



**GREATER BAY AREA SUB-COMMITTEE  
REPORT 12-001  
Friday June 22, 2012  
10:00 a.m. Room 264  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West  
Hamilton, Ontario**

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Present: Councillor B. McHattie, Hamilton Councillor R. Craven,  
Co-Chair Burlington Co-Chair  
Mayor R. Bratina Mayor R. Goldring  
Councillor C. Collins

Absent with Regrets: Councillor J. Taylor – Personal Business

Also Present: C. Murray, City Manager for the City of Hamilton  
J. Fielding, City manager for the City of Burlington  
G. Bivol, Manager of Committee Services  
C. Newman, Legislative Coordinator

**THE GREATER BAY AREA SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 12-001 AND  
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

**A. APPOINTMENT OF CO-CHAIRS**

That Councillor Brian McHattie, be appointed as the City of Hamilton Co-Chair to the Greater Bay Area Sub-Committee for the 2010-2014 term of City Council.

That Councillor Rick Craven, be appointed as the City of Burlington Co-Chair to the Greater Bay Area Sub-Committee for the 2010-2014 term of City Council.

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE:**

**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

None

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

None

**(c) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 6)**

**(i) Terms of Reference (Item 6.1)**

The Committee discussed the development of the Terms of Reference. The Committee indicated an interest in having the Terms of Reference reflect the common goal of enticing economic prosperity to the Hamilton and Burlington area and collaborating in areas of common interest.

The development of a Terms of Reference for the Greater Bay Area Sub-Committee was referred to staff, taking into consideration the comments of the Committee members, for a report back at the next meeting.

**(ii) Economic Development (Item 6.2)**

The Committee discussed the need to have collaboration between their respecting economic development departments to find out what can be done to further promote cooperative economic development.

The General Managers of Economic Development from the City of Hamilton, and City of Burlington, were requested to report back to the Greater Bay Area Sub-Committee outlining the synergies, gaps and opportunities that are present between the two communities.

**(iii) Community Energy Plans (Item 6.3)**

The Committee members discussed the development of community energy plan, and what can be done to promote energy conservation.

**(iv) Transit (Item 6.4)**

The Committee discussed the number of individuals that travel between the two Cities on a regular basis, and the need to have the two transit authorities work together. The Committee discussed the development of LRT and the electrification of the west end, and the possibility of opening up discussions with the City of Mississauga and Town of Oakville for further collaboration. It was felt that two transit authorities should discuss the possibility of working together, towards community transit options.

**(v) Cootes to Escarpment Park System (Item 6.5)**

The Committee discussed the finances, work being done, and governance structure of the Royal Botanical Gardens, and what can be done to advance that agenda.

**(vi) Appointments to Port Authority (Item 6.6)**

The Burlington members of the Committee indicated that they should be consulted with respect to appointments to the Port Authority. Previously, the consultation has been very quick, and did not allow for any meaningful deliberation. The Committee requested that the Clerk's offices discuss the process prior to the next meeting.

**(vii) Randle Reef (Item 6.7)**

Staff indicated that discussions are ongoing with both the Provincial and Federal governments. A report will be coming forward in the fall, to both City Councils.

**(viii) Lift Bridge Walkway (Item 6.8)**

The Committee discussed the lift bridge walkway, and the opportunity of having pedestrian access in the Bay Area. Work is set to begin during the spring of 2013.

**(ix) LaSalle Park (Item 6.9)**

The Committee discussed the history of LaSalle Park, but indicated a need to find a solution with respect to its ownership. Currently the City of Burlington leases the Park from the City of Hamilton. The Committee discussed the possibility of having staff work together to seek out potential solutions that would work for both communities.

**(x) Interface between York Road and Plains Road (Item 6.10)**

Changes will be taking place to improve the Plains Road/York Boulevard interface. The Committee discussed the possibility working together to improve the area and transportation routes.

**(d) ADJOURNMENT (Item 9)**

With there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor B. McHattie, Co-Chair  
Greater Bay Area Sub-Committee

Christopher Newman  
Legislative Coordinator  
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