

CITY OF HAMILTON

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Tourism and Culture Division

TO: Mayor and Members General Issues Committee	WARD(S) AFFECTED: CITY WIDE
COMMITTEE DATE: December 5, 2012	
SUBJECT/REPORT NO: Donation of Gandhi Statue (PED12240) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)	
SUBMITTED BY: Tim McCabe General Manager Planning and Economic Development Department	PREPARED BY: Anna M. Bradford (905) 546-2424 Ext. 3967
SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the Mahatma Gandhi Statue, gifted by the Government of India to the City of Hamilton, be located on the grounds of City Hall, as shown in Appendix A to Report PED12240;
- (b) That the costs of installing the Mahatma Gandhi Statue be funded from Capital Project Id 7101058710 - Monuments;
- (c) That the Donation of the Gandhi Statue item be identified as completed and removed from the General Issues Committee Outstanding Business List.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In September 2012, the Gandhi Peace Festival Organization and McMaster University Centre for Peace Studies approached the City with a proposal to accept a Mahatma Gandhi statute offered, by donation, from the Government of India. The proposal for donation is attached as Appendix B to Report PED12240.

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A motion was crafted by Councillor McHattie and approved at the June 13, 2012 Council meeting. The approved motion directed:

- a) That the donation of a Gandhi statue from the Government of India be formally accepted;
- b) That staff report back on the placing of the statue on the City Hall grounds, including any costs for mounting the statue.

Placing of Statute

A suitable site, located on City Hall's west side lawn close to Bay Street, has been agreed to by the donor, Municipal Heritage, Forestry and Facilities staff. A location map is attached as Appendix A to Report PED12240.

Cost of Mounting Statue

The cost to install the statue is approximately \$45,000. Funds are available for the mounting of the statue in Capital Project Id 7101058710 - Monuments.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: The cost to install the Mahatma Gandhi statue is approximately \$45,000. This includes:

- \$1,000 customs and taxes (approximate);
- \$5,000 Museum Pros: pick up from the airport, temporary install at City Hall for the Peace Festival, construction of the platform, storage until the Spring when it will be permanently installed and delivery when permanent foundation is in place;
- \$10,000 MHBC Planning: engineer drawings for foundation, consultation on heritage landscape issues, tender documents for permanent installation, retrofit of sculpture to prepare for install;
- \$25,000 (approximate Request For Quotation (RFQ) will be issued based on drawings and specs) excavation, concrete foundation, landscape work around sculpture; and,
- \$4,000 contingency.

Staffing: There are no staffing implications associated with the recommendations in Report PED12240.

Legal: There are no legal implications associated with the recommendations in Report PED12240.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Mahatma Gandhi is one of the best known leaders and transcendental figures of the world. Mahatma means 'Great Soul' and this has been proved by not only his actions

throughout his life but also by the recognition of his philosophy of non-violence the world over. Recognizing his contribution during the 20th century, October 2, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi was declared as 'the International Day of Non-Violence' in 2007 by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Different countries remember him by organizing different programs every year and over 70 countries have installed statues of Mahatma Gandhi.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

City Hall is designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. A Heritage Permit will have to be applied for and approved before any installation can commence.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Internal Consultation

Councillor Brian McHattie, Ward 1, City of Hamilton

Manager, Forestry and Horticulture, Environmental Services, Operations and Waste Management, Public Works Department

Senior Conservator, Tourism and Culture, Planning and Economic Development Department

Accommodations Planning and Design Technician, Facility Services, Transportation, Energy and Facilities, Public Works Department

Cultural Heritage Planner, Community Planning and Design, Planning, Planning and Economic Development Department

Facilities Supervisor, Facility Services, Transportation, Energy and Facilities, Public Works Department

External Consultation

Wendy Shearer, Landscape Architect, MHBC Planning Urban Design & Landscape Architecture

Dr. Rama Singh, Chair, Gandhi Peace Festival

ANALYSIS / RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Several locations on the grounds of City Hall were investigated to determine the best location for the permanent installation of the Gandhi statue. The selection of the

permanent location for the sculpture was made balancing several factors which included:

- visibility;
- proximity to walkways;
- close to seating for the visiting public who will want to enjoy the sculpture;
- minimum damage to the recently installed landscape finishes, namely the stairs and concrete and paver walkways;
- minimum disruption of the root zone of the existing trees on the site;
- no conflict with the underground utilities; and,
- no removal of the hedging which is part of the original planting in this designated landscape.

The method of constructing the footing was also a consideration since the most economical method of installation of the 500 kg sculpture is to set it on a reinforced concrete footing which will be approximately 1 m by 1.2 m and requiring an excavation of approximately 1.5 m by 2 m with a depth of 1.5 m. This size will require 3 cubic metres of concrete. A loaded concrete truck weighs 60,000 pounds, therefore the permanent location should be accessible from the edge of the site where the concrete truck can be parked for delivery. The structural engineer did suggest that the concrete could be transported, if required, from the truck to the location using the bucket of a loader, however the critical factor is timing as the concrete cannot be used if the length of time is greater than 2 hours maximum from the time of leaving the concrete plant.

All contract documents will contain detailed instructions to the contractor about the management and restoration of the site, the use of rubber tired vehicles and the protection of existing finishes and vegetation.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Not applicable.

CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN (Linkage to Desired End Results)

Focus Areas: 1. Skilled, Innovative and Respectful Organization, 2. Financial Sustainability, 3. Intergovernmental Relationships, 4. Growing Our Economy, 5. Social Development, 6. Environmental Stewardship, 7. Healthy Community

Social Development

- ◆ People participate in all aspects of community life without barriers or stigma

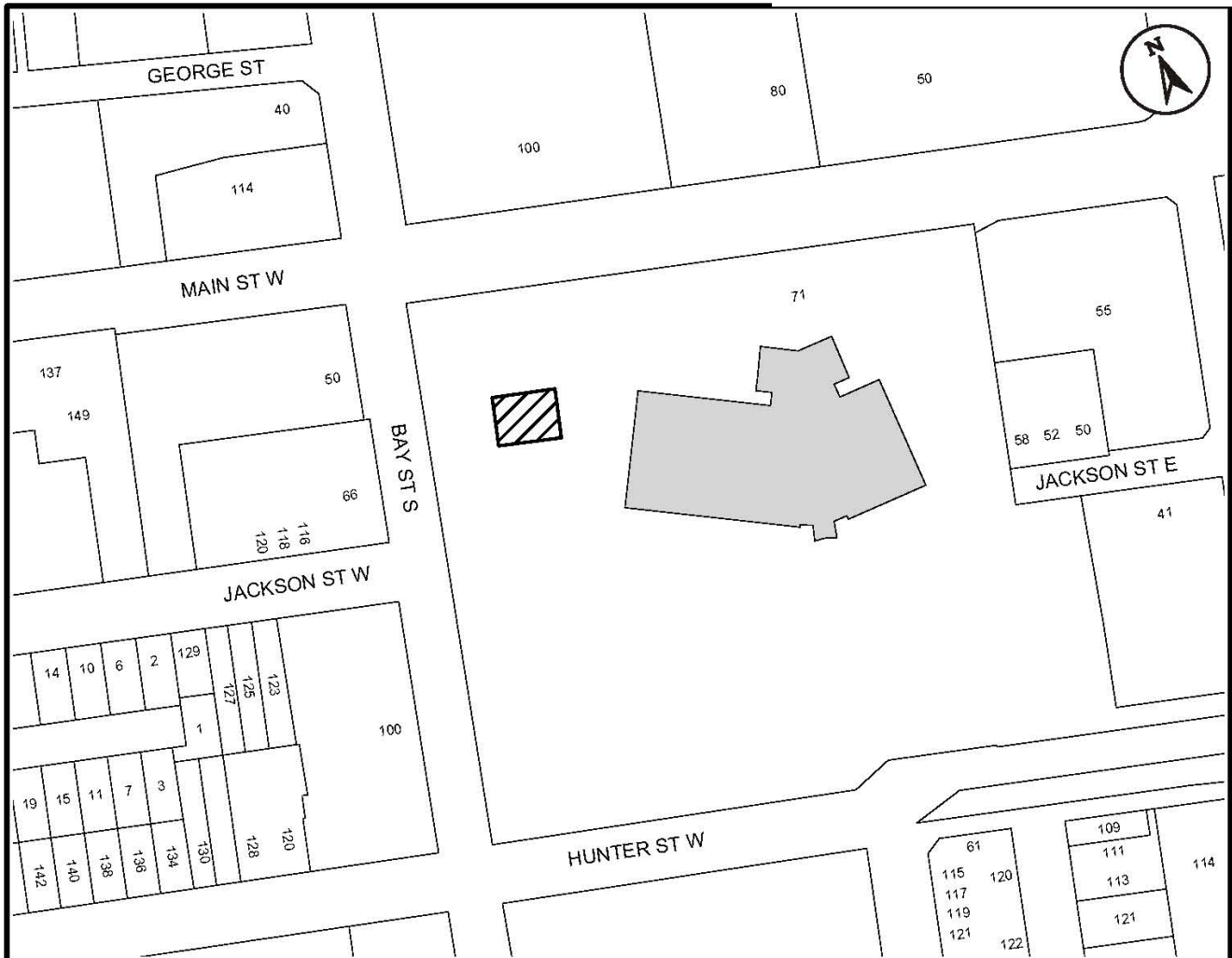
Healthy Community

- ◆ Plan and manage the built environment
- ◆ An engaged Citizenry

APPENDICES / SCHEDULES

Appendix A to Report PED12240 – Location map for permanent installation of Gandhi statue

Appendix B to Report PED12240 – A Community Proposal: To install a Statue of Mahatma Gandhi in the City of Hamilton



Location Map



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File Name/Number:
PED12240-Appendix A

Date:
November 14, 2012

Appendix "A"

Scale:
N.T.S.

Planner/Technician:
RO/AL

Subject Property

 Proposed site of Statue of Gandhi

On the occasion of the landmark celebration of

The Twentieth Annual Gandhi Peace Festival

A Community Proposal:

To install a Statue of Mahatma Gandhi in the City of Hamilton

May 5, 2012

The Background

Annual Gandhi Peace Festival was launched with a big function at the City Hall in 1993 and this year we will be celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Gandhi Peace Festival in our great city. In addition to hosting the Peace Festival, we helped raise funds to endow an Annual Gandhi Lecture on Nonviolence at the Centre for Peace Studies, McMaster University. The city of Hamilton and McMaster University are seen, nationally and internationally, one of the most active places engaged in peace related work anywhere. We helped launch several peace initiatives including a 'writing for peace' contest for local high school students, a "Mac Peace Week" celebration at McMaster, and a Distinguished Community Service Award for recognizing people for their contributions in the area of to peace, nonviolence and social justice. We thank the City of Hamilton, McMaster University, Hamilton community and of course the countless number of dedicated individuals and volunteers who over the years have worked hard and contributed to the success of the Gandhi Peace Festival. We do it because take pride in our city.

The Request

Gandhi Peace Festival is a unique institution of its kind in Canada or anywhere in the world and the 20th anniversary calls for a special celebration and recognition. We are requesting that in recognition of the value of the Peace Festival, the City approves the installation of a Statue of Gandhi in the city of Hamilton. The statue will not only honour Gandhi and recognize the dedicated work of thousands in the community; it would be a befitting addition to the newly dedicated Peace Garden in our city. The statue will be an auspicious beginning of a major peace project in our city that would ultimately see, we hope, an International Centre and a Museum of Living Peace. The Gandhi Statue would be catalyst and inspiration for much to come.

The Cost

Once the request is approved, we will approach the Government of India for donating the statue as a gift. The Consul General India (Toronto) has been a great supporter of all our efforts and we will work through their office. At the most the city may be expected to bear the cost of the installation which would not be very much.

We hope the city would see wisdom in our proposal and approve it quickly. We would like to move fast to be able to get the Statue installed in time for the festival in early October, 2012. I am available to provide additional information and/or meet to answer any questions.

With best wishes,

Rama Singh

Chair - Gandhi Peace Festival

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