



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

MINUTES 12-025

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Deputy Mayor J. Partridge (Chair)
Mayor R. Bratina
Councillors B. Clark, C. Collins, S. Duvall, J. Farr,
L. Ferguson, T. Jackson, B. McHattie, S. Merulla, B. Morelli,
M. Pearson, R. Powers, R. Pasuta, T. Whitehead

Absent with Regrets: Councillor B. Johnson – Illness

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1. King Street West Business Improvement Area (B.I.A.) Revised Board of Management (PED11036(a)) (Ward 2) (Item 5.2)**

(Collins/Pearson)

That Lisa Hess be appointed to the King Street West B.I.A.'s Board of Management.

CARRIED

- 2. Economic Development Advisory Committee (PED12176) (Item 5.3)**

(Collins/Pearson)

(a) That the City's current Economic Development Advisory Committee be dissolved.

(b) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff investigate and report back to the General Issues Committee with respect to the potential of establishing an ad hoc Business Development Advisory Committee, building on the success of the Open for Business Task Force.

CARRIED

3. Transfer of Public Art Funds from Capital to Reserve (PED12173) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

(Collins/Pearson)

That \$100,000 be transferred from the 2010 Public Art Capital Account (No. 710158705) to the Public Art Reserve Fund Account (No. 108044) to meet increased future demand for Public Art projects and initiatives. **CARRIED**

4. Presentation – Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation, respecting the Province and OLG’s modernization plans for lottery and gaming in the Province of Ontario (Item 6.1)

(Ferguson/Morelli)

That the presentation by the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation respecting the Province and OLG’s modernization plans for lottery and gaming in the Province of Ontario be received. **CARRIED**

5. Presentation – Great Canadian Gaming Corporation respecting their Business Operations at Flamboro Downs (Item 6.2)

(Pearson/Collins)

That the presentation by Great Canadian Gaming Corporation respecting their business operations at Flamboro Downs, be received. **CARRIED**

6. Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Built Environment Standard (FCS12073a) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Clark/Jackson)

(a) That Report FCS12073a Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Built Environment Standard and Appendix A to Report FCS12073a containing the Comments on the Proposed Regulation to the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario, respecting the Proposed amendments to O. Reg. 119/11 (Integrated Accessibility Regulation) be submitted to the Ministry of Community and Social Services;

(b) That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Community and Social Services to request that the Province provide funding to assist Ontario municipalities with implementation of the requirements of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and its regulations;

- (c) That the Mayor correspond with the Federal Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development to request that the Federal Government provide funding to assist all municipalities with implementation of the accessibility improvements including the requirements of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and its regulations.

CARRIED

7. Citizen Engagement of Values Based Infrastructure Management Project (PW12068) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

(Pearson/Whitehead)

That Report PW12068 respecting Citizen Engagement of Values-Based Infrastructure Management Project, be received.

CARRIED

8. Establishment of a Sub-Committee – Request for Proposal for the Establishment of a Gaming Facility (New Business)

(Bratina/Pasuta)

That a sub-committee be established to develop conditions respecting Hamilton's position relative to the Request for Proposal for the Establishment of a Gaming Facility to be issued by the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation, and report back to the General Issues Committee.

CARRIED

9. Re-appropriation of Approved Funding from “Prince Phillip School – Repairs” to Project #7101249211 – Westdale Tennis Construction

(McHattie/Merulla)

That funding in the amount of \$100,000 from the Ward 1 Area Capital Special Re-Investment Reserve #108051 for the Prince Phillip School – Repairs, approved by Council on August 16, 2012 in approving Item 13 of General Issues Committee Report 12-021 (Appendix A-x of Report FCS12024(a)) be re-appropriated to Project #7101249211 – Westdale Tennis Construction.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

MOTIONS

- (i) Revised Item 9.1 respecting Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLGC) – Establishment of a Gaming Facility

(Pearson/Farr)

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

Item 6.1 Presentation – Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation, respecting the Province and OLGC's modernization plans for lottery and gaming in the Province of Ontario (

Councillor B. Clark declared an interest in this item as an immediately family member is employed by the OLGC. Councillor Clark abstained from the discussion and vote.

(c) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

(Bratina/McHattie)

That the June 28 (special) and July 6, 2012 minutes of the General Issues Committee meetings be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS

- (i) **Delegation Request from Maggie Hughes respecting Enbridge Pipelines (Item 4.1)**

(Ferguson/Collins)

That the delegation request from Maggie Hughes respecting Enbridge Pipelines, be approved.

CARRIED

(e) CONSENT ITEMS

- (i) **Minutes of Sub-Committees:**

(Collins/Pearson)

That the following Sub-Committee Minutes be received:

- (a) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities – June 12, 2012

CARRIED

(f) PUBLIC DELEGATIONS/HEARINGS

- (i) Tony Bitonti, Senior Manager, Media Relations Communications and Media Relations, Larry Flynn, Senior Vice President – Gaming and Jake Pastore, Manager of Community and Municipal Relations, Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLGC), respecting the Province and OLGC’s modernization plans for lottery and gaming in the Province of Ontario (Item 6.1)**

Larry Flynn, Senior Vice President, Gaming Division, Paul Pellizzari, Director, Policy and Social Responsibility, and Jake Pastore, Community and Municipal Relations, Gaming Portfolio Manager, Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation, provided a power point presentation respecting the Province and OLGC’s modernization plans for lottery and gaming in the Province of Ontario which addressed the following:

- OLG Background
- Lottery and Gaming in Ontario
- Life to Date Benefit Summary – City of Hamilton Benefit Summary (Life to date from October 2000)
- Current Gaming Sites in Ontario
- Comments from Ontario Mayors on Hosting a Gaming Site
- Modernizing Gaming in Ontario
- Zone SW9, which includes City of Hamilton, Halton Region (City of Burlington)
- Proposed Gaming Zone: City of Hamilton
- Potential Revenue to Community
- Requirements for Establishing a New Gaming Site
- Timeline
- Responsible Gambling in Ontario
- OLG Strategy: To Prevent and Mitigate Effects of Problem Gambling
- Responsible Gaming Plan to Support Modernization

A copy of the power point presentation is available for viewing on the City of Hamilton’s website.

Refer to Item 4 for the disposition of this item.

Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLGC) – Establishment of a Gaming Facility

(Merulla/Collins)

That Item 9.1, being a motion respecting Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLGC) – Establishment of a Gaming Facility, be tabled pending a response from the OLGC within the next four weeks, providing information respecting the following:

- (a) Will the OLGC/Province support Hamilton's endeavour of seeking out a referendum for the 2014 Municipal election;
- (b) Will the OLGC/Province establish and extend the lease for Flamboro Downs until such time as the results of a referendum are known;
- (c) Will the City of Hamilton be involved in the City building initiatives should a casino be successfully supported by a referendum;
- (d) A revenue generation formula for the City;
- (e) A boundaries update;
- (f) An explanation on how the Orillia arrangement was made and whether or not there are opportunities for Hamilton to enter into the same arrangement;
- (g) If Hamilton does pursue a referendum prior to 2014 Municipal election, will the Provincial government fund the cost.

The Motion to Table with instructions **CARRIED** on the following Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas: Bratina, Partridge, McHattie, Morelli, Merulla, Collins, Jackson, Duvall, Whitehead, Pasuta, Powers, Ferguson, Pearson
Total: 13
Nays: 0
Absent: Farr, Johnson
Total: 2
Abstention: Clark
Total: 1

Establishment of a Sub-Committee – Request for Proposal for the Establishment of a Gaming Facility (New Business)

The Motion **CARRIED** on the following Recorded Vote:

Yeas: Bratina, Partridge, Morelli, Merulla, Collins, Jackson, Duvall, Whitehead, Pasuta, Powers, Ferguson, Pearson
Total: 12
Nays: McHattie
Total: 1
Absent: Farr, Johnson
Total: 2
Abstention: Clark
Total: 1

- (ii) **Rod Baker, President and CEO, Vic Poleschuk, Senior Vice President, and Bruce Barbour, Executive Director, Racing Operations, Great Canadian Gaming Corporation (GCGC), respecting their business operations at Flamboro Downs and to provide their position respecting the Province and OLG's modernization plans for lottery and gaming in the Province of Ontario (Item 6.2)**

Rod Baker, President and Chief Executive Officer, Vic Poleschuk, Senior Vice President, Operations – East, and Bruce Barbour, Executive Director, Racing Operations, Great Canadian Gaming Corporation (GCGC), provided a power point presentation respecting the business operations at Flamboro Downs which addressed the following:

- Corporate Overview: Financial Highlights
- Partnership Model in Canada
- Coast-to-Coast Operations, including River Rock Casino Resort in Richmond, B.C., Boulevard Casino in Coquitlam, B.C., Fraser Downs Casino in Surrey, B.C.
- Ontario Overview, including Georgian Downs in Innisfil, Ontario and Flamboro Downs
- Flamboro Downs Highlights: Annual slot revenue; revenue to Hamilton; local goods and services; local payroll; capital invested by GCGC; employment, GCGC employee demographics
- Future of Flamboro Downs
- Horse Racing Industry Transition Panel
- Panel's Key Findings
- GCGC's Position.

A copy of the presentation was distributed to the Committee and is available for viewing on the City of Hamilton's website.

Refer to Item 5 for the disposition of this item.

(g) PRESENTATIONS

- (i) **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Built Environment Standard (FCS12073a) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

Jane Lee, Director of Access and Equity, provided an overview of a proposed amendments to the integrated standard, which includes the design for public spaces (built environment standard).

The Committee was presented with a power point presentation which addressed the following:

- AODA Regulations
- Design for Public Spaces (Built Environment Standard)
 - Intent of the Act and Regulations
 - Implementation Requirements
 - Elements included in the standard for design for public spaces regulations
 - Items changed from previous draft
 - Impacts on Departments
 - Cost implications of this standard
 - Overall costs of meeting accessibility standards
 - Changes proposed – areas of concerns, summary found in Appendix “A”
- Review of Recommendations contained in Report FCS12073(a).

A copy of the presentation was distributed and is available for viewing on the City of Hamilton website.

(Pearson/Whitehead)

That the presentation respecting the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Built Environment Standard be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Citizen Engagement of Values Based Infrastructure Management Project (PW12068) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

Chris Murray provided introductory remarks and the context for the presentation and stated that the purpose of the Citizen Engagement of Values-Based Infrastructure Management Program is to enhance the understanding of citizen engagement. This project is not just about roads and bridges, but about all of the services that the City provides to its citizens and knowing what people think is critical to assist staff in focusing on the areas that require improvement. Mr. Murray also stressed the point that it is important to engage the public when talking about quality public services.

John Murray, Manager of Asset Management, with the assistance of a power point presentation, provided information on the following:

- Project Background
- The Asset Management Goal
- General Project Overview
- Phase 2 Engagement – All City Infrastructure
- Project Branding.

A copy of the presentation was distributed to the Committee and is available for viewing on the City of Hamilton’s website.

(Pearson/Whitehead)

That the presentation respecting Citizen Engagement of Value-Based Infrastructure Management Project, be received. **CARRIED**

Refer to Item 7 for the disposition of this item.

**(iii) 2013 Tax Budget Guideline and Preliminary Outlook (FCS12065)
(City Wide) (Item 7.3)**

Due to loss of quorum, this presentation was deferred to the special General Issues Committee meeting scheduled on September 28, 2012.

(h) NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor B. McHattie introduced the following Notice of Motion:

Re-appropriation of Approved Funding from “Prince Phillip School – Repairs” to Project #7101249211 – Westdale Tennis Construction

That funding in the amount of \$100,000 from the Ward 1 Area Capital Special Re-Investment Reserve #108051 for the Prince Phillip School – Repairs, approved by Council on August 16, 2012 in approving Item 13 of General Issues

Committee Report 12-021 (Appendix A-x of Report FCS12024(a)) be re-appropriated to Project #7101249211 – Westdale Tennis Construction.

(Powers/Pearson)

That the Rules of Order be waived in order to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Re-appropriation of Approved Funding from “Prince Phillip School – Repairs” to Project #7101249211 – Westdale Tennis Construction.

CARRIED

See Item 9 for the disposition of this item.

(i) ITEMS DEFERRED TO OCTOBER 3, 2012 GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING

Due to loss of quorum, the following items were deferred to the October 3, 2012 General Issues Committee meeting:

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- (i) Cell Tower Lease/Licence Agreements: Revenue Policy (FCS12063) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List) (Item 8.1)

- (ii) Health Impacts Reducing Interim Federal Health Program (BOH12023) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List) (Item 8.2)
- (iii) Hamilton Downtown/West Harbourfront Remediation Loan program Application (RLP-12-02) and Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant Application (ERG-12-03) – 134 Cannon Street East (PED12174) (Ward 2) (Item 8.3)
- (iv) Accelerate Shovel-ready Strategy for Industrial Servicing and Transportation (ASSIST) Incentive Program Review (PED12171) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

- (v) Outstanding Business (Item 11.1(a) and (b))

PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

- (vi) Acquisition of 2555 Creekside Drive, Dundas, from 1475780 Ontario Inc. (Alterra (Spencer Creek) Ltd./Richard Liebttag) (PED12172) (Ward 13) (Item 12.2)

(j) ADJOURNMENT

Due to loss of quorum, the Committee adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor J. Partridge
Deputy Mayor

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Co-ordinator
Office of the City Clerk