of these changes; and
- (c) That this Motion BE CIRCULATED to the HWDSB & HWCDSB Liaison Committees, Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA), Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Members of Provincial Parliament representing ridings in the City of Hamilton, the Minister of Education, and the Premier of Ontario.

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

Council: April 22, 2026

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. FRANCIS.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Jurisdictional Scan on Emergency Shelter Access and Inter-Municipal Coordination

WHEREAS, municipalities across Ontario, including the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, the Region of Peel, Halton Region, Niagara Region, Haldimand County, and Wellington County have implemented practices that prioritize access to emergency shelter services for local residents or those with demonstrated community connections;

WHEREAS, these approaches often include diversion supports and coordination to connect individuals to services in their municipality of origin where appropriate supports may exist;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton does not currently have a clearly defined or consistently applied approach respecting residency, community connection, or coordinated diversion; and,

WHEREAS, any approach must remain compassionate and include protections for vulnerable individuals, including those fleeing unsafe situations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff BE DIRECTED to report back to the General Issues Committee by the end of Q2 2026 with a jurisdictional scan of emergency shelter access policies across Ontario municipalities, including eligibility criteria, residency or community connection requirements, intake practices, diversion or return-to-origin supports, funding implications, and available service outcome data;
- (b) That staff BE DIRECTED to report back on current City of Hamilton practices, including how residency or origin is tracked, system pressures related to non-resident access, and analysis of residency data collected through HIFIS, including current proportions of non-resident shelter users and any available

historical trends, and how these compare to other municipalities where data is available; and,

- (c) That staff BE DIRECTED to report back with policy recommendations on emergency shelter access, including residency, community connection, and inter-municipal coordination and diversion practices, based on the findings of the jurisdictional scan, with clear exemptions for individuals fleeing intimate partner violence or human trafficking.

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council: April 22, 2026

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR E. PAULS.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Councillor Travel to 2026 International Children’s Games in Hualien, Taiwan

WHEREAS, the International Children’s Games (ICG), since their inception in 1968, stand as a symbol of unity, friendship, and youthful sportsmanship;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton supports youth participation in the International Children’s Games (ICG), which promote global friendship, healthy living, and cultural exchange through sport;

WHEREAS, the ICG provide Hamilton youth with the opportunity to represent their city on an international stage, fostering pride, leadership, and intercultural connections;

WHEREAS, the ICG have blossomed into a global phenomenon, bridging cultures and promoting understanding among children aged 12 to 15 years old from more than 600 cities and over 100 countries;

WHEREAS, the ICG foster a spirit of competition and camaraderie that resonates with young athletes and spectators alike, continuing a legacy of connection and celebration;

WHEREAS, it is well documented that youth engaging in sport benefit from improved outcomes for mental health, physical well-being, communication, teamwork, problem-solving skills, and social integration;

WHEREAS, there are considerable financial barriers to youth participating in the ICG given the need for travel, accommodations, ceremonial and competition uniforms;

WHEREAS, participation in the ICG should be accessible and inclusive to all children regardless of their socio-economic status;

WHEREAS, participating in the ICG provides Hamilton youth the opportunity to represent the city of Hamilton and encourage international goodwill and friendships with children from other countries; and,

WHEREAS, Councillor Esther Pauls will be attending the 2026 ICG Summer Games in Hualien, Taiwan, from July 28th to August 5th, 2026, as the City of Hamilton representative.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a grant to subsidize costs associated with branded ceremonial and competition uniforms (\$5,000), pay for ads to promote fundraising (\$1,000), small gift exchanges emblematic of the City of Hamilton (\$1,000), and assist with registration fees for flights and accommodations (\$3,000) to International Children's Games (ICG) to be funded from the Ward 7 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309700 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$10,000, BE APPROVED; and that an exception to the Ward Specific Funding Initiatives Policy be approved to waive the requirement and allow funding to extend across multiple Wards;
- (b) That international travel for Councillor Esther Pauls BE APPROVED and that up to \$3,500 be allocated from the General Legislative Budget (300100) to cover the cost of airfare and incidentals for Councillor Esther Pauls to attend the 2026 International Children's Games in Hualien, Taiwan, as the City Representative; and,
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: April 22, 2026

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. SPADAFORA.....

Improvements to Carpenter Park Play Structure, 145 Eagleglen Way, Hamilton (Ward 14)

WHEREAS, in 2024, Council approved the use of \$300,000 for feasibility review of sport lighting for the ball diamonds at Mark Anthony Graham Olympic Park (PID#4242409144);

WHEREAS the feasibility review, completed in 2025, determined logistical issued with available servicing to move the sport lighting project forward;

WHEREAS the city did not utilize any of the \$300,000 set aside to fund the review and to complete the feasibility study;

WHEREAS Carpenter Park, located at 145 Eagleglen Way provides open space and recreational opportunities for the community;

WHEREAS, the play structure in Carpenter Park is approaching end of useful life and needs to be replaced;

WHEREAS, the Ward 14 office will work with staff to connect with local residents through an engagement event in Carpenter Park to gather feedback opportunities for the future play equipment;

WHEREAS, this project will be added to the Landscape Architectural Services work plan, with community engagement for the play structure replacement commencing in 2026.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the play structure replacement at Carpenter Park, 145 Eagleglen Way, Hamilton, **BE APPROVED**, to be funded from Mark Anthony Graham Olympic Park (Project ID# 4242409144) with an appropriation transfer to a new Project ID at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$300,000; and
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** and directed to approve and execute any and all required agreements and ancillary documents, in relation

to the replacement of play structure at Carpenter Park, 145 Eagleglen Way, Hamilton, with such terms and conditions satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council: April 22, 2026

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Amendment to Council Decision of March 4, 2026 respecting Item 10.2 of the February 23, 2026 Public Works Committee Minutes PWC 26-003 Concerning Road Rehabilitation on Barton Street East from Sherman Avenue North to Emerald Street North (Ward 3)

WHEREAS, in order for the Ward 3 Councillor to redistribute the funds for Road Rehabilitation on Barton Street East from Sherman Avenue North to Emerald Street North (Ward 3), it is necessary to amend Section (b) as follows:

- (i) \$218,618 from CP Minor Maintenance Ward 3 - 4032311603 to \$386,417
- (ii) \$1,150,000 Ward 3 Capital Re-Investment Reserve # 108053 to \$982,201

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That **clause (b)** of the Council Decision of March 4, 2026 respecting Item 10.2 of the Public Works Committee Minutes PWC 26-003 Concerning Road Rehabilitation on Barton Street East from Sherman Avenue North to Emerald Street North (Ward 3) **BE AMENDED**, to read as follows:

- (b) That all costs associated with the road resurfacing scope of work be funded from the CP Minor Maintenance Ward 3 - 4032311603 ~~(\$218,618)~~ **(\$386,417)** and the Ward 3 Capital Re-Investment Reserve # 108053 ~~(\$1,150,000)~~ **(\$982,201)**, at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed a total of \$1,368,618, subject to the 2026 Area Rating allocation approval through the 2026 budget process;

CITY OF HAMILTON MOTION

Council: April 22, 2026

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) - Election to the 2026-2028 Board of Directors

WHEREAS, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) represents the interests of municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within Provincial jurisdiction;

WHEREAS AMO’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 AMO with the prestige required to carry the municipal message to the Provincial government; and

WHEREAS AMO’s Annual Conference will take place from August 16 to 19, 2026 in Ottawa, Ontario, during which time the Annual General Meeting will be held and followed by the election of AMO’s 2026-2028 Board of Directors;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Council of the City of Hamilton **ENDORSE** Councillor Tammy Hwang to stand for election on AMO’s 2026-2028 Board of Directors; and,
- (b) That, should Councillor Hwang be appointed to AMO’s 2026-2028 Board of Directors, Council agrees to **ASSUME** all costs associated with Councillor Hwang’s Board duties, including attendance at AMO’s Annual Conference, from the General Legislative Budget (300100).

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: April 22, 2026

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR Nann

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Enhancing the Public Access Greenspace and Community Use Space at 1067 Barton St E, Ward 3

WHEREAS Hamilton City Council ratified direction to staff to implement A City Plan to Re-invigorate Barton Village and the Adjacent Corridor in February 2026;

WHEREAS YWCA Hamilton is developing Oakwood Place located at 1067 Barton St E in Ward 3, delivering 90 new housing units for women and children, along with a health clinic, licensed child care centre, and other community services;

WHEREAS the Oakwood Place site replaces two previously vacant and derelict buildings and represents an important opportunity to introduce new development, vibrancy and activity onto the Barton Street corridor;

WHEREAS community outreach has demonstrated strong neighbourhood support, with residents and local businesses expressing enthusiasm for the project and for welcoming new families to the area;

WHEREAS Ward 3, particularly the North Crown Point and surrounding industrial area, experiences a deficiency in greenspace and would benefit from increased tree canopy, landscaping, and pedestrian-friendly environments;

WHEREAS enhancements to the courtyard and adjacent public-facing streetscape would create a more welcoming, safe, and inclusive environment for both Oakwood Place residents and the broader neighbourhood accessing the childcare centre, health clinic and community services;

WHEREAS high-quality landscaping, seating, lighting, and public realm improvements contribute to neighbourhood pride, support local economic activity, and enhance perceptions of safety;

WHEREAS such improvements are often difficult to fully achieve within the financial constraints of affordable housing development, despite being critical to successful community integration;

WHEREAS investing in streetscape and landscape enhancements at Oakwood Place would ensure that the development contributes not only housing and services, but also meaningful public realm and benefits to the surrounding neighbourhood, and enables the funds to be leveraged fiscally with other funders;

WHEREAS Oakwood Place is anticipated to open in 2027, presenting an opportunity to align streetscape improvements with the completion timeline of the development; and

WHEREAS this project represents a modest, high-impact investment that can serve as a model for future neighbourhood-focused improvements and developments along the Barton St Corridor and across Ward 3.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- a) That the design and construction of biodiverse landscaping, courtyard enhancements suitable for community-use, and streetscape improvements at Oakwood Place, located at 1067 Barton St E, in Ward 3, **BE FUNDED** \$100,000.00 from the Ward 3 Capital Re-Investment Discretionary #3302309300 and \$50,000.00 from the Ward 3 Capital Re-Investment Reserve #108053 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$150,000 to the YWCA Hamilton;
- b) That the project **BE DELIVERED** in alignment with the anticipated 2027 opening of Oakwood Place to ensure the site is fully integrated into the surrounding neighbourhood upon completion;
- c) That staff **BE DIRECTED** to work with YWCA to gather and report back the detailed designs of this project as best practices for smaller scale, community-focused streetscape improvements in Ward 3, where the learnings can be used to help inform future opportunities to couple the development of new buildings with improved greenspace, community access and tree cover, especially in deficient areas to contribute as investments in greenspace, safety, and neighbourhood revitalization; and
- d) That the General Manager and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: April 22, 2026

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR Nann

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Placemaking: Mural Revitalization at 645 Barton St E in the Barton Village BIA (Ward 3)

WHEREAS Hamilton City Council ratified direction to staff to implement A City Plan to Re-invigorate Barton Village and the Adjacent Corridor in February 2026;

WHEREAS, the Barton Village BIA and local community have been working diligently to foster Barton St E as a hub for art, culture and businesses that attracts visitors and residents into the area;

WHEREAS, the condition of the public realm impedes the BIA’s progress to make this a destination within the City;

WHEREAS, 645 Barton St E has previously been the location of a graffiti mural by the Concrete Canvas initiative that is now in need of updating and is located by the gateway sign welcoming visitors to Barton Village;

WHEREAS, investment in the Barton Village BIA result in positive economic impacts for the City of Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, the Barton Village BIA has coordinated with the artist and plans to install this mural around the Sherman Ave Street festival that provides activation in the area next month.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That costs associated with the mural for 645 Barton St E to the Barton Village BIA be funded from the Ward 3 Capital Re-Investment Reserve #108053 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$10,248.75 **BE APPROVED**; and
- (b) That the General Manager and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: April 22, 2026

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PAULS.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SPADAFORA.....

Confirmation of the Hamilton Police Service Board

WHEREAS the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* states that the municipal police service board shall be composed of five members unless the municipality passes a resolution to change the number of members;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton desires to confirm composition of Hamilton municipal police service board to be seven members.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Hamilton City Council **CONFIRMS** the composition of Hamilton Police Services Board to be seven members, consisting of the following:
 - (a) the head of the municipal council or, if the head chooses not to be or is ineligible to be a member of the board, another member of the municipal council appointed by resolution of the municipality;
 - (b) two members of the municipal council appointed by resolution of the municipality;
 - (c) one person appointed by resolution of the municipality, who is neither a member of the municipal council nor an employee of the municipality; and
 - (d) three persons appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: April 22, 2026

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. FRANCIS.....

Youth Soccer Sponsorship – 245 Kenora Ave

WHEREAS, participation in organized sport supports youth health, inclusion, and community well-being;

WHEREAS, financial barriers limit access to recreation for youth in lower-income communities, including residents of CityHousing Hamilton at 245 Kenora Avenue;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton Recreation Assistance Program provides up to \$100 toward eligible program fees; and,

WHEREAS, registration with East Hamilton Soccer Club is a maximum of \$235 per participant, leaving a remaining balance for families.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be authorized to allocate up to \$3,375 from the Ward 5 Discretionary Fund to support youth participation in soccer programming; and,
- (b) That funding be used to cover the remaining registration costs, to a maximum of \$135 per participant, for up to 25 youth residents of 245 Kenora Avenue, conditional on prior approval through the Recreation Assistance Program, with payments made directly to the East Hamilton Soccer Club upon confirmation of eligible registrations.

Authority: Item 8.11, General Issues Committee Minutes 26-005, Report FCS26024
CM: April 1, 2026 Ward: City Wide

Bill No. 072

**CITY OF HAMILTON
BY-LAW NO. 26-**

**To Levy a Special Charge Upon the Rateable Property in the
Business Improvement Areas for the Year 2026**

WHEREAS section 208 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, authorizes the City of Hamilton to levy a special charge upon the rateable properties in the Business Improvement Areas that are in a prescribed business property class sufficient to raise the amount required for the purposes of the Boards of Management of the Business Improvement Areas; and

WHEREAS City of Hamilton By-law No. 26-063 establishes optional property classes within the City of Hamilton; and

WHEREAS City of Hamilton By-law No. 26-065 establishes tax ratios and tax reductions for the 2026 taxation year; and

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton has created 14 Business Improvement Areas as listed in Schedule 1 attached to this By-law; and

WHEREAS the amount of money to be provided by the City of Hamilton for each of the 14 Business Improvement Areas' Boards of Management with an approved 2026 budget for the 2026 taxation year is set out in Schedule 1 attached to this By-law; and

WHEREAS the total rateable property in each Business Improvement Area, upon which assessment will be levied, is set out in Schedule 1 attached to this By-law and which said assessment is the basis upon which the taxes for the Business Improvement Area will be raised.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. This By-law applies to all land within the 14 Business Improvement Areas identified in City of Hamilton By-law 14-253. Any reference to Schedule 1 in this By-law means Schedule 1 attached to this By-law.
2. Within each Business Improvement Area identified in Schedule 1 the respective tax rate identified in Schedule 1 shall be levied upon the rateable properties for the tax classes and subclasses identified in the Schedule 1 in the Business Improvement Area in which the rateable property is located.
3. The Treasurer shall collect the amount to be raised by this By-law, together with all other sums on the tax roll in the manner as set forth in the Assessment Act, the Municipal Act, 2001 and any other applicable Acts and the By-laws in force in the City of Hamilton.
4. The special charge levied by this By-law other than that levied by the interim levy, shall be paid in two instalments, the first due June 30, 2026, and the second due September 30, 2026, or 21 days after an instalment tax bill is mailed out, whichever is later.
5. Pursuant to subsection 342(1)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001, which allows for alternative instalment due dates to spread the payment of taxes more evenly over the year, the final tax levy and any special levies, other than those levied by interim levy, shall be as follows:
 - (i) for those on one of the 12-month pre-authorized automatic bank withdrawal payment plans, shall be paid in 6 equal instalments due on the first working day of each month, July to December, inclusive, or due on the first working day on or after the 15th of each month, July to December, inclusive.

(ii) for those on the 10-month pre-authorized automatic bank withdrawal payment plan, paid in 5 equal instalments, due on the first working day of each month, July to November, inclusive.

The payment plans set out in subsections (i) and (ii) shall be penalty free for so long as the taxpayer is in good standing with the terms of the plan agreement.

6. When payment of any instalment or any part of any instalment of taxes levied by this By-law is in default, penalties and where applicable interest, shall be imposed respectively in accordance with City of Hamilton By-law 13-136 and section 345 of the Municipal Act, 2001.
7. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to serve personally or to mail or cause to be mailed, notices of the taxes levied to the person or persons taxed at the address of the resident or place of business of such person.
8. The Treasurer is authorized to accept part payment from time to time on account of any taxes due or alternatively is authorized to refuse acceptance of any such part payment.
9. Schedule 1 attached to this By-law forms part of this By-law.
10. This By-law is deemed to have come into force on January 1, 2026.

PASSED this 22 day of April, 2026.

A. Horwath
Mayor

M. Trennum
City Clerk

2026 LEVIES AND TAX RATES - BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREAS

Table 1 Ancaster Heritage Village		Report #: PED25264						
Property Class			Current Value Assessment	Tax Ratio	Weighted Assessment	BIA Tax Rate	BIA Levy	
Commercial			50,315,715	1.9800	99,625,116	0.2930175%	\$ 147,434	
Industrial			1,553,000	2.8570	4,436,921	0.4228036%	\$ 6,566	
Large Industrial			-	3.3500	-	0.4957620%	\$ -	
Total	Ancaster Heritage Village		\$ 51,868,715		\$ 104,062,037		\$ 154,000	
Approved 2026 Levy		\$ 154,000 (divided by weighted assessment) =		0.00147989 tax rate at tax ratio of 1.00				

Table 2 Barton Village		Report #: PED25260						
Property Class			Current Value Assessment	Tax Ratio	Weighted Assessment	BIA Tax Rate	BIA Levy	
Commercial			43,486,821	1.9800	86,103,906	0.5628959%	\$ 244,786	
Industrial			1,873,200	2.8570	5,351,732	0.8122189%	\$ 15,214	
Large Industrial			-	3.3500	-	0.9523743%	\$ -	
Total	Barton Village		\$ 45,360,021		\$ 91,455,638		\$ 260,000	
Approved 2026 Levy		\$ 260,000 (divided by weighted assessment) =		0.00284291 tax rate at tax ratio of 1.00				

Table 3 Consession Street		Report #: PED25261						
Property Class			Current Value Assessment	Tax Ratio	Weighted Assessment	BIA Tax Rate	BIA Levy	
Commercial			44,243,983	1.9800	87,603,086	0.5286482%	\$ 233,895	
Industrial			-	2.8570	-	0.7628019%	\$ -	
Large Industrial			-	3.3500	-	0.8944300%	\$ -	
Total	Consession Street		\$ 44,243,983		\$ 87,603,086		\$ 233,895	
Approved 2026 Levy		\$ 233,895 (divided by weighted assessment) =		0.00266994 tax rate at tax ratio of 1.00				

Table 4 Downtown Dundas BIA		Report #: PED26064						
Property Class			Current Value Assessment	Tax Ratio	Weighted Assessment	BIA Tax Rate	BIA Levy	
Commercial			34,976,572	1.9800	69,253,613	0.5403617%	\$ 189,000	
Industrial			-	2.8570	-	0.7797037%	\$ -	
Large Industrial			-	3.3500	-	0.9142483%	\$ -	
Total	Downtown Dundas BIA		\$ 34,976,572		\$ 69,253,613		\$ 189,000	
Approved 2026 Levy		\$ 189,000 (divided by weighted assessment) =		0.00272910 tax rate at tax ratio of 1.00				

Table 5 Downtown Hamilton		Report #: PED26009						
Property Class			Current Value Assessment	Tax Ratio	Weighted Assessment	BIA Tax Rate	BIA Levy	
Commercial			218,397,566	1.9800	432,427,181	0.2060463%	\$ 450,000	
Industrial			-	2.8570	-	0.2973102%	\$ -	
Large Industrial			-	3.3500	-	0.3486136%	\$ -	
Total	Downtown Hamilton		\$ 218,397,566		\$ 432,427,181		\$ 450,000	
Approved 2026 Levy		\$ 450,000 (divided by weighted assessment) =		0.00104064 tax rate at tax ratio of 1.00				

Table 6 Hess Village		Report #: PED25014						
Property Class			Current Value Assessment	Tax Ratio	Weighted Assessment	BIA Tax Rate	BIA Levy	
Commercial			33,983,816	1.9800	67,287,956	0.1471289%	\$ 50,000	
Industrial			-	2.8570	-	0.2122965%	\$ -	
Large Industrial			-	3.3500	-	0.2489301%	\$ -	
Total	Hess Village		\$ 33,983,816		\$ 67,287,956		\$ 50,000	
Approved 2026 Levy		\$ 50,000 (divided by weighted assessment) =		0.00074308 tax rate at tax ratio of 1.00				

Table 7 International Village		Report #: PED25186						
Property Class			Current Value Assessment	Tax Ratio	Weighted Assessment	BIA Tax Rate	BIA Levy	
Commercial			71,115,384	1.9800	140,808,460	0.3866955%	\$ 275,000	
Industrial			-	2.8570	-	0.5579743%	\$ -	
Large Industrial			-	3.3500	-	0.6542576%	\$ -	
Total	International Village		\$ 71,115,384		\$ 140,808,460		\$ 275,000	
Approved 2026 Levy		\$ 275,000 (divided by weighted assessment) =		0.00195301 tax rate at tax ratio of 1.00				

2026 LEVIES AND TAX RATES - BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREAS

Table 8 King Street West		Report #: n/a						
Property Class			Current Value Assessment	Tax Ratio	Weighted Assessment	BIA Tax Rate	BIA Levy	
Commercial			11,421,900	1.9800	22,615,362	0.0000000%	\$ -	
Industrial			-	2.8570	-	0.0000000%	\$ -	
Large Industrial			-	3.3500	-	0.0000000%	\$ -	
Total	King Street West		\$ 11,421,900		\$ 22,615,362		\$ -	
Approved 2026 Levy		\$ -	(divided by weighted assessment) =				-	tax rate at tax ratio of 1.00

Table 9 Locke Street		Report #: PED26040						
Property Class			Current Value Assessment	Tax Ratio	Weighted Assessment	BIA Tax Rate	BIA Levy	
Commercial			36,665,331	1.9800	72,597,355	0.1412315%	\$ 51,783	
Industrial			-	2.8570	-	0.2037871%	\$ -	
Large Industrial			-	3.3500	-	0.2389523%	\$ -	
Total	Locke Street		\$ 36,665,331		\$ 72,597,355		\$ 51,783	
Approved 2026 Levy		\$ 51,783	(divided by weighted assessment) =				0.00071329	tax rate at tax ratio of 1.00

Table 10 Main West Esplanade		Report #: n/a						
Property Class			Current Value Assessment	Tax Ratio	Weighted Assessment	BIA Tax Rate	BIA Levy	
Commercial			23,250,325	1.9800	46,035,644	0.0000000%	\$ -	
Industrial			-	2.8570	-	0.0000000%	\$ -	
Large Industrial			-	3.3500	-	0.0000000%	\$ -	
Total	Main West Esplanade		\$ 23,250,325		\$ 46,035,644		\$ -	
Approved 2026 Levy		\$ -	(divided by weighted assessment) =				-	tax rate at tax ratio of 1.00

Table 11 Ottawa Street		Report #: PED25262						
Property Class			Current Value Assessment	Tax Ratio	Weighted Assessment	BIA Tax Rate	BIA Levy	
Commercial			30,690,856	1.9800	60,767,895	0.6426540%	\$ 197,236	
Industrial			-	2.8570	-	0.9273042%	\$ -	
Large Industrial			-	3.3500	-	1.0873186%	\$ -	
Total	Ottawa Street		\$ 30,690,856		\$ 60,767,895		\$ 197,236	
Approved 2026 Levy		\$ 197,236	(divided by weighted assessment) =				0.00324573	tax rate at tax ratio of 1.00

Table 12 Stoney Creek		Report #: PED25263						
Property Class			Current Value Assessment	Tax Ratio	Weighted Assessment	BIA Tax Rate	BIA Levy	
Commercial			18,311,155	1.9800	36,256,087	0.6718247%	\$ 123,019	
Industrial			146,600	2.8570	418,836	0.9693956%	\$ 1,421	
Large Industrial			-	3.3500	-	1.1366731%	\$ -	
Total	Stoney Creek		\$ 18,457,755		\$ 36,674,923		\$ 124,440	
Approved 2026 Levy		\$ 124,440	(divided by weighted assessment) =				0.00339305	tax rate at tax ratio of 1.00

Table 13 Waterdown		Report #: PED25259						
Property Class			Current Value Assessment	Tax Ratio	Weighted Assessment	BIA Tax Rate	BIA Levy	
Commercial			136,734,596	1.9800	270,734,500	0.2331264%	\$ 318,764	
Farmland Awaiting Development Phase I			1,456,000	0.7500	1,092,000	0.0883055%	\$ 1,286	
Industrial			59,400	2.8570	169,706	0.3363849%	\$ 200	
Large Industrial			-	3.3500	-	0.3944311%	\$ -	
Total	Waterdown		\$ 138,249,996		\$ 271,996,206		\$ 320,250	
Approved 2026 Levy		\$ 320,250	(divided by weighted assessment) =				0.00117741	tax rate at tax ratio of 1.00

Table 14 Westdale Village		Report #: PED26023						
Property Class			Current Value Assessment	Tax Ratio	Weighted Assessment	BIA Tax Rate	BIA Levy	
Commercial			32,751,489	1.9800	64,847,948	0.5483812%	\$ 179,603	
Industrial			-	2.8570	-	0.7912753%	\$ -	
Large Industrial			-	3.3500	-	0.9278166%	\$ -	
Total	Westdale Village		\$ 32,751,489		\$ 64,847,948		\$ 179,603	
Approved 2026 Levy		\$ 179,603	(divided by weighted assessment) =				0.00276960	tax rate at tax ratio of 1.00

	Current Value Assessment	Weighted Assessment	BIA Levy
TOTALS	\$791,433,709	\$ 1,568,433,303	\$ 2,485,207

Authority: Item 8.1, General Issues Committee Minutes 26-005 (PED26078)
CM: April 22, 2026 Ward: City Wide

Bill No. 073

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 26-

A By-Law to Authorize the Imposition of a Special Charge under the Better Homes Hamilton Pilot Program in Accordance with Ontario Regulation 586/06 on the following properties in the City of Hamilton

00375026800; 04031250670; 04028551020; 04028505440;
01006200340; 04028751130; 03023403550; 03020505790;
03021257020; 08108103867 (the "benefitting properties").

WHEREAS at its meeting of November 22, 2023, Council for the City of Hamilton adopted "Better Homes Hamilton" BY-LAW NO. 23-216, being a by-law to authorize the undertaking of climate change mitigation and adaptation works on private residential property as local improvements under the Better Homes Hamilton - Home Energy Retrofit Program, in accordance with section 36.1 of O. Reg. 586/06 - Local Improvement Charges - Priority Lien Status, ("O. Reg. 586/06");

AND WHEREAS the owner(s) of the benefitting properties and the City of Hamilton (the "City") have entered into a Property Owner Agreement (the "POA") pursuant to section 36.2 of O. Reg. 586/06 for the City to undertake work as a local improvement (the "Work") on the benefitting property and to raise the cost of the Work (the "Cost") by imposing a special charge on the benefitting properties;

AND WHEREAS the City Clerk has certified the POA pursuant to section 36.4(2) of O. Reg. 586/06;

AND WHEREAS the Work has been completed;

AND WHEREAS a local improvement roll was prepared in accordance with section 36.10 of O. Reg. 586/06, setting out the Cost of the Work, the proposed special charges to be imposed on the benefitting properties, when the special charges are

to be paid, and the lifetime of the Work;

AND WHEREAS the City has given notice of the proposed local improvement roll to the owner(s) of the benefitting properties pursuant to subsection 36.11(1) of O. Reg. 586/06;

AND WHEREAS the City Treasurer has certified the proposed local improvement roll in accordance with subsection 36.11(2) of the O. Reg. 586/06;

AND WHEREAS section 36.14 of O. Reg. 586/06 provides that after the Treasurer has certified the local improvement roll, the City shall by by-law provide that the amount specially charged on the property set out in the roll shall be sufficient to raise the property's share of the Cost by a number of equal annual payments and that a special charge shall be imposed in each year on the property equal to the amount of the payment payable in that year.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. The provisions of section 36.14 of O. Reg. 586/06 apply to the benefitting property as a result of the completion of the Work pursuant to the POA.
2. The amounts specially charged on the property as set out in the certified local improvement roll attached as Schedule "A" to this By-Law (the "Special Charge") is sufficient to raise the property's share of the Cost within the specified number of annual payments and shall be imposed on and collected annually by adding the annual amount payable as set out in Schedule "A" to this By-Law (the "Annual Payment") to the tax roll of the property.
3. The Annual Payments as set out in the certified local improvement roll attached as Schedule "A" do not extend beyond the lifetime of the Work.
4. The amount of each payment made in respect of the Special Charge shall be entered in the local improvement roll by the Treasurer.
5. This By-Law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its passing and shall be deemed repealed on the date on which the Treasurer certifies that the Special Charge has been paid in full.

PASSED this 22 day of April, 2026

A. Horwath
Mayor

M. Trennum
City Clerk

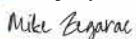
City of Hamilton – Better Homes Hamilton Program

Local Improvement Charges to Be Added to Property Taxes

BHH Number	Roll Number
0000000069	00375026800

Local Improvement Charge								
Cost of Work	Approved Funding Amount	Interest Charge	Program Administration Charge	Special Charge (Total Amount Owning)	Lifetime of the Work	Special Charge to be Paid by	Description	Annual Payment
\$16335.28	\$16335.28	0%	\$0.00	\$16335.28	20 years	Within 15 years from the first payment date	Better Homes Hamilton Program – Local Improvement Charge added to taxes. First Payment due on the 2026 Final Tax Bill	\$1089.02

Certified as sufficient, in accordance with O.Reg.586/06

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City Treasurer
 Mike Zegarac

City of Hamilton – Better Homes Hamilton Program

Local Improvement Charges to Be Added to Property Taxes

BHH Number	Roll Number
0000000032	04031250670

Local Improvement Charge								
Cost of Work	Approved Funding Amount	Interest Charge	Program Administration Charge	Special Charge (Total Amount Owing)	Lifetime of the Work	Special Charge to be Paid by	Description	Annual Payment
\$10292.63	\$10292.63	0%	\$0.00	\$10292.63	12 years	Within 10 years from the first payment date	Better Homes Hamilton Program – Local Improvement Charge added to taxes. First Payment due on the 2026 Final Tax Bill	\$1029.26

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City Treasurer
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Local Improvement Charges to Be Added to Property Taxes

BHH Number	Roll Number
0000000030	04028551020

Local Improvement Charge								
Cost of Work	Approved Funding Amount	Interest Charge	Program Administration Charge	Special Charge (Total Amount Owing)	Lifetime of the Work	Special Charge to be Paid by	Description	Annual Payment
\$10452.50	\$10452.50	0%	\$0.00	\$10452.50	47 years	Within 15 years from the first payment date	Better Homes Hamilton Program – Local Improvement Charge added to taxes. First Payment due on the 2026 Final Tax Bill	\$696.83

Certified as sufficient, in accordance with O.Reg.586/06

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City Treasurer (or delegated authority)

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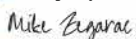
City of Hamilton – Better Homes Hamilton Program

Local Improvement Charges to Be Added to Property Taxes

BHH Number	Roll Number
0000000075	04028505440

Local Improvement Charge								
Cost of Work	Approved Funding Amount	Interest Charge	Program Administration Charge	Special Charge (Total Amount Owing)	Lifetime of the Work	Special Charge to be Paid by	Description	Annual Payment
\$14577.00	\$14577.00	0%	\$0.00	\$14577.00	20 years	Within 15 years from the first payment date	Better Homes Hamilton Program – Local Improvement Charge added to taxes. First Payment due on the 2026 Final Tax Bill	\$971.80

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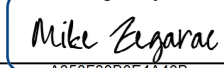
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Local Improvement Charges to Be Added to Property Taxes

BHH Number	Roll Number
0000000089	01006200340

Local Improvement Charge								
Cost of Work	Approved Funding Amount	Interest Charge	Program Administration Charge	Special Charge (Total Amount Owing)	Lifetime of the Work	Special Charge to be Paid by	Description	Annual Payment
\$20000.00	\$20000.00	0%	\$0.00	\$20000.00	20 years	Within 15 years from the first payment date	Better Homes Hamilton Program – Local Improvement Charge added to taxes. First Payment due on the 2026 Final Tax Bill	\$1333.33

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Local Improvement Charges to Be Added to Property Taxes

BHH Number	Roll Number
0000000033	04028751130

Local Improvement Charge								
Cost of Work	Approved Funding Amount	Interest Charge	Program Administration Charge	Special Charge (Total Amount Owing)	Lifetime of the Work	Special Charge to be Paid by	Description	Annual Payment
\$16495.50	\$16495.50	0%	\$0.00	\$16495.50	20 years	Within 15 years from the first payment date	Better Homes Hamilton Program – Local Improvement Charge added to taxes. First Payment due on the 2026 Final Tax Bill	\$1099.70

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Local Improvement Charges to Be Added to Property Taxes

BHH Number	Roll Number
0000000067	03023403550

Local Improvement Charge								
Cost of Work	Approved Funding Amount	Interest Charge	Program Administration Charge	Special Charge (Total Amount Owing)	Lifetime of the Work	Special Charge to be Paid by	Description	Annual Payment
\$19472.57	\$19472.57	0%	\$0.00	\$19472.57	15 years	Within 15 years from the first payment date	Better Homes Hamilton Program – Local Improvement Charge added to taxes. First Payment due on the 2026 Final Tax Bill	\$1298.17

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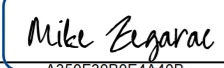
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Local Improvement Charges to Be Added to Property Taxes

BHH Number	Roll Number
0000000049	03020505790

Local Improvement Charge								
Cost of Work	Approved Funding Amount	Interest Charge	Program Administration Charge	Special Charge (Total Amount Owing)	Lifetime of the Work	Special Charge to be Paid by	Description	Annual Payment
\$19460.80	\$19460.80	0%	\$0.00	\$19460.80	30 years	Within 15 years from the first payment date	Better Homes Hamilton Program – Local Improvement Charge added to taxes. First Payment due on the 2026 Final Tax Bill	\$1297.39

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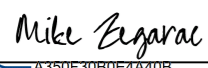
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Local Improvement Charges to Be Added to Property Taxes

BHH Number	Roll Number
0000000083	03021257020

Local Improvement Charge								
Cost of Work	Approved Funding Amount	Interest Charge	Program Administration Charge	Special Charge (Total Amount Owing)	Lifetime of the Work	Special Charge to be Paid by	Description	Annual Payment
\$20000.00	\$20000.00	0%	\$0.00	\$20000.00	15 years	Within 15 years from the first payment date	Better Homes Hamilton Program – Local Improvement Charge added to taxes. First Payment due on the 2026 Final Tax Bill	\$1333.33

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Local Improvement Charges to Be Added to Property Taxes

BHH Number	Roll Number
0000000093	08108103867

Local Improvement Charge								
Cost of Work	Approved Funding Amount	Interest Charge	Program Administration Charge	Special Charge (Total Amount Owing)	Lifetime of the Work	Special Charge to be Paid by	Description	Annual Payment
\$18820.15	\$17854.00	0%	\$0.00	\$17854.00	15 years	Within 10 years from the first payment date	Better Homes Hamilton Program – Local Improvement Charge added to taxes. First Payment due on the 2026 Final Tax Bill	\$1785.40

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City Treasurer

Authority: Item 14, Committee of the Whole Report 01-003 (FCS01007)
 CM: February 6, 2001 Wards: 1,2,3,4,9,11,15

Bill No. 074

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 26-

**To Amend By-law No. 01-218, as amended,
 Being a By-law To Regulate On-Street Parking**

WHEREAS Section 11(1)1 of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25*, as amended, confers upon the councils of all municipalities the power to enact by-laws for regulating parking and traffic on highways subject to the *Highway Traffic Act*;

AND WHEREAS on the 18th day of September, 2001, the Council of the City of Hamilton enacted By-law No. 01-218 to regulate on-street parking;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to amend By-law No. 01-218, as amended.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. By-law No. 01-218, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding/deleting from the identified Schedules and Sections noted in the table below as follows:

Schedule	Section	Highway	From	To	Adding/ Deleting
3 - Thru Hwys, NPA	E	Locke Street	Aberdeen Avenue	Main Street	Adding

Schedule	Section	Highway	Side	Location	Duration	Times	Days	Adding/ Deleting
6 - Time Limit	E	John Street South	West	Rockwood Place to Louisa Avenue	1hr	Anytime	Anyday	Deleting

To Amend By-law No. 01-218, as amended,
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Schedule	Section	Highway	Side	Location	Duration	Times	Days	Adding/ Deleting
<i>6 - Time Limit</i>	<i>C</i>	Mallard Trail	West	Dundas Street East to Riverwalk Drive	2 hr	Anytime	Anyday	Deleting
<i>6-Time Limit</i>	<i>E</i>	Rockwood Place	South	Mountwood Avenue to John Street South	1hr	Anytime	Anyday	Deleting
<i>6 - Time Limit</i>	<i>E</i>	Cameron Avenue South	West	King Street East to 28m northerly	2 hr	8 am - 6 pm	Anyday	Adding
<i>6 - Time Limit</i>	<i>E</i>	John Street South	West	Rockwood Place to Louisa Avenue	2 hr	8 am - 6 pm	Mon - Fri	Adding
<i>6 - Time Limit</i>	<i>C</i>	Mallard Trail	Both	Dundas Street East to Riverwalk Drive	2 hr	Anytime	Anyday	Adding
<i>6 - Time Limit</i>	<i>E</i>	Rockwood Place	South	Mountwood Avenue to John Street South	2 hr	8 am - 6 pm	Mon - Fri	Adding

Schedule	Section	Highway	Side	Location	Times	Adding/ Deleting
<i>8 - No Parking</i>	<i>E</i>	Augusta	South	Hughson to 42.4m westerly	Anytime	Deleting
<i>8 - No Parking</i>	<i>G</i>	Augusta	South	from 11m east of James to 6m easterly	Anytime	Deleting
<i>8 - No Parking</i>	<i>E</i>	Murray Street	North	MacNab to John	Anytime	Deleting
<i>8 - No Parking</i>	<i>E</i>	Saint Ann Street	East	Barton to Edward	Anytime	Deleting
<i>8 - No Parking</i>	<i>G</i>	Augusta Street	North	38m east of James Street South to 12m easterly	Anytime	Adding
<i>8 - No Parking</i>	<i>G</i>	Augusta Street	South	11m east of James Street South to 17m easterly	Anytime	Adding
<i>8 - No Parking</i>	<i>E</i>	Augusta Street	South	28m east of James Street South to Hughson Street South	Anytime	Adding

To Amend By-law No. 01-218, as amended,
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Schedule	Section	Highway	Side	Location	Times	Adding/ Deleting
<i>8 - No Parking</i>	<i>E</i>	Cameron Avenue South	East	King Street East to 42m northerly	Anytime	Adding
<i>8 - No Parking</i>	<i>F</i>	Candlewood Drive	South	32m east of Foxmeadow Drive to 6m easterly	Anytime	Adding
<i>8 - No Parking</i>	<i>D</i>	Donald Bell Drive	South	29m east of Newlove Street to 7m easterly	Anytime	Adding
<i>8 - No Parking</i>	<i>G</i>	Jackson Street West	North	84m west of MacNab Street South to 18m westerly	Anytime, Except Authorized Vehicles	Adding
<i>8 - No Parking</i>	<i>G</i>	Mallard Trail	West	22m south of Dundas Street East to 12m southerly	Anytime	Adding
<i>8 - No Parking</i>	<i>E</i>	Murray Street West	North	67m east of MacNab Street North to John Street North	Anytime	Adding
<i>8 - No Parking</i>	<i>D</i>	Newlove Street	West	34m north of Viking Drive to 7m northerly	Anytime	Adding
<i>8 - No Parking</i>	<i>E</i>	St. Ann Street	East	Barton Street East to Solidarnosc Place	Anytime	Adding

Schedule	Section	Highway	Location	NPA from 8am on 1st day of each month, to 11pm on 15th day of each month AND Dec-Mar	NPA from 8am on 16th day of each month to 11pm on last day of month Apr-Nov	Adding/ Deleting
<i>10 - Alt Side (Apr- Nov)</i>	<i>E</i>	Cameron Avenue South	King Street East to Main Street East	East	West	Deleting
<i>10 - Alt Side (Apr- Nov)</i>	<i>E</i>	Cameron Avenue South	28m north of King Street East to Main Street East	East	West	Adding

To Amend By-law No. 01-218, as amended,
Being a By-law to Regulate On-Street Parking

Schedule	Section	Highway	Side	Location	Times	Adding/ Deleting
<i>12 - Permit</i>	<i>E</i>	John	East	from 35.1m north of Wood to 13.3m northerly	Anytime	Deleting
<i>12 - Permit</i>	<i>E</i>	John Street North	East	from 42m north of Wood Street East to 6m northerly	Anytime	Adding
<i>12 - Permit</i>	<i>E</i>	West Avenue North	East	45m south of Wilson Street to 6m southerly	Anytime	Adding

Schedule	Section	Highway	Side	Location	Times	Adding/ Deleting
<i>13 - No Stopping</i>	<i>E</i>	Augusta	South	James to 12.2m easterly	Anytime	Deleting
<i>13 - No Stopping</i>	<i>E</i>	Augusta	South	from 25.9m east of James to 32.9m easterly	Anytime	Deleting
<i>13 - No Stopping</i>	<i>D</i>	Upper James Street	Both	Homestead Drive (North intersection) to Homestead Drive (South intersection)	Anytime	Deleting
<i>13 - No Stopping</i>	<i>D</i>	McWatters Drive	Both	Fletcher Road to 59m easterly	Anytime	Adding
<i>13 - No Stopping</i>	<i>D</i>	McWatters Drive	Both	Fletcher Road to 187m easterly	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday	Adding
<i>13 - No Stopping</i>	<i>E</i>	Solidarnosc Place	South	St. Ann Street to 23m easterly	Anytime	Adding
<i>13 - No Stopping</i>	<i>D</i>	Upper James Street	East	Homestead Drive (North intersection) to Homestead Drive (South intersection)	Anytime	Adding
<i>13 - No Stopping</i>	<i>D</i>	Upper James Street	West	White Church Road to Homestead Drive (north int.)	Anytime	Adding
<i>13 - No Stopping</i>	<i>D</i>	White Church Road	North	Upper James Street to Hampton Brook Way	Anytime	Adding

To Amend By-law No. 01-218, as amended,
Being a By-law to Regulate On-Street Parking

Schedule	Section	Highway	Side	Location	Times	Adding/ Deleting
<i>15 - Comm Veh LZ</i>	<i>E</i>	Augusta	South	from 17m east of James to 8.9m easterly	Anytime	Deleting

Schedule	Section	Highway	Side	Location	Times	Adding/ Deleting
<i>20 - School Bus LZ</i>	<i>E</i>	Ferguson Avenue North	West	21m south of Kelly Street to 31m southerly	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday	Adding

2. Subject to the amendments made in this By-law, in all other respects, By-law No. 01-218, including all Schedules thereto, as amended, is hereby confirmed unchanged.
3. This By-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its passing and enactment.

PASSED this 22nd day of April, 2026.

A. Horwath
Mayor

M. Trennum
City Clerk

Authority: Item 9, Public Works Committee Report 07-016 (PW07153)
CM: December 12, 2007 Wards: 5,10,12

Bill No. 075

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 26-

**To Amend By-law No. 01-215
Being a By-law To Regulate Traffic**

WHEREAS sections 8, 9 and 10 of the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25*, authorize the City of Hamilton to pass by-laws as necessary or desirable for the public and municipal purposes, and in particular paragraphs 4 through 8 of subsection 10(2) authorize by-laws respecting: assets of the municipality, the economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality; health, safety and well-being of persons; the provision of any service or thing that it considers necessary or desirable for the public; and the protection of persons and property;

AND WHEREAS on the 18th day of September, 2001, the Council of the City of Hamilton enacted By-law No. 01-215 to regulate traffic;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to amend By-law No. 01-215.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. Schedule 3 (Flashing School Zone – Reduced Speed Limit) of By-law No. 01-215, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding from Section "F" (Stoney Creek) thereof the following items, namely:

Highway 8	Jones Road to a point 430 m east of Jones Road	50	7:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 2:20 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.
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2. Schedule 2 (Speed Limits) of By-law No. 01-215, as amended, is hereby further amended by removing from Section "A" (Ancaster) thereof the following items, namely:

Butter Road	Fiddlers Green Road	Airport Road	80
Airport Road	Butter Road	Glancaster Road	80

And by adding to section "A" (Ancaster) thereof the following items, namely;

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Being a By-law to Regulate Traffic

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Butter Road	Fiddlers Green Road	Airport Road	70
Airport Road	Butter Road	Glancaster Road	70

3. Schedule 9 (No Right Turn on Red) of By-law No. 01-215, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding to Section "F" (Stoney Creek) thereof the following item, namely:

New Mountain Road	Northbound	King Street East	Anytime
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4. Subject to the amendments made in this By-law, in all other respects, By-law No. 01-215, including all Schedules thereto, as amended, is hereby confirmed unchanged.
5. This By-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its passing and enactment.

PASSED and ENACTED this 22nd day of April, 2026.

A. Horwath
Mayor

M. Trennum
City Clerk

Authority: Item 9.4, Public Works Committee Minutes 26-005 (PW26047)
CM: April 22, 2026 Ward: City Wide

Bill No. 076

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 26-

To Amend By-law No. 26-034, being a By-law to Establish Certain 2026 User Fees and Charges for Services, Activities or the Use of Property and to Repeal By-law No. 25-023

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Hamilton enacted By-law No. 26-034, being a By-law to Establish Certain 2026 User Fees and Charges for Services, Activities or the Use of Property and to Repeal By-law No. 25-023 on or about February 11, 2026;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to amend By-law No. 26-034 pursuant to the terms contained herein;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. The amendments in this By-law include any necessary grammatical, numbering and letter changes.
2. That the user fees and charges relating to “Department: Public Works”, “Division: Transit,” as set out in Schedule “A” to By-law 26-034 on pages 114 and 115 of By-law 26-034, be hereby deleted and replaced with the user fees and charges set out in Schedule “A” attached hereto.
3. That in all other respects By-law 26-034 remains unchanged and confirmed;
4. This By-Law is deemed to have come into force and effect on January 1, 2026.

PASSED this 22nd day of April, 2026.

A. Horwath
Mayor

M. Trennum
City Clerk

Authority: Item 8.1, Planning Committee Minutes 26-005 (PED26024)
CM: April 22, 2026 Ward: 8

Bill No. 077

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 26-

To amend Zoning By-law No. 6593 with respect to lands located at 1042 and 1050 West 5th Street, Hamilton

WHEREAS the *City of Hamilton Act, 1999*, Statutes of Ontario, 1999 Chap.14, Sch. C did incorporate, as of January 1st, 2001, the municipality “City of Hamilton”;

AND WHEREAS the City of Hamilton is the successor to certain area municipalities, including the former area municipality known as the “The Corporation of the City of Hamilton” and is the successor to the former Regional Municipality, namely, “The Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth”;

AND WHEREAS the *City of Hamilton Act, 1999*, provides that the Zoning By-laws and Official Plans of the former area municipalities and the Official Plan of the former regional municipality continue in force in the City of Hamilton until subsequently amended or repealed by the Council of the City of Hamilton;

AND WHEREAS Zoning By-law No. 6593 (Hamilton) was enacted on the 25th day of July, 1950, and approved by the Ontario Land Tribunal on the 7th day of December, 1951;

AND WHEREAS Council approved Item 8.1 of Planning Committee Minutes 26-005, at its meeting held on the 22nd day of April, 2026;

AND WHEREAS this By-law conforms to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan;

NOW THEREFORE Council amends Zoning By-law No. 6593 as follows:

1. That Sheet No. W-9c of the District Maps, appended to and forming part of Zoning By-law No. 6593 (Hamilton), is amended by changing the zoning from "C/S-1822" (Urban Protected Residential, etc.) District to “DE-2/S-1844” (Multiple Dwellings) District,

Modified, for the lands known as 1042 and 1050 West 5th Street, Hamilton, the extent and boundaries of which are shown on Schedule "A" to this By-law.

2. That SECTION TWO – INTERPRETATIONS AND DEFINITIONS is modified to include the following special requirements:

(a) That in addition to Section 2.(2)A. – RESIDENTIAL USES, for the purpose of the DE-2/S-1844 (Multiple Dwellings) District, Modified, the following definition shall apply:

"Multiple Dwelling Townhouse" shall mean:

- (i) One separate building containing five or more dwelling units; or,
- (ii) Two or more separate buildings containing three or more dwelling units each, which form one comprehensive development containing a total of five or more dwelling units;

And,

- (i) Dwelling units are divided by common walls preventing internal access between units;
 - (ii) Each dwelling unit has at least one exclusive exterior pedestrian access;
 - (iii) Dwelling Units within a Multiple Dwelling Townhouse may have shared amenity areas(s), parking area(s) and common vehicular access to a street, such as a condominium road.
 - (iv) A Multiple Dwelling Townhouse shall include a block townhouse, a stacked townhouse, a back-to-back townhouse, a stacked back-to-back townhouse, a maisonette, and a townhouse development comprising townhouse units or parcels of tied land, except as restricted in the By-law.
- (b) That notwithstanding Section 2.(2)(J)(xi) – MISCELLANEOUS DEFINITIONS – TECHNICAL as it relates to the definition of "Lot", and in addition to Section 2.(2)(J)(xii) – MISCELLANEOUS DEFINITIONS – TECHNICAL as it relates to the definition of "Lot-Line", for the purpose of the regulations contained in Hamilton Zoning By-law No. 6593, the external boundary of the lands shown on Schedule "A" shall be deemed to be the lot lines for this purpose and the regulations of the "DE-2/S-1844" (Multiple Dwellings) District, Modified, including but not limited to the lot area, lot frontage, lot depth, lot coverage, landscape area, and building setbacks, shall be from the external boundaries

of this parcel shown on Schedule “A” and not the individual property boundaries of any parcels created by registration of a Condominium Plan, Part Lot Control, or Consent.

- (c) That notwithstanding Section 2.(2)J.(xiii) – MISCELLANEOUS DEFINITIONS – TECHNICAL as it relates to the definition of “Lot-Line, Front”, the front lot line shall mean the lot line along West 5th Street.

3. That the “DE-2” (Multiple Dwellings) District regulations, as contained in Section Ten B of Zoning By-law No. 6593, are modified to include the following special requirements:

- (a) That in addition to Section 10B.(1), a Multiple Dwelling Townhouse shall also be permitted.
- (b) That in addition to Section 10B.(2), no building or structure within 30 metres of the rear lot line shall exceed 8.5 metres in height.
- (c) That in addition to Section 10B.(2), no building or structure within 25 metres of the front lot line shall exceed 14.5 metres in height.
- (d) That notwithstanding Section 10B.(3)(ii)(b), there shall be provided and maintained within the district, for every building and structure in a “DE-2” District:
 - (i) a northerly side yard having a width of at least 3.0 metres for stacked townhouse structures;
 - (ii) a northerly side yard having a width of at least 1.6 metres for block townhouse structures;
 - (iii) a southerly side yard having a width of at least 6.0 metres for stacked townhouse structures;
 - (iv) a southerly side yard having a width of at least 6.0 metres for block townhouse structures;

4. That SECTION EIGHTEEN – SUPPLEMENTARY REQUIREMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS is modified to include the following special requirements:

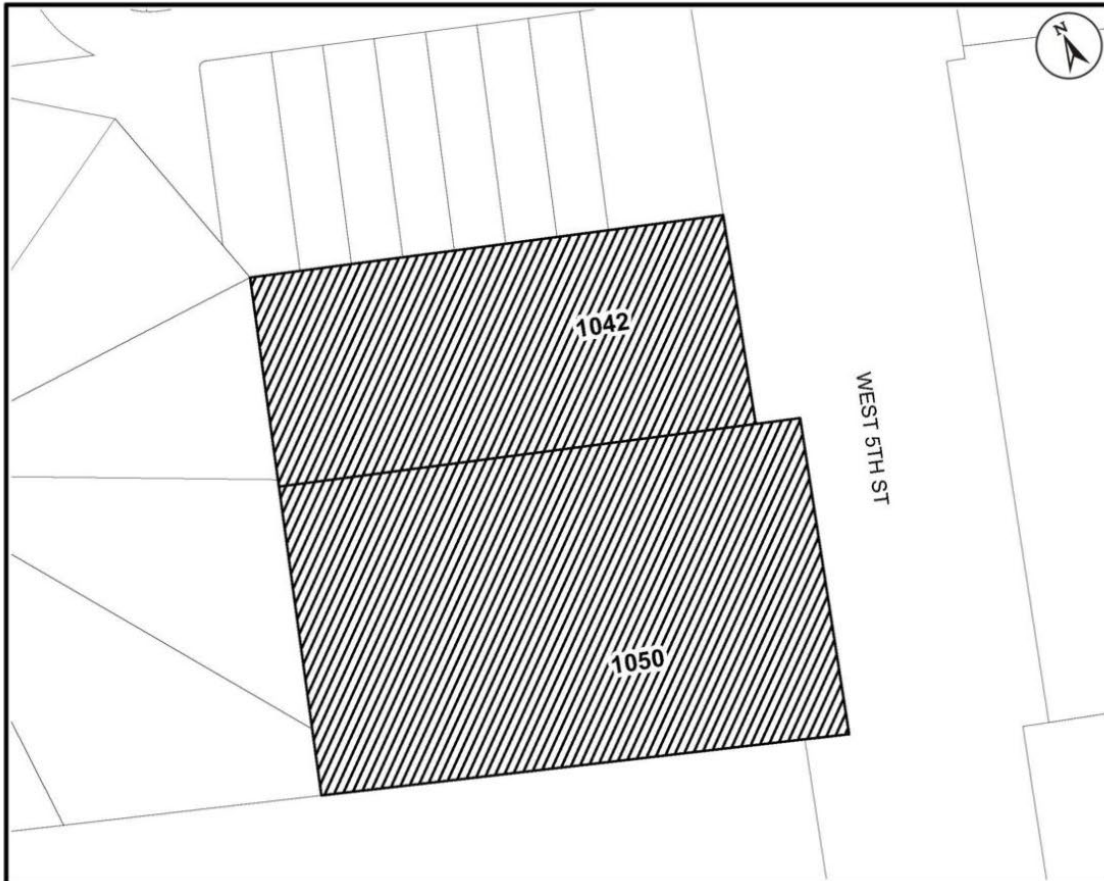
- (a) That notwithstanding Section 18.(3)(vi)(d), a roofed-over but otherwise unenclosed one-storey porch at the first storey level, including eaves and gutters, may project into a required front yard a distance not more than 3.0 metres, and shall be distant at least 1.0 metre from the front lot line.

- (b) That notwithstanding Section 18.(8)1., a separation distance of at least 3.0 metres shall be provided between the side walls of block townhouse buildings that contain windows to habitable rooms.
 - (c) That Section 18.(10)(i)(a) shall not apply.
5. That SECTION EIGHTEEN A – PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS is modified to include the following special requirements:
- (a) That in addition to Section 18A.(1)(a) and (b), Table 1 and Table 2, for a Multiple Dwelling Townhouse a minimum of one (1) parking space per Class A dwelling unit shall be provided and maintained, inclusive of visitor parking spaces.
 - (b) That notwithstanding Section 18A.(1)(c) and Table 3, no loading spaces shall be required.
 - (c) That notwithstanding Section 18A.(1)(f) and 18A.(10), tandem parking shall be permitted for each unit of a Multiple Dwelling Townhouse.
 - (d) That notwithstanding Section 18A.(7), every required parking space, other than a parallel parking space, shall have dimensions not less than 2.8 metres wide and 5.8 metres long.
6. That no building or structure shall be erected, altered, extended, or enlarged, nor shall any building or structure or part thereof be used, nor shall any land be used, except in accordance with the modified "DE-2/S-1844" (Multiple Dwellings) District, Modified provisions, subject to the special requirements referred to in Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this By-law.
7. That the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with the giving of notice of the passing of this By-law in accordance with the *Planning Act*.

PASSED this 22nd day of April, 2026

A. Horwath
Mayor

M. Trennum
City Clerk



This is Schedule "A" to By-law No. 26- 077

Passed the 22 day of April, 2026

Mayor

Clerk


Schedule "A"

Map forming Part of
By-law No. 26- 077

to Amend By-law No. 6593

Subject Property

1042-1050 West 5th Street, Hamilton (Ward 8)

 Change in Zoning from "C/S-1822" (Urban Protected Residential, etc.) District, Modified to "DE-2/S-1844" (Multiple Dwellings) District, Modified

Scale:
N.T.S

File Name/Number:
ZAC-25-031

Date:
November 28, 2025

Planner/Technician:
AP/RS



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| ii) Minimum Unit Width for each Dwelling Unit | 5.5 metres; |
| iii) Minimum Setback from a Street Line | 4.0 metres; |
| iv) Minimum Setback from a Side or Rear Lot Line | <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) For the first 25.0 metres measured from the intersection of the lot line and a street: 1.2 metres if the wall contains no windows to a Habitable Room and 6.5 metres if the wall contains windows to a Habitable Room; and,ii) Beyond 25.0 metres measured from the intersection of the lot line and a street: 6.5 metres. |
| v) Minimum Distance Between Buildings on a Lot | <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Between two exterior walls which contain no windows to a Habitable Room: 3.0 metres;ii) Between two exterior walls, at least one of which contains windows to a Habitable Room: 6.0 metres; and,iii) Between two exterior walls, both of which contain windows to a Habitable Room: 12.0 metres. |
| vi) Maximum Building Height | 12.0 metres |

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| vii) Built Form for New Development | Rooftop mechanical equipment shall be located and/or screened from view of any abutting street. |
| viii) Minimum Landscaped Area | 30% of the Lot Area; |
| ix) Minimum Amenity Area per Dwelling Unit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 5.0 square metres per Dwelling Unit, which may be provided in a communal area, exclusive to the Dwelling Unit or a combination of both; and, <li>ii) In addition to the definition of Amenity Area, an Amenity Area shall be located outdoors shall be unobstructed and shall be at or above the surface, and exposed to light and air and may include balconies and patios. |
| x) Location of Parking | No parking spaces shall be located between a Façade and the Front Lot Line, except that parking shall be permitted on individual driveways leading to garages forming part of a Dwelling Unit. |
| xi) Maximum Number of Vehicular Accesses on a Lot | One access driveway. |

xii) Maximum Height of a
Principal Pedestrian
Entrance

The height of the
floor level of any
principal pedestrian
entrance shall be a
maximum of 1.2
metres above Grade.

xiii) Waste Storage

Outdoor waste
storage shall be fully
enclosed and shall
not be located in the
front yard.

3. That no building or structure shall be erected, altered, extended, or enlarged, nor shall any building or structure or part thereof be used, nor shall any land be used, except in accordance with the provisions of the **Low Density Residential (R1, 960) Zone**, subject to the special requirements referred to in Section No. 2 of this By-law.
4. That the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with the giving of notice of the passing of this By-law in accordance with the *Planning Act*.

PASSED this 22nd day of April, 2026

A. Horwath
Mayor

M. Trennum
City Clerk

ZAC-25-034



This is Schedule "A" to By-law No. 26- 078

Passed the 22 day of April, 2026

Mayor

Clerk


Schedule "A"

Map forming Part of
By-law No. 26- 078

to Amend By-law No. 05-200
Map 1287

Subject Property

974 and 980 Upper Paradise Road, Hamilton (Ward 14)

 Lands to be added to Zoning By-law No. 05-200 as
Low Density Residential (R1, 960) Zone

Scale:
N.T.S

File Name/Number:
ZAC-25-034

Date:
January 7, 2026

Planner/Technician:
MM/NB



Hamilton

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Authority: Item 9.1, Planning Committee Minutes 26-005 (PED26057)
CM: April 22, 2026 Ward: 11

Bill No. 079

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 26-

A By-law to Deem a Part of a Subdivision Not To Be Registered

Lots 1, 2, and Block 7, Registered Plan No. 62M-1229

WHEREAS Subsection 50(4) of the *Planning Act* R.S.O. 1190, Chapter 13, as amended, provides that the Council of a Municipality may, by By-law, designate any Plan of Subdivision, or part thereof, that has been registered for eight (8) years or more, and deem it not to be a Registered Plan of Subdivision for the purpose of the subdivision control provisions of Subsection 50(3) of the *Planning Act*,

AND WHEREAS Registered Plan 62M-1229 was registered in the Land Registry Office on the 10th day of June, 2016.

AND WHEREAS Lots 1, 2, and Block 7, Registered Plan 62M-1229, City of Hamilton are within a Plan of Subdivision registered for more than eight (8) years;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. That the following lands are designated and deemed not to be within a Registered Plan of Subdivision for the purpose of Subsection 50(3) of the *Planning Act*:

Lots 1 and 2 and Block 7, Registered Plan 62M-1229, City of Hamilton

2. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to:

(a) lodge a copy of this By-law with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

(b) register a certified copy or duplicate copy of this deeming By-law against the title to the lands in the proper registry office, and this By-law shall not take effect until this requirement has been complied with; and,

(c) send by registered mail, notice of passing of this By-law to be given within thirty (30) days of the date of passing, to each person appearing by the last revised assessment roll to be the owner of land to which this By-law applies, which notice shall be sent to the last known address of each such person.

3. That notwithstanding S.50(27) of the *Planning Act*, this By-law No. 26-079 shall come into force and take effect when registered in the Land Registry Office.

PASSED and ENACTED this 22nd day of April, 2026.

A. Horwath
Mayor

M. Trennum
City Clerk



This is Schedule "A" Deeming (De-Registration) By-law

Passed the 22 day of April, 2026

Mayor

Clerk


Schedule "A"
Map forming Part of Deeming
(De-Registration) by-law 26-079

Subject Property

50 and part of 110 Aeropark Boulevard, Glanbrook (Ward 11)

Lands to be Deemed not to be Part of a Registered Plan:

 Lots 1 and 2 of Registered Plan 62M-1229
 (50 Aeropark Boulevard, Glanbrook)

 Block 7 of Registered Plan 62M-1229
 (Part of 110 Aeropark Boulevard, Glanbrook)

Scale: N.T.S	File Name/Number: 50 and part of 110 Aeropark Blvd
Date: March 4, 2026	Planner/Technician: SR/NB
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT	



Authority: Item 9.2, Planning Committee Minutes 26-005 (PED26038)
CM: April 22, 2026 Ward: City Wide

Bill No. 080

CITY OF HAMILTON
BY-LAW NO. 26-

To Amend By-law No. 12-282, Respecting Tariff of Fees

WHEREAS Section 69 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 13, as amended, authorizes municipalities to enact a by-law to prescribe a Tariff or Fees for the processing of applications made in respect of planning matters;

AND WHEREAS Section 391 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, authorizes municipalities to enact by-laws to impose fees on any class of person for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. The amendments in this By-law include any necessary grammatical, numbering, formatting, and lettering changes.
2. That Schedule "A" to By-law No. 12-282, as amended, be updated by deleting "Site Plan Control" subsection 6 (d) and replacing Section 12 "Formal Consultation" with the following new fees:

12 a. Formal Consultation Site Plan	\$ 7,800.00
12 b. Formal Consultation (with Development Review Team meeting)	\$ 7,800.00
12 c. Formal Consultation (no Development Review Team meeting)	\$ 7,300.00

3. That Schedule "A" to By-law No. 12-282, as amended, be amended by deleting "Rezoning Application" subsections (g), (h), (i) and (j) and replacing with the following new fees:

5 g. Removal of a "H" Holding Provision Base Fee (Standard)	\$3,035
i. Plus Planning Analysis of a Holding(s)	\$3,110

ii. Plus Transportation Analysis of a Holding(s)	\$2,115
iii. Plus Growth Management Analysis of a Holding(s)	
1 st Holding Provision	\$9,000
All Additional Holding provisions (inclusive)	\$4,500
5 h. Review of a “H” Holding Provision (Site Plan)	
i. Planning Analysis of a Holding(s)	\$3,990
ii. Transportation Analysis of a Holding(s)	\$2,115
iii. Growth Management Analysis of a Holding(s)	
1 st Holding Provision	\$9,000
All Additional Holding provisions (inclusive)	\$4,500
5 i. Removal of a “H” Holding Provision (Site Plan) (staff report writing only)	\$2,345
5 j. Removal of a “H” Holding Provision Resubmission (Standard Only)	25% of total application fee

4. The new fees for a Formal Consultation Site Plan, Formal Consultation (With DRT), Formal Consultation (No DRT), Removal of a “H” Holding Provision (Standard), Review of a “H” Holding Provision (Site Plan) and Removal of a “H” Holding Provision (Site Plan) are hereby approved and adopted.
5. The fees shall be paid at the time of the submission of an application.
6. No application for a Formal Consultation, Formal Consultation Site Plan, Removal of a “H” Provision (Standard), Removal of a “H” Provision (Site Plan) or Review of a “H” Holding Provision (Site Plan) shall be deemed to have been made, provided, or completed, and no application shall be received, unless the appropriate fees are paid in accordance with this By-law.
7. The amount of the fees for a Formal Consultation application, Formal Consultation Site Plan application, Removal of a “H” Provision application (Standard), Removal of a “H” Provision application (Site Plan) and Review of a “H” Holding Provision (Site Plan) shall be adjusted annually by the percentage change during the preceding year of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Toronto, and the resulting figures shall be rounded off to the nearest five (\$5.00) dollar interval.
8. This By-law shall be deemed to have come into force on April 22, 2026.

PASSED this 22nd day of April, 2026.

A. Horwath
Mayor

M. Trennum
City Clerk

Authority: Item 8.3, Planning Committee Minutes 26-005 (PED26063)
CM: April 22, 2026 Ward: 12

Bill No. 081

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 26-

To Adopt:

**Official Plan Amendment No. 254 to the
Urban Hamilton Official Plan**

Respecting:

**392, 398, 400, 402, 406, and 412 Wilson Street East and 15 Lorne Avenue
Town of Ancaster**

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. Amendment No. 254 to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan consisting of Schedule “1”, hereto annexed and forming part of this by-law, is hereby adopted.

PASSED this 22nd day of April, 2026.

A. Horwath
Mayor

M. Trennum
City Clerk

Urban Hamilton Official Plan

Amendment No. 254

The following text, attached hereto, constitutes Official Plan Amendment No. “254” to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan.

1.0 Purpose and Effect:

The purpose and effect of this Amendment is to redesignate a portion of the subject lands (15 Lorne Avenue) from “Low Density Residential 1” to “Mixed Use - Medium Density - Pedestrian Focus” and to add a new Site Specific Policy for the entirety of the subject lands in the Ancaster Wilson Street Secondary Plan to permit the development of an eight storey mixed use building.

2.0 Location:

The lands affected by this Amendment are known municipally as 392, 398, 400, 402, 406, and 412 Wilson Street East and 15 Lorne Avenue, in the City of Hamilton.

3.0 Basis:

The basis for permitting this Amendment is:

- The proposed development supports the policies of the Urban Hamilton Official Plan and the Ancaster Wilson Street Secondary Plan, as it supports the vision for the Ancaster Village Core and contributes to the achievement of a complete community as the subject lands are in proximity to existing community facilities and/or services including public transit, schools, and recreational facilities.
- The proposed development implements the Residential Intensification policies of the Urban Hamilton Official Plan.
- The proposed development is compatible with the existing and planned development in the immediate area.
- The Amendment is consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024.

4.0 Actual Changes:

4.1 Volume 2 – Secondary Plans

Text

4.1.1 Chapter B.2.0 – Ancaster Secondary Plans – Section B.2.8 – Ancaster Wilson Street Secondary Plan

- a. That Volume 2: Chapter B.2.0 – Ancaster Secondary Plans, Section B.2.8 – Ancaster Wilson Street Secondary Plan be amended by adding a new Site Specific Policy, as follows:

“Site Specific Policy – Area “O”

B.2.8.16.15 For the lands identified as Site Specific Policy Area “O” on Map B.2.8-1 Ancaster Wilson Street Secondary Plan – Land Use Plan, designated Mixed Use - Medium Density - Pedestrian Focus, and known as 392, 398, 400, 402, 406, and 412 Wilson Street East and 15 Lorne Avenue, the following policies shall apply:

- a) Notwithstanding Policy B.2.8.8.5 a) for the lands designated Mixed Use – Medium Density - Pedestrian Focus, the maximum permitted height shall be eight storeys.

Maps

4.1.2 Map

- a. That Volume 2: Map B.2.8-1 – Ancaster Wilson Street Secondary Plan – Land Use Plan Map be amended by:
 - i) Redesignating a portion of the subject lands from “Low Density Residential 1” to “Mixed Use – Medium Density – Pedestrian Focus”; and,
 - ii) Identifying the subject lands as Site Specific Policy - Area “O”,
as shown on Appendix “A”, attached to this Amendment.

5.0 Implementation:

The applicable zoning, which is Mixed Use Medium Density – Pedestrian Focus (C5a, 860, H154) Zone, and an implementing Site Plan Approval will give effect to the intended uses on the subject lands.


This Official Plan Amendment is Schedule “1” to By-law No. 26-081 passed on the 22nd day of April, 2026.


**The
City of Hamilton**

A. Horwath
Mayor

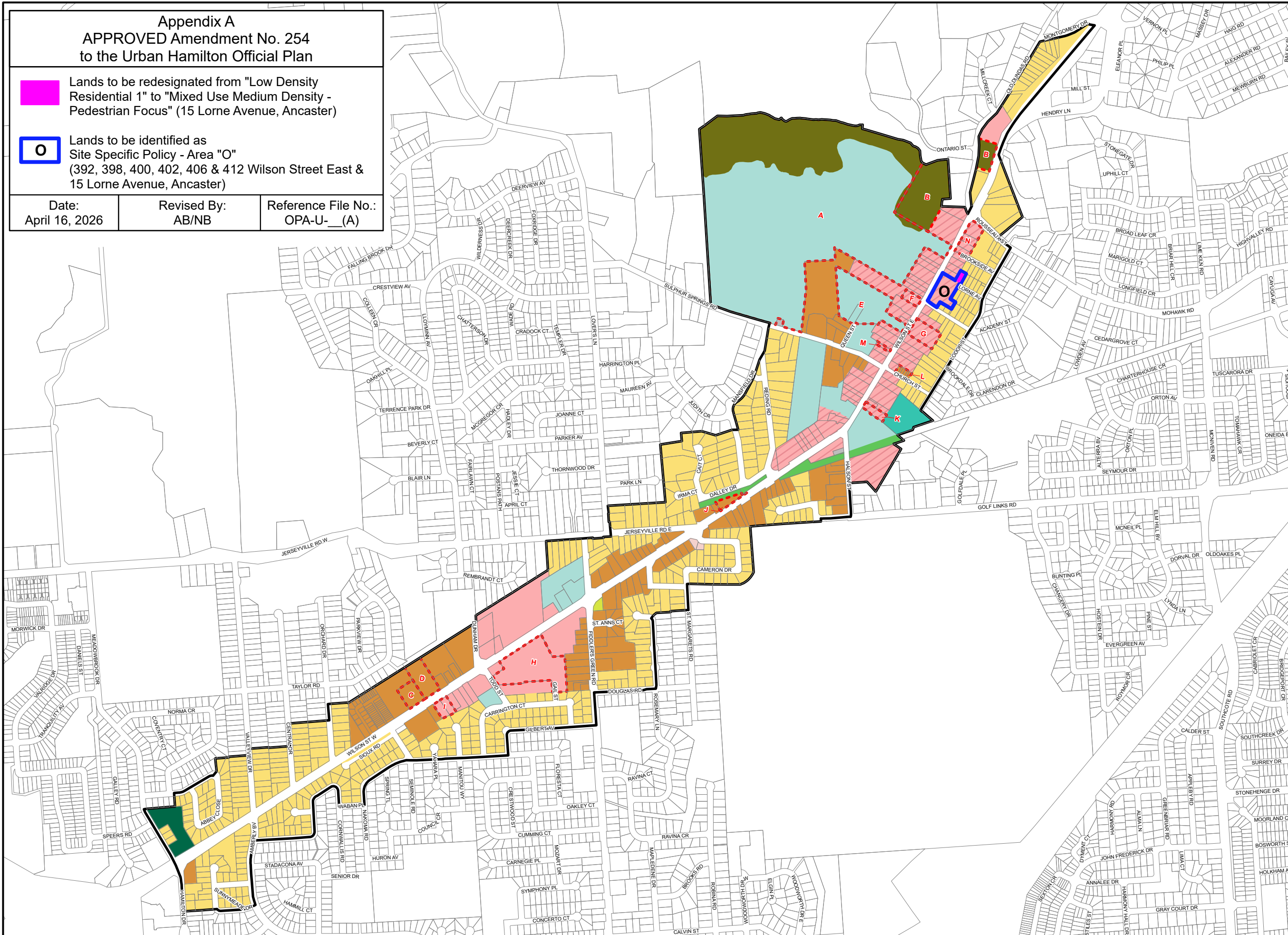
M. Trennum
City Clerk

Appendix A
 APPROVED Amendment No. 254
 to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan















 Lands to be redesignated from "Low Density Residential 1" to "Mixed Use Medium Density - Pedestrian Focus" (15 Lorne Avenue, Ancaster)

 Lands to be identified as Site Specific Policy - Area "O" (392, 398, 400, 402, 406 & 412 Wilson Street East & 15 Lorne Avenue, Ancaster)

Date: April 16, 2026	Revised By: AB/NB	Reference File No.: OPA-U-__(A)
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Legend

- Residential Designations**
-  Low Density Residential 1
 -  Medium Density Residential 1
- Commercial and Mixed Use Designations**
-  Local Commercial
 -  Mixed Use - Medium Density
- Parks and Open Space Designations**
-  Parkette
 -  Neighbourhood Park
 -  Community Park
 -  General Open Space
 -  Natural Open Space
- Other Designations**
-  Utility
 -  Institutional
- Other Features**
-  Pedestrian Focus
 -  Area or Site Specific Policy
 -  Secondary Plan Boundary


Council Adopted: July 9, 2009
 Ministerial Approval: March 16, 2011
 Effective Date: August 16, 2013

**Urban Hamilton Official Plan
 Ancaster Wilson Street
 Secondary Plan
 Land Use Plan Map
 Map B.2.8-1**

Date: December 23, 2025



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Authority: Item 9.6, Planning Committee Minutes 26-004 (PED26034)
CM: April 1, 2026 Ward: City Wide

Bill No. 082

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 26-

To Adopt:

**Official Plan Amendment No. 252 to the
Urban Hamilton Official Plan**

Respecting:

**City-Initiated Official Plan Amendments for Phase 1 of the Employment Area
Review (City Wide)**

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. Amendment No. 252 to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan consisting of Schedule "1" hereto annexed and forming part of this by-law, is hereby adopted.

PASSED this 22nd day of April, 2026

A. Horwath
Mayor

M. Trennum
City Clerk

Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment No. 252

The following text, together with:

Appendix “A”	Volume 1: Chapter C – City Wide Systems and Designations
Appendix “B”	Volume 1: Chapter E – Urban Systems and Designations
Appendix “C”	Volume 1: Chapter F – Implementation
Appendix “D”	Volume 1: Chapter G – Glossary
Appendix “E”	Volume 2: Chapter B – Secondary Plan Policies
Appendix “F”	Volume 2: Chapter B-7 – Stoney Creek Secondary Plans
Appendix “G”	Volume 2: Chapter B-8 – Airport Employment Growth District Secondary Plan
Appendix “H”	Volume 3: Chapter C – Urban Site Specific Policies
Appendix “I”	Volume 3: Maps 2 and 2a – Site Specific Policies Key Map

attached hereto, constitutes Official Plan Amendment No. 252 to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan.

1.0 **Purpose and Effect:**

The purpose and effect of this Amendment is to:

- Amend the Urban Hamilton Official Plan to align with the new definition of “Employment Area” in the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024.
- Amend the Urban Hamilton Official Plan to permit the continuation of lawfully established uses that are now excluded from locating within an Employment Area.

- Amend the Urban Hamilton Official Plan to affirm that parcels which contain lawfully established non-conforming uses in an Employment Area form part of an Employment Area.

2.0 Location:

The lands affected by this Amendment are located within the Urban Area of the City of Hamilton.

3.0 Basis:

The basis for permitting this Amendment is:

- To update the Urban Hamilton Official Plan to reflect updated policy direction of the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024.

4.0 Actual Changes:

4.1 Volume 1 – Parent Plan

Text

4.1.1 Chapter C – City Wide Systems and Designations

- a. That Policy C.3.2.1 of Volume 1: Chapter C – City Wide Systems and Designations, be amended as outlined in Appendix “A”, attached to this Amendment.

4.1.2 Chapter E – Urban Systems and Designations

- a. That Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3 and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1: Chapter E – Urban Systems and Designations, be added as outlined in Appendix “B”, attached to this Amendment.

4.1.3 Chapter F – Implementation

- a. That Policies F.1.3.2 a) and F.1.12.12 of Volume 1: Chapter F – Implementation, be added as outlined in Appendix “C”, attached to this Amendment.

4.1.4 Chapter G – Glossary

- a. That Volume 1: Chapter G – Glossary be amended by revising definitions as outlined in Appendix “D”, attached to this Amendment.

4.2 Volume 2 – Secondary Plans

Text

4.2.1 Chapter B – Secondary Plans – Section B.1.0 – General Policies

- a. That Volume 2: Chapter B – Secondary Plans – Section B.1.0 – General Policies be amended by adding policies outlined in Appendix “E” attached to this Amendment.

4.2.2 Chapter B – Secondary Plans – Stoney Creek Secondary Plans – Fruitland Winona Secondary Plan – Section B.7.4.18.6 – Site Specific Policies

- a. That Volume 2: Chapter B – Secondary Plans – Stoney Creek Secondary Plans – Fruitland-Winona Secondary Plan – Section B.7.4.18.16 – Site Specific Policies Airport Employment Growth District Secondary Plan – Section B.8.17 – Site Specific Policies be amended by adding policies outlined in Appendix “F” attached to this Amendment.

4.2.3 Chapter B – Secondary Plans – Airport Employment Growth District Secondary Plan – Section B.8.17 - Site Specific Policies

- a. That Volume 2: Chapter B – Secondary Plans – Airport Employment Growth District Secondary Plan – Section B.8.17 – Site Specific Policies be amended by adding policies outlined in Appendix “G” attached to this Amendment.

4.3 Volume 3 – Special Policy Areas, Area Specific Policies & Site Specific Policies

Text

4.3.1 Chapter C – Urban Site Specific Policies

- a. That Volume 3: Chapter C – Urban Site Specific Policies be amended by adding policies outlined in Appendix “H” attached to this Amendment.

Mapping and Schedules

4.2.3 Maps 2 and 2a – Site Specific Policies Key Map

- a. That Volume 3: Maps 2 and 2a – Site Specific Policies Key Map is amended as shown on Appendix “I” attached to this Amendment.

5.0 Implementation:

The policy amendments will be implemented through the submission of development applications which will give effect to the intended uses within Employment Areas.

This Official Plan Amendment is Schedule “1” to By-law No. 26-082 passed on the 22nd day of April, 2026.

**The
City of Hamilton**

A. Horwath
Mayor

M. Trennum
City Clerk

Appendix “A” – Volume 1: Chapter C – City Wide Systems and Designations

Proposed Change	Proposed New/Revised Policy
<p>Grey highlighted strikethrough text = text to be deleted</p>	<p>Bolded text = text to be added</p>
<p>Insert new Policy C.3.2.1 g):</p> <p>C.3.2.1 The following uses shall be permitted in all land use designations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Conservation uses such as forest, wildlife and fisheries management provided the use complies with Section C.2.0 - Natural Heritage System; b) Utilities, municipal infrastructure and transportation facilities, corridors and easements, electrical facilities used directly for the generation distribution of electric power, natural gas and oil pipeline lines, telecommunication and new facilities approved under all relevant statutes, where the land(s) are less than 4 hectares in size, provided that the facility is not used for the purposes of maintenance or storage or railway yard; c) Wherever possible, the uses identified in C.3.2.1.b) shall be integrated with the general character of the surrounding uses through the provision of landscaping, screening and buffering, siting of structures, height control, and any other measures deemed to be appropriate by the City; d) Any operation of the Government of Canada, Province of Ontario of City of Hamilton, not described in Policy C.3.2.1 a) and b); e) Uses regulated for the purposes of Shipping and Navigation or uses incidental thereto, authorized by the Hamilton Harbour Commissioners Act, or any by-law, regulation or other provision adopted pursuant to the Hamilton Harbour Commissioners Act or other federal regulation; and f) <i>community gardens</i>; and 	<p>C.3.2.1 The following uses shall be permitted in all land use designations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Conservation uses such as forest, wildlife and fisheries management provided the use complies with Section C.2.0 - Natural Heritage System; b) Utilities, municipal infrastructure and transportation facilities, corridors and easements, electrical facilities used directly for the generation distribution of electric power, natural gas and oil pipeline lines, telecommunication and new facilities approved under all relevant statutes, where the land(s) are less than 4 hectares in size, provided that the facility is not used for the purposes of maintenance or storage or railway yard; c) Wherever possible, the uses identified in C.3.2.1.b) shall be integrated with the general character of the surrounding uses through the provision of landscaping, screening and buffering, siting of structures, height control, and any other measures deemed to be appropriate by the City; d) Any operation of the Government of Canada, Province of Ontario of City of Hamilton, not described in Policy C.3.2.1 a) and b); e) Uses regulated for the purposes of Shipping and Navigation or uses incidental thereto, authorized by the Hamilton Harbour Commissioners Act, or any by-law, regulation or other provision adopted pursuant to the Hamilton Harbour Commissioners Act or other federal regulation; f) <i>community gardens</i>; and

<p>g) Notwithstanding policies a) through f), the establishment of a new use on lands designated Employment Area shall conform to the definition of <i>Employment Area</i>.</p>	<p>g) Notwithstanding policies a) through f), the establishment of a new use on lands designated Employment Area shall conform to the definition of <i>Employment Area</i>.</p>
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Appendix “B” – Volume 1: Chapter E – Urban Systems and Designations

Proposed Change	Proposed New/Revised Policy
<p>Grey highlighted strikethrough text = text to be deleted</p>	<p>Bolded text = text to be added</p>
<p>Insert new Policy E.2.8.2 and renumber subsequent policies:</p> <p>E.2.8.2 Lands within an <i>Employment Area</i>, comprised of one or more parcels of land, and currently used for a use(s) excluded from the definition of Area of Employment in paragraph 2 of subsection 1(1) of the <i>Planning Act</i> that were lawfully established on or before October 20, 2024, may continue to be used for such purposes pursuant to subsections 1(1.1) and (1.2) of the <i>Planning Act</i>.</p>	<p>E.2.8.2 Lands within an <i>Employment Area</i>, comprised of one or more parcels of land, and currently used for a use(s) excluded from the definition of Area of Employment in paragraph 2 of subsection 1(1) of the <i>Planning Act</i> that were lawfully established on or before October 20, 2024, may continue to be used for such purposes pursuant to subsections 1(1.1) and (1.2) of the <i>Planning Act</i>.</p>
<p>Insert new Policy E.2.8.3 and renumber subsequent policies:</p> <p>E.2.8.3 Lands described in Policy E.2.8.2, comprised of one or more parcels of land, shall continue to form part of an <i>Employment Area</i>.</p>	<p>E.2.8.3 Lands described in Policy E.2.8.2, comprised of one or more parcels of land, shall continue to form part of an <i>Employment Area</i>.</p>
<p>Insert new Policy E.2.8.4 and renumber subsequent policies:</p> <p>E.2.8.4 Notwithstanding the policies of Section E.2.8 – Employment Areas and Section E.5.0 – Employment Area Designations, the establishment of a new use on lands designated Employment Area shall conform to the definition of <i>Employment Area</i>.</p>	<p>E.2.8.4 Notwithstanding the policies of Section E.2.8 – Employment Areas and Section E.5.0 – Employment Area Designations, the establishment of a new use on lands designated Employment Area shall conform to the definition of <i>Employment Area</i>.</p>

Appendix “C” – Volume 1: Chapter F – Implementation

Proposed Change	Proposed New/Revised Policy
<p>Grey highlighted strikethrough text = text to be deleted</p>	<p>Bolded text = text to be added</p>
<p>F.1.3.2 Special Policy Areas, Area Specific Policy Areas, and Site-Specific Policy Areas shall be prepared to implement this Plan and may amend Volume 1 as necessary. In the event of a conflict between any of these areas and Volume 1, the policy areas in Volume 3 shall prevail and take precedence provided the general goals and objectives of Volume 1 are maintained.</p> <p>a) Notwithstanding Policy F.1.3.2, Policies E.2.8.2 and E.2.8.3 of Volume 1 shall prevail over the policies of Volume 3 for all lands designated as an <i>Employment Area</i> on Schedule E-1 – Urban Land Use Designations.</p>	<p>F.1.3.2 Special Policy Areas, Area Specific Policy Areas, and Site-Specific Policy Areas shall be prepared to implement this Plan and may amend Volume 1 as necessary. In the event of a conflict between any of these areas and Volume 1, the policy areas in Volume 3 shall prevail and take precedence provided the general goals and objectives of Volume 1 are maintained.</p> <p>a) Notwithstanding Policy F.1.3.2, Policies E.2.8.2 and E.2.8.3 of Volume 1 shall prevail over the policies of Volume 3 for all lands designated as an <i>Employment Area</i> on Schedule E-1 – Urban Land Use Designations.</p>
<p>F.1.12.12 Lawfully established uses under Policy E.2.8.2 may be recognized in the Zoning By-law.</p>	<p>F.1.12.12 Lawfully established uses under Policy E.2.8.2 may be recognized in the Zoning By-law.</p>

Appendix “D” – Volume 1: Chapter G – Glossary

Proposed Change	Proposed New/Revised Policy
<p>Grey highlighted strikethrough text = text to be deleted</p> <p>Bolded text = text to be added</p>	
<p>Employment Area: Areas designated in an official plan for clusters of business and economic activities including, but not limited to, manufacturing, research and development in connection with manufacturing, warehousing, goods movement, offices and associated retail and office, and ancillary facilities. An employment area also includes areas of land described by subsection 1(1.1) of the Planning Act. Uses that are excluded from employment areas are institutional and commercial, including retail and office not associated with the primary employment use listed above (PPS, 2024).</p>	<p>Employment Area: Areas designated in an official plan for clusters of business and economic activities including manufacturing, research and development in connection with manufacturing, warehousing, goods movement, associated retail and office, and ancillary facilities. An employment area also includes areas of land described by subsection 1(1.1) of the Planning Act. Uses that are excluded from employment areas are institutional and commercial, including retail and office not associated with the primary employment use listed above (PPS, 2024).</p>

Appendix "E" – Volume 2: Chapter B – Section B.1.0 – General Policies

Proposed Change	Proposed New/Revised Policy
<p>Grey highlighted strikethrough text = text to be deleted</p>	<p>Bolded text = text to be added</p>
<p>B.1.2 The policies of Volume 1 and 3 shall apply to all secondary plans unless otherwise specified in the policies of this Volume. Where a discrepancy between the policies and/or designations exists, the policies and designations of the secondary plan shall prevail.</p> <p>a) Notwithstanding Policy B.1.2, Policies E.2.8.2 and E.2.8.3 of Volume 1 shall prevail over the policies of Volume 2 for lands within an Employment Area designation (e.g. Industrial Lands, Research District, Shipping and Navigation, Airport Light Industrial, Airport Prestige Business, Airport Related Business, Airside Industrial, Light Industrial, General Industrial, Business Park) on the land use plans appended to each Secondary Plan Area.</p>	<p>B.1.2 The policies of Volume 1 and 3 shall apply to all secondary plans unless otherwise specified in the policies of this Volume. Where a discrepancy between the policies and/or designations exists, the policies and designations of the secondary plan shall prevail.</p> <p>a) Notwithstanding Policy B.1.2, Policies E.2.8.2 and E.2.8.3 of Volume 1 shall prevail over the policies of Volume 2 for lands within an Employment Area designation (e.g. Industrial Lands, Research District, Shipping and Navigation, Airport Light Industrial, Airport Prestige Business, Airport Related Business, Airside Industrial, Light Industrial, General Industrial, Business Park) on the land use plans appended to each Secondary Plan Area.</p>

Appendix “F” – Volume 2: Chapter B – Stoney Creek Secondary Plans – Fruitland-Winona Secondary Plan – Section B.7.4.18 – Site Specific Policies

Proposed Change	Proposed New/Revised Policy
<p>Grey highlighted strikethrough text = text to be deleted Bolded text = text to be added</p>	
<p>B.7.4.18 Site Specific Policies Site Specific Policy – Area P B.7.4.18.16 For lands identified as Site Specific Policy – Area P on Map B.7.4.1 -Fruitland-Winona Secondary Plan – Land Use Plan, designated “Medium Density”, and municipally known as 1400 South Service Road, and shown on Site Specific Policy P on Map B.7.4.1 – the following policies shall apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Notwithstanding Policy E.3.5.8 building heights shall not exceed 16 storeys. b) A minimum of 2,750 square metres of non residential uses on the Business Park designation as shown in Part ‘A’ on Map B.7.4-1 – Fruitland-Winona Secondary Plan – Land Use Plan, shall be constructed prior to occupancy of a <i>multiple dwelling</i>, as shown in Part ‘B’ on Map B.7.4-1 – Fruitland -Winona Secondary Plan – Land Use Plan; and, c) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3 and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 and Policy B.1.2 a) shall not apply to Part ‘A’ on Map B.7.4-1 – Fruitland-Winona Secondary Plan – Land Use Plan. 	<p>Site Specific Policy – Area P B.7.4.18.16 For lands identified as Site Specific Policy – Area P on Map B.7.4.1 -Fruitland-Winona Secondary Plan – Land Use Plan, designated “Medium Density”, and municipally known as 1400 South Service Road, and shown on Site Specific Policy P on Map B.7.4.1 – the following policies shall apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Notwithstanding Policy E.3.5.8 building heights shall not exceed 16 storeys. b) A minimum of 2,750 square metres of non residential uses on the Business Park designation as shown in Part ‘A’ on Map B.7.4-1 – Fruitland-Winona Secondary Plan – Land Use Plan, shall be constructed prior to occupancy of a <i>multiple dwelling</i>, as shown in Part ‘B’ on Map B.7.4-1 – Fruitland -Winona Secondary Plan – Land Use Plan; and, c) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3 and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 and Policy B.1.2 a) shall not apply to Part ‘A’ on Map B.7.4-1 – Fruitland-Winona Secondary Plan – Land Use Plan.

Appendix "G" – Volume 2: Chapter B - Airport Employment Growth District –
 Section B.8.17 – Site Specific Policies

Proposed Change	Proposed New/Revised Policy
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<p>B.8.17 Site Specific Policies Site Specific Policy – Area D</p> <p>B.8.17.4 For the lands designated Institutional, located on the southeast corner of Garner Road East and Smith Road, and identified on Map B.8-1 – Airport Employment Growth District Land Use plan as Site Specific Policy – Area D, the following additional policies shall apply and be regulated by the Zoning By-law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) Residential uses shall be prohibited, except for ancillary uses, in accordance with Section E.6.2.4 of Volume 1, e) In addition to the permitted uses in Section E.6.2.2 of Volume 1, a trade school may be permitted, and f) Section E.6.2.6 of Volume 1 shall not apply. and g) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3 and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 and Policy B.1.2 a) shall not apply to the subject lands. 	<p>B.8.17 Site Specific Policies Site Specific Policy – Area D</p> <p>B.8.17.4 For the lands designated Institutional, located on the southeast corner of Garner Road East and Smith Road, and identified on Map B.8-1 – Airport Employment Growth District Land Use plan as Site Specific Policy – Area D, the following additional policies shall apply and be regulated by the Zoning By-law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Residential uses shall be prohibited, except for ancillary uses, in accordance with Section E.6.2.4 of Volume 1, b) In addition to the permitted uses in Section E.6.2.2 of Volume 1, a trade school may be permitted, and c) Section E.6.2.6 of Volume 1 shall not apply, and d) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3 and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 and Policy B.1.2 a) shall not apply to the subject lands.

Appendix “H” – Volume 3: Chapter C – Urban Site Specific Policies

Proposed Change	Proposed New/Revised Policy
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<p>New Site Specific Policy Flamborough <i>Employment</i> UFE – 3 Lands located at 586 Highway 6 North, former Town of Flamborough</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 586 Highway 6 North, the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>	<p>New Site Specific Policy Flamborough <i>Employment</i> UFE – 3 Lands located at 586 Highway 6 North, former Town of Flamborough</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 586 Highway 6 North, the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>
<p>New Site Specific Policy Flamborough <i>Employment</i> UFE – 4 Lands located at 20 Parkside Drive, former Town of Flamborough</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 20 Parkside Drive, the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>	<p>New Site Specific Policy Flamborough <i>Employment</i> UFE – 4 Lands located at 20 Parkside Drive, former Town of Flamborough</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 20 Parkside Drive, the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>
<p>New Site Specific Policy Hamilton <i>Employment</i> UHE – 10 Lands located at 2130 Upper James Street, former City of Hamilton</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park</p>	<p>New Site Specific Policy Hamilton <i>Employment</i> UHE – 10 Lands located at 2130 Upper James Street, former City of Hamilton</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park</p>

<p>Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 2130 Upper James Street the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>	<p>Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 2130 Upper James Street the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>
<p>New Site Specific Policy Hamilton Employment UHE – 11 Lands located at 2150 Upper James Street, former City of Hamilton</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 2150 Upper James Street the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>	<p>New Site Specific Policy Hamilton Employment UHE – 11 Lands located at 2150 Upper James Street, former City of Hamilton</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 2150 Upper James Street the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>
<p>New Site Specific Policy Hamilton Employment UHE – 12 Lands located at 2144 Upper James Street, former City of Hamilton</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 2144 Upper James Street the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>	<p>New Site Specific Policy Hamilton Employment UHE – 12 Lands located at 2144 Upper James Street, former City of Hamilton</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 2144 Upper James Street the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>
<p>New Site Specific Policy Hamilton Employment UHE – 13 Lands located at 2136 Upper James Street, former City of Hamilton</p>	<p>New Site Specific Policy Hamilton Employment UHE – 13 Lands located at 2136 Upper James Street, former City of Hamilton</p>

<p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 2136 Upper James Street the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>	<p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 2136 Upper James Street the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>
<p>New Site Specific Policy Hamilton Employment UHE – 14 Lands located at 386 Wilcox Street, former City of Hamilton</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.3 – Employment Area – Industrial Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Industrial, located at 386 Wilcox Street the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>	<p>New Site Specific Policy Hamilton Employment UHE – 14 Lands located at 386 Wilcox Street, former City of Hamilton</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.3 – Employment Area – Industrial Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Industrial, located at 386 Wilcox Street the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>
<p>New Site Specific Policy Hamilton Employment UHE – 15 Lands located at 575 Highland Road West, 655 Pritchard Road, and 1603 Rymal Road East, former City of Hamilton</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 575 Highland Road West, 655 Pritchard Road, and 1603 Rymal Road East the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>	<p>New Site Specific Policy Hamilton Employment UHE – 15 Lands located at 575 Highland Road West, 655 Pritchard Road, and 1603 Rymal Road East, former City of Hamilton</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 575 Highland Road West, 655 Pritchard Road, and 1603 Rymal Road East the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>

Appendix “A” – Volume 1: Chapter C – City Wide Systems and Designations

Proposed Change	Proposed New/Revised Policy
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<p>Insert new Policy C.3.2.1 g):</p> <p>C.3.2.1 The following uses shall be permitted in all land use designations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Conservation uses such as forest, wildlife and fisheries management provided the use complies with Section C.2.0 - Natural Heritage System; b) Utilities, municipal infrastructure and transportation facilities, corridors and easements, electrical facilities used directly for the generation distribution of electric power, natural gas and oil pipeline lines, telecommunication and new facilities approved under all relevant statutes, where the land(s) are less than 4 hectares in size, provided that the facility is not used for the purposes of maintenance or storage or railway yard; c) Wherever possible, the uses identified in C.3.2.1.b) shall be integrated with the general character of the surrounding uses through the provision of landscaping, screening and buffering, siting of structures, height control, and any other measures deemed to be appropriate by the City; d) Any operation of the Government of Canada, Province of Ontario of City of Hamilton, not described in Policy C.3.2.1 a) and b); e) Uses regulated for the purposes of Shipping and Navigation or uses incidental thereto, authorized by the Hamilton Harbour Commissioners Act, or any by-law, regulation or other provision adopted pursuant to the Hamilton Harbour Commissioners Act or other federal regulation; and f) <i>community gardens</i>; and 	<p>C.3.2.1 The following uses shall be permitted in all land use designations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Conservation uses such as forest, wildlife and fisheries management provided the use complies with Section C.2.0 - Natural Heritage System; b) Utilities, municipal infrastructure and transportation facilities, corridors and easements, electrical facilities used directly for the generation distribution of electric power, natural gas and oil pipeline lines, telecommunication and new facilities approved under all relevant statutes, where the land(s) are less than 4 hectares in size, provided that the facility is not used for the purposes of maintenance or storage or railway yard; c) Wherever possible, the uses identified in C.3.2.1.b) shall be integrated with the general character of the surrounding uses through the provision of landscaping, screening and buffering, siting of structures, height control, and any other measures deemed to be appropriate by the City; d) Any operation of the Government of Canada, Province of Ontario of City of Hamilton, not described in Policy C.3.2.1 a) and b); e) Uses regulated for the purposes of Shipping and Navigation or uses incidental thereto, authorized by the Hamilton Harbour Commissioners Act, or any by-law, regulation or other provision adopted pursuant to the Hamilton Harbour Commissioners Act or other federal regulation; f) <i>community gardens</i>; and

<p>g) Notwithstanding policies a) through f), the establishment of a new use on lands designated Employment Area shall conform to the definition of <i>Employment Area</i>.</p>	<p>g) Notwithstanding policies a) through f), the establishment of a new use on lands designated Employment Area shall conform to the definition of <i>Employment Area</i>.</p>
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Appendix "B" – Volume 1: Chapter E – Urban Systems and Designations

Proposed Change	Proposed New/Revised Policy
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<p>Insert new Policy E.2.8.2 and renumber subsequent policies:</p> <p>E.2.8.2 Lands within an <i>Employment Area</i>, comprised of one or more parcels of land, and currently used for a use(s) excluded from the definition of Area of Employment in paragraph 2 of subsection 1(1) of the <i>Planning Act</i> that were lawfully established on or before October 20, 2024, may continue to be used for such purposes pursuant to subsections 1(1.1) and (1.2) of the <i>Planning Act</i>.</p>	<p>E.2.8.2 Lands within an <i>Employment Area</i>, comprised of one or more parcels of land, and currently used for a use(s) excluded from the definition of Area of Employment in paragraph 2 of subsection 1(1) of the <i>Planning Act</i> that were lawfully established on or before October 20, 2024, may continue to be used for such purposes pursuant to subsections 1(1.1) and (1.2) of the <i>Planning Act</i>.</p>
<p>Insert new Policy E.2.8.3 and renumber subsequent policies:</p> <p>E.2.8.3 Lands described in Policy E.2.8.2, comprised of one or more parcels of land, shall continue to form part of an <i>Employment Area</i>.</p>	<p>E.2.8.3 Lands described in Policy E.2.8.2, comprised of one or more parcels of land, shall continue to form part of an <i>Employment Area</i>.</p>
<p>Insert new Policy E.2.8.4 and renumber subsequent policies:</p> <p>E.2.8.4 Notwithstanding the policies of Section E.2.8 – Employment Areas and Section E.5.0 – Employment Area Designations, the establishment of a new use on lands designated Employment Area shall conform to the definition of <i>Employment Area</i>.</p>	<p>E.2.8.4 Notwithstanding the policies of Section E.2.8 – Employment Areas and Section E.5.0 – Employment Area Designations, the establishment of a new use on lands designated Employment Area shall conform to the definition of <i>Employment Area</i>.</p>

Appendix “C” – Volume 1: Chapter F – Implementation

Proposed Change	Proposed New/Revised Policy
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<p>F.1.3.2 Special Policy Areas, Area Specific Policy Areas, and Site-Specific Policy Areas shall be prepared to implement this Plan and may amend Volume 1 as necessary. In the event of a conflict between any of these areas and Volume 1, the policy areas in Volume 3 shall prevail and take precedence provided the general goals and objectives of Volume 1 are maintained.</p> <p>a) Notwithstanding Policy F.1.3.2, Policies E.2.8.2 and E.2.8.3 of Volume 1 shall prevail over the policies of Volume 3 for all lands designated as an <i>Employment Area</i> on Schedule E-1 – Urban Land Use Designations.</p>	<p>F.1.3.2 Special Policy Areas, Area Specific Policy Areas, and Site-Specific Policy Areas shall be prepared to implement this Plan and may amend Volume 1 as necessary. In the event of a conflict between any of these areas and Volume 1, the policy areas in Volume 3 shall prevail and take precedence provided the general goals and objectives of Volume 1 are maintained.</p> <p>a) Notwithstanding Policy F.1.3.2, Policies E.2.8.2 and E.2.8.3 of Volume 1 shall prevail over the policies of Volume 3 for all lands designated as an <i>Employment Area</i> on Schedule E-1 – Urban Land Use Designations.</p>
<p>F.1.12.12 Lawfully established uses under Policy E.2.8.2 may be recognized in the Zoning By-law.</p>	<p>F.1.12.12 Lawfully established uses under Policy E.2.8.2 may be recognized in the Zoning By-law.</p>

Appendix “D” – Volume 1: Chapter G – Glossary

Proposed Change	Proposed New/Revised Policy
<p>Grey highlighted strikethrough text = text to be deleted</p>	<p>Bolded text = text to be added</p>
<p>Employment Area: Areas designated in an official plan for clusters of business and economic activities including, but not limited to, manufacturing, research and development in connection with manufacturing, warehousing, goods movement, offices and associated retail and office, and ancillary facilities. An employment area also includes areas of land described by subsection 1(1.1) of the Planning Act. Uses that are excluded from employment areas are institutional and commercial, including retail and office not associated with the primary employment use listed above (PPS, 2024).</p>	<p>Employment Area: Areas designated in an official plan for clusters of business and economic activities including manufacturing, research and development in connection with manufacturing, warehousing, goods movement, associated retail and office, and ancillary facilities. An employment area also includes areas of land described by subsection 1(1.1) of the Planning Act. Uses that are excluded from employment areas are institutional and commercial, including retail and office not associated with the primary employment use listed above (PPS, 2024).</p>

Appendix "E" – Volume 2: Chapter B – Section B.1.0 – General Policies

Proposed Change	Proposed New/Revised Policy
<p>Grey highlighted strikethrough text = text to be deleted</p>	<p>Bolded text = text to be added</p>
<p>B.1.2 The policies of Volume 1 and 3 shall apply to all secondary plans unless otherwise specified in the policies of this Volume. Where a discrepancy between the policies and/or designations exists, the policies and designations of the secondary plan shall prevail.</p> <p>a) Notwithstanding Policy B.1.2, Policies E.2.8.2 and E.2.8.3 of Volume 1 shall prevail over the policies of Volume 2 for lands within an Employment Area designation (e.g. Industrial Lands, Research District, Shipping and Navigation, Airport Light Industrial, Airport Prestige Business, Airport Related Business, Airside Industrial, Light Industrial, General Industrial, Business Park) on the land use plans appended to each Secondary Plan Area.</p>	<p>B.1.2 The policies of Volume 1 and 3 shall apply to all secondary plans unless otherwise specified in the policies of this Volume. Where a discrepancy between the policies and/or designations exists, the policies and designations of the secondary plan shall prevail.</p> <p>a) Notwithstanding Policy B.1.2, Policies E.2.8.2 and E.2.8.3 of Volume 1 shall prevail over the policies of Volume 2 for lands within an Employment Area designation (e.g. Industrial Lands, Research District, Shipping and Navigation, Airport Light Industrial, Airport Prestige Business, Airport Related Business, Airside Industrial, Light Industrial, General Industrial, Business Park) on the land use plans appended to each Secondary Plan Area.</p>

Appendix “F” – Volume 2: Chapter B – Stoney Creek Secondary Plans – Fruitland-Winona Secondary Plan – Section B.7.4.18 – Site Specific Policies

Proposed Change	Proposed New/Revised Policy
<p>Grey highlighted strikethrough text = text to be deleted Bolded text = text to be added</p>	
<p>B.7.4.18 Site Specific Policies Site Specific Policy – Area P B.7.4.18.16 For lands identified as Site Specific Policy – Area P on Map B.7.4.1 -Fruitland-Winona Secondary Plan – Land Use Plan, designated “Medium Density”, and municipally known as 1400 South Service Road, and shown on Site Specific Policy P on Map B.7.4.1 – the following policies shall apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Notwithstanding Policy E.3.5.8 building heights shall not exceed 16 storeys. b) A minimum of 2,750 square metres of non residential uses on the Business Park designation as shown in Part ‘A’ on Map B.7.4-1 – Fruitland-Winona Secondary Plan – Land Use Plan, shall be constructed prior to occupancy of a <i>multiple dwelling</i>, as shown in Part ‘B’ on Map B.7.4-1 – Fruitland -Winona Secondary Plan – Land Use Plan; and, c) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3 and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 and Policy B.1.2 a) shall not apply to Part ‘A’ on Map B.7.4-1 – Fruitland-Winona Secondary Plan – Land Use Plan. 	<p>Site Specific Policy – Area P B.7.4.18.16 For lands identified as Site Specific Policy – Area P on Map B.7.4.1 -Fruitland-Winona Secondary Plan – Land Use Plan, designated “Medium Density”, and municipally known as 1400 South Service Road, and shown on Site Specific Policy P on Map B.7.4.1 – the following policies shall apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Notwithstanding Policy E.3.5.8 building heights shall not exceed 16 storeys. b) A minimum of 2,750 square metres of non residential uses on the Business Park designation as shown in Part ‘A’ on Map B.7.4-1 – Fruitland-Winona Secondary Plan – Land Use Plan, shall be constructed prior to occupancy of a <i>multiple dwelling</i>, as shown in Part ‘B’ on Map B.7.4-1 – Fruitland -Winona Secondary Plan – Land Use Plan; and, c) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3 and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 and Policy B.1.2 a) shall not apply to Part ‘A’ on Map B.7.4-1 – Fruitland-Winona Secondary Plan – Land Use Plan.

Appendix "G" – Volume 2: Chapter B - Airport Employment Growth District –
 Section B.8.17 – Site Specific Policies

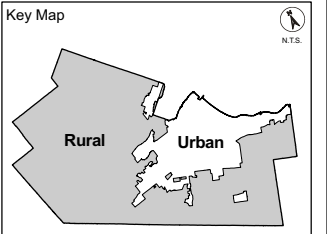
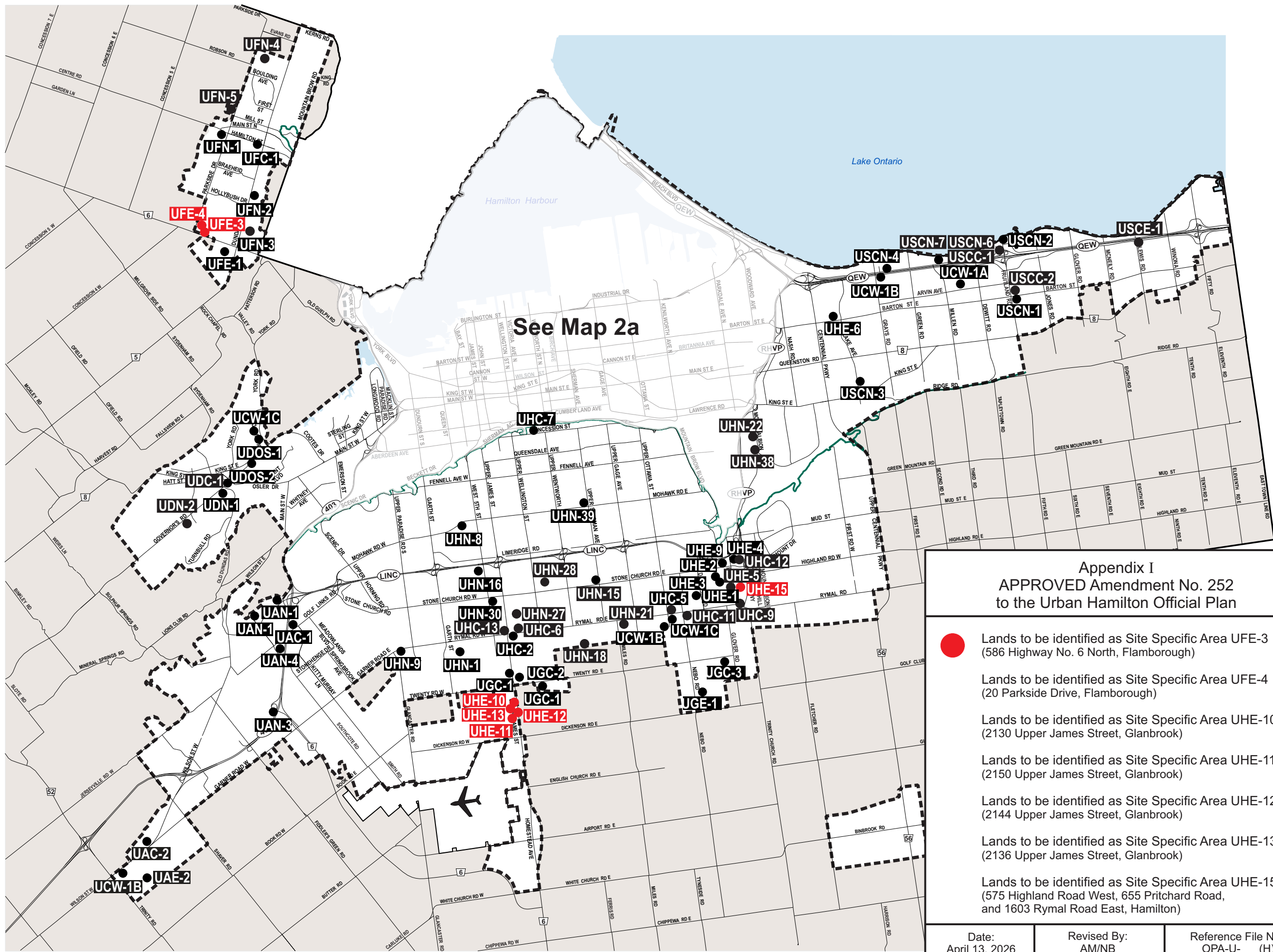
Proposed Change	Proposed New/Revised Policy
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<p>B.8.17 Site Specific Policies Site Specific Policy – Area D</p> <p>B.8.17.4 For the lands designated Institutional, located on the southeast corner of Garner Road East and Smith Road, and identified on Map B.8-1 – Airport Employment Growth District Land Use plan as Site Specific Policy – Area D, the following additional policies shall apply and be regulated by the Zoning By-law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) Residential uses shall be prohibited, except for ancillary uses, in accordance with Section E.6.2.4 of Volume 1, e) In addition to the permitted uses in Section E.6.2.2 of Volume 1, a trade school may be permitted, and f) Section E.6.2.6 of Volume 1 shall not apply. and g) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3 and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 and Policy B.1.2 a) shall not apply to the subject lands. 	<p>B.8.17 Site Specific Policies Site Specific Policy – Area D</p> <p>B.8.17.4 For the lands designated Institutional, located on the southeast corner of Garner Road East and Smith Road, and identified on Map B.8-1 – Airport Employment Growth District Land Use plan as Site Specific Policy – Area D, the following additional policies shall apply and be regulated by the Zoning By-law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Residential uses shall be prohibited, except for ancillary uses, in accordance with Section E.6.2.4 of Volume 1, b) In addition to the permitted uses in Section E.6.2.2 of Volume 1, a trade school may be permitted, and c) Section E.6.2.6 of Volume 1 shall not apply, and d) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3 and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 and Policy B.1.2 a) shall not apply to the subject lands.

Appendix “H” – Volume 3: Chapter C – Urban Site Specific Policies

Proposed Change	Proposed New/Revised Policy
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<p>New Site Specific Policy Flamborough <i>Employment</i> UFE – 3 Lands located at 586 Highway 6 North, former Town of Flamborough</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 586 Highway 6 North, the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>	<p>New Site Specific Policy Flamborough <i>Employment</i> UFE – 3 Lands located at 586 Highway 6 North, former Town of Flamborough</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 586 Highway 6 North, the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>
<p>New Site Specific Policy Flamborough <i>Employment</i> UFE – 4 Lands located at 20 Parkside Drive, former Town of Flamborough</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 20 Parkside Drive, the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>	<p>New Site Specific Policy Flamborough <i>Employment</i> UFE – 4 Lands located at 20 Parkside Drive, former Town of Flamborough</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 20 Parkside Drive, the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>
<p>New Site Specific Policy Hamilton <i>Employment</i> UHE – 10 Lands located at 2130 Upper James Street, former City of Hamilton</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park</p>	<p>New Site Specific Policy Hamilton <i>Employment</i> UHE – 10 Lands located at 2130 Upper James Street, former City of Hamilton</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park</p>

<p>Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 2130 Upper James Street the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>	<p>Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 2130 Upper James Street the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>
<p>New Site Specific Policy Hamilton Employment UHE – 11 Lands located at 2150 Upper James Street, former City of Hamilton</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 2150 Upper James Street the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>	<p>New Site Specific Policy Hamilton Employment UHE – 11 Lands located at 2150 Upper James Street, former City of Hamilton</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 2150 Upper James Street the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>
<p>New Site Specific Policy Hamilton Employment UHE – 12 Lands located at 2144 Upper James Street, former City of Hamilton</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 2144 Upper James Street the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>	<p>New Site Specific Policy Hamilton Employment UHE – 12 Lands located at 2144 Upper James Street, former City of Hamilton</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 2144 Upper James Street the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>
<p>New Site Specific Policy Hamilton Employment UHE – 13 Lands located at 2136 Upper James Street, former City of Hamilton</p>	<p>New Site Specific Policy Hamilton Employment UHE – 13 Lands located at 2136 Upper James Street, former City of Hamilton</p>

<p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 2136 Upper James Street the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>	<p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 2136 Upper James Street the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>
<p>New Site Specific Policy Hamilton Employment UHE – 14 Lands located at 386 Wilcox Street, former City of Hamilton</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.3 – Employment Area – Industrial Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Industrial, located at 386 Wilcox Street the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>	<p>New Site Specific Policy Hamilton Employment UHE – 14 Lands located at 386 Wilcox Street, former City of Hamilton</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.3 – Employment Area – Industrial Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Industrial, located at 386 Wilcox Street the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>
<p>New Site Specific Policy Hamilton Employment UHE – 15 Lands located at 575 Highland Road West, 655 Pritchard Road, and 1603 Rymal Road East, former City of Hamilton</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 575 Highland Road West, 655 Pritchard Road, and 1603 Rymal Road East the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>	<p>New Site Specific Policy Hamilton Employment UHE – 15 Lands located at 575 Highland Road West, 655 Pritchard Road, and 1603 Rymal Road East, former City of Hamilton</p> <p>1.0 In addition to the uses permitted in E.5.4 – Employment Area – Business Park Designation of Volume 1, on the lands designated Employment Areas – Business Park, located at 575 Highland Road West, 655 Pritchard Road, and 1603 Rymal Road East the following policies shall apply:</p> <p>a) Policies E.2.8.2, E.2.8.3, and E.2.8.4 of Volume 1 shall not apply to the subject lands.</p>



Note: For Rural Site Specific Areas, refer to Volume 3: Appendix A of the Rural Hamilton Official Plan.

Appendix I
APPROVED Amendment No. 252
to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan

Legend

- Site Specific Areas (SSA)
- U- Refers to Urban Site Specific Area #, Volume 3, Chapter B

Other Features

- Rural Area
- ✈ John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport
- Niagara Escarpment
- - - Urban Boundary
- Municipal Boundary

Council Adoption: July 9, 2009
 Ministerial Approval: March 16, 2011
 Effective Date: August 16, 2013

Urban Hamilton Official Plan
Volume 3: Map 2
Urban Site Specific Key Map

● Lands to be identified as Site Specific Area UFE-3 (586 Highway No. 6 North, Flamborough)

● Lands to be identified as Site Specific Area UFE-4 (20 Parkside Drive, Flamborough)

● Lands to be identified as Site Specific Area UHE-10 (2130 Upper James Street, Glanbrook)

● Lands to be identified as Site Specific Area UHE-11 (2150 Upper James Street, Glanbrook)

● Lands to be identified as Site Specific Area UHE-12 (2144 Upper James Street, Glanbrook)

● Lands to be identified as Site Specific Area UHE-13 (2136 Upper James Street, Glanbrook)

● Lands to be identified as Site Specific Area UHE-15 (575 Highland Road West, 655 Pritchard Road, and 1603 Rymal Road East, Hamilton)

Date:
April 13, 2026

Revised By:
AM/NB

Reference File No.:
OPA-U-___(H)

Authority: Item 9.6, Planning Committee Minutes 26-004 (PED26034)
CM: April 1, 2026 Ward: City Wide

Bill No. 083

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 26-

To Adopt:

**Official Plan Amendment No. 257 to the
Former City of Hamilton Official Plan**

Respecting:

**City-Initiated Official Plan Amendments for Phase 1 of the Employment Area
Review (City Wide)**

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. Amendment No. 257 to the former City of Hamilton Official Plan consisting of Schedule "1", hereto annexed and forming part of this by-law, is hereby adopted.

PASSED this 22nd day of April 2026

A. Horwath
Mayor

M. Trennum
City Clerk

Former City of Hamilton Official Plan Amendment No. 257

The following text constitutes Official Plan Amendment No. “257” to the former City of Hamilton Official Plan.

1.0 Purpose and Effect:

The purpose and effect of this Amendment is to:

- Amend the former City of Hamilton Official Plan to permit the continuation of lawfully established uses that are now excluded from locating within an Area of Employment as per the *Planning Act*.
- Amend the former City of Hamilton Official Plan to affirm that parcels which contain lawfully established non-conforming uses in an Area of Employment form part of an Area of Employment, as per the *Planning Act*.

2.0 Location:

The lands affected by this amendment are located within the West Harbour (Setting Sail) Secondary Plan area.

3.0 Basis:

The basis for permitting this Amendment is:

- To update the former City of Hamilton Official Plan to reflect updated policy direction of the *Planning Act* and Provincial Planning Statement, 2024.

4.0 Actual Changes:

4.1 Text Changes

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Text

4.1.1 Section A.2 – Land Use Concept

- a. That Section A.2 – Land Use Concept, Subsection A.2.11 - Shipping and Navigation Uses be amended by adding policies A.2.11.3, A.2.11.4 and A.2.11.5 (iv) to the former City of Hamilton Official Plan as follows and renumbering the subsequent policies:

“A.2.11.3 Notwithstanding Policies A.2.11.1 and A.2.11.2, the establishment of a new use on lands designated Shipping and Navigation on Schedule A – Land Use Concept shall conform to the definition of *Employment Area*.

A.2.11.4 Land within an Area of Employment, comprised of one or more parcels of land, and are currently used for uses(s) excluded from the definition of Area of Employment in paragraph 2 subsection 1(1) of the *Planning Act* and were lawfully established on or before October 20, 2024, may continue to be used for such purposes pursuant to subsection 1(1.1) and (1.2) of the *Planning Act*.

A.2.11.5(iv) Notwithstanding Policy A.2.11.5 i) through iii), Policies A.2.11.3 and A.2.11.4 shall apply to lands designated Special Shipping and Navigation on Schedule A – Land Use Concept.”

4.1.2 Section A.6 – Secondary Plans

- a. That Section A.6 – Secondary Plans, Subsection A.6.3 – West Harbour (Setting Sail) Secondary Plan be amended by adding Policy A.6.3.3.1.27 vii) to the former City of Hamilton Official Plan as follows:

“vii) Notwithstanding Policy A.6.3.3.1.27 i) through vi), Policies A.2.11.3 and A.2.11.4 shall apply.”

5.0 Implementation:

The policy amendments will be implemented through the submission of

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development applications which will give effect to the intended uses within Employment Areas.

This Official Plan Amendment is Schedule "1" to By-law No. 26-083 passed on the 22nd day of April, 2026.

**The
City of Hamilton**

A. Horwath
Mayor

M. Trennum
City Clerk

Authority: Item 9.6, Planning Committee Minutes 26-004 (PED26034)
CM: April 1, 2026 Ward: City Wide

Bill No. 084

CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 26-

To Adopt:

**Official Plan Amendment No. 50 to the
Former Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth Official Plan**

Respecting:

**City-Initiated Official Plan Amendments for Phase 1 of the Employment Area
Review (City Wide)**

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. Amendment No. 50 to the former Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth Official Plan consisting of Schedule "1", hereto annexed and forming part of this by-law, is hereby adopted.

PASSED this 22nd day of April, 2026

A. Horwath
Mayor

M. Trennum
City Clerk

Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth Official Plan Amendment No. 50

The following text constitutes Official Plan Amendment No. 50 to the former Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth Official Plan.

1.0 Purpose and Effect:

The purpose and effect of this Amendment is to:

- Amend the former Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth Official Plan to align with the new definition of “Area of Employment” in the *Planning Act* and “Employment Area” in the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024.

2.0 Location:

The lands affected by this amendment are located within the West Harbour (Setting Sail) Secondary Plan area.

3.0 Basis:

The basis for permitting this Amendment is:

- To update the former Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth Official Plan to reflect updated policy direction of the *Planning Act* and Provincial Planning Statement, 2024.

4.0 Actual Changes:

4.1 Text Changes

Text

4.1.1 That Section 11 – Definitions is amended by:

1. Adding a new definition for Employment Area accordingly:

Employment Area: Areas designated in an official plan for clusters of business and economic activities including manufacturing, research and development in connection with manufacturing, warehousing, goods movement, associated retail and office, and ancillary facilities. An employment area also includes areas of land described by subsection 1(1.1) of the *Planning Act*. Uses that are excluded from employment areas are institutional and commercial, including retail and office not associated with the primary employment use listed above.

5.0 Implementation:

The policy amendments will be implemented through the submission of development applications which will give effect to the intended uses within Employment Areas.

This Official Plan Amendment is Schedule “1” to By-law No. 26-084 passed on the 22nd day of April, 2026.

The City of Hamilton

A. Horwath
Mayor

M. Trennum
City Clerk

Written approval for this by-law was given by Mayoral Decision MDE-2026-08
Dated April 22, 2026

Bill No. 085

**CITY OF HAMILTON
BY-LAW NO.**

To Confirm the Proceedings of City Council at its meeting held on April 22, 2026.

**THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF HAMILTON
ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Action of City Council at its special meeting held on the 22nd day of April 2026 in respect of each recommendation contained in

HUVS 26-001 Hamilton Utilities Corporation Shareholder Minutes – April 7, 2026,
PWC 26-005 Public Works Committee Minutes – April 13, 2026,
PLC 26-005 Planning Committee Minutes – April 14, 2026,
GIC 26-006 General Issues Committee Minutes – April 15, 2026,

And

AFA 26-005 Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Minutes – April 16, 2026

considered by City of Hamilton Council at the said meeting, and in respect of each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by the City Council at its said meeting is hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.

2. The Mayor of the City of Hamilton and the proper officials of the City of Hamilton are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain approvals where required, and except where otherwise provided, the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to affix the Corporate Seal of the Corporation to all such documents.

PASSED this 22nd day of April, 2026.

A. Horwath
Mayor

M. Trennum
City Clerk