



**General Issues Committee
MINUTES
Presentation 1:30 p.m.
Public Delegations - 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 21, 2013
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West**

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

Absent with Regrets: R. Powers, City business

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised of the following:

(i) The following delegation request has been withdrawn:

4.3 Status of Women Committee

(ii) The following delegation requests were added:

4.4 Andy MacLaren, Chair of the Waterdown/Mill Street Heritage Committee regarding the century old house (Zimmerman House) at Courtcliff Park.

4.5 Tammy Taylor and James Pichette, respecting the Housing Stability Benefit

4.6 Stan Haworth

4.7 Don McLean

- 4.8 Bill Simone, Vice-Chair of the Beasley Neighbourhood Association.
- 4.9 Roman Sarachman
- 4.10 Bob Green Innes
- 4.11 Jim Sweetman
- 4.12 Larry Pomerantz, Hamilton Civic League

(Morelli/Ferguson)

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. PRESENTATION

3.1 Hamilton Police Services Budget

Nancy DeGregorio, Chair of the Police Services Board, provided opening remarks. Chief Glenn De Caire introduced Deputy Chief Ken Leendertse, Deputy Chief Eric Girt, Ted Mason, Chief Accountant and John Randazzo, Assistant Accountant.

Chief De Caire presented the Hamilton Police Services Budget and copies of the hand-out with a revised addendum were distributed and a copy has been uploaded onto the City's website and has been included in the Clerk's file for the public record. The topics that he covered included the following:

- 2013 Operating Budget – Original Submission;
- 2013 Operating Budget – Revised;
- 2013 Operating Budget – Staffing required;
- 2013 Operating Budget – Staffing request;
- Funding request details;
- History of Research;
- Hamilton Police Service Initiatives;
- 2013 Operating Budget request;
- 2007 – 2012 Budget Comparisons – OMBI;
- Police responsibilities (PSA);

- Hamilton Police Service – continuing to drive advances in policing;
- 10 Year Crime Rates;
- OMBI Total violent crime (2009 – 2011);
- 10 year crime severity indexes;
- What we know;
- 10 Year calls-for service trend;
- Demand for service;
- Action analysis
- Persons arrested;
- Increased safety;
- Authorized strength (2001 - 2012) grants in;
- Authorized strength (1999 – 2011) grants out;
- Police Officer/ 100,000 persons (2011);
- Demand on Resources;
- No units available;
- Building permits;
- Increased visibility;
- Enforcement increasing;
- Traffic enforcement up;
- Collisions down;
- What we know;
- Stats Canada population increase;
- Workload analysis increase;
- City assessment 0.8%;
- 2013 Budget request.

Chief De Caire and his staff responded to questions from Committee. The Committee thanked the Chief for his presentation and for the service provided by his department. They also thanked the members of the Police Services Board.

(Whitehead/Clark)

That the presentation by Chief De Caire respecting the Police Services Budget be received.

CARRIED

As the designated time to hear the delegations was surpassed, Committee approved the following motion:

(Collins/Jackson)

That the debate respecting the Hamilton Police Services Budget be deferred until after the delegations have been heard.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

4.1 Bill Tufts, Fair Pensions For All

Bill Tufts addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. He indicated that he is with an organization called Fair Pension for All. His presentation has been uploaded onto the City's website and a copy has been retained in the Clerk's file for the City's record.

He highlighted the OMERS shortfall which will affect pensions and suggested that the City develop a plan for funding the pensions, lobby the Province for sustainability or convert employees to a DC plan.

(Whitehead/Clark)

That the presentation from Bill Tufts be received.

CARRIED

4.2 Joey Coleman

Joey Coleman was in attendance and in the interest of time requested that his delegation be referred to a future General Issues Committee budget meeting.

(Ferguson/Clark)

That the delegation request form Joey Coleman be referred to a future General Issues Committee budget meeting.

CARRIED

4.3 Status of Women Committee

The request from the Status of Women Committee was withdrawn

4.4 Andy MacLaren, Chair, of the Waterdown/Mill Street Heritage Committee

Andy MacLaren, Chair of the Waterdown/Mill Street Heritage Committee addressed the Committee and read from a prepared statement copies of which were distributed and a copy was uploaded onto the City's website and is included in the Clerk's file as part of the official record. Rob Posavad who is a member of the Waterdown/Mill Street Heritage Committee accompanied Andy MacLaren at the podium.

Mr. MacLaren proposed that the Abbey Zimmerman House, which is a century stone house built circa 1847 be purchased by Rob Posavad who will restore the house to its original condition. This would require severing the house from the parkland. The complication is that the property is located in the Greenbelt. He displayed photos of the house.

Councillor Judi Partridge will follow-up with staff to address this issue.

(Partridge/Johnson)

That the presentation from Andy MacLaren be received.

CARRIED

4.5 Tammy Taylor and James Pichette, respecting the Housing Stability Benefit

Not in attendance.

4.6 Stan Haworth

Mr. Haworth appeared before the Committee and read from a prepared statement, copies of which were distributed and a copy has been uploaded onto the City's website and has been retained in the Clerk's file as part of the public record.

He spoke to a number of issues including:

- The City's sizeable capital deficit;
- The City's bad publicity;
- Area rating;
- Corporate pensions;
- Amalgamation review;
- The Abbey Zimmerman stone house in Carlisle.

(Pearson/Partridge)

That the presentation from Stan Haworth be received.

CARRIED

4.7 Don McLean

Don McLean addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation copies of which were distributed and have been uploaded onto the City's website. He is concerned with climate change and with the decrease in transit ridership. He indicated that the City needs to

invest more in its transportation system, such as by adding more buses.

(Jacksons/Collins)

That the presentation from Don McLean be received.

CARRIED

4.8 Bill Simone, Vice-Chair of the Beasley Neighbourhood Association.

Bill Simone addressed Committee and advised that he is a resident of Hamilton. He read from a prepared statement copies of which were distributed and a copy has been uploaded onto the City's website and is also in the Clerk's file as part of the public record. He referred to the website of Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of New York City and his campaign against using Styrofoam for food take-out and indicated that he is in support of this initiative.

Bill Simone then addressed Committee as the Vice-Chair of the Beasley Neighbourhood Association and read from a prepared statement, copies of which were distributed and a copy has been uploaded onto the City's website and has been retained in the Clerk's file for the public record. He indicated that the Beasley streets are noisy and busy and Cannon Street cuts the neighbourhood in half. He spoke in support of two-way street conversion.

(Morelli/Jackson)

That the presentation from Bill Simone be received.

CARRIED

4.9 Roman Sarachman

Roman Sarachman, addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. He made a variety of comments respecting issues affecting the budget and Flamborough in particular. A copy has been uploaded onto the City's website and has been included in the Clerk's file for the official record.

(Partridge/Ferguson)

That the presentation from Roman Sarachman be received.

CARRIED

4.10 Bob Green Innes

Bob Green Innes addressed Committee and read from a prepared statement a copy of which was submitted for the Clerk's file and has been uploaded onto the City's website.

He suggested that due to the state of the economy taxes should be lowered.

(Clark/Merulla)

That the presentation from Bob Green Innes be received. **CARRIED**

4.11 Jim Sweetman

Jim Sweetman advised that he is a retired chemical engineer living in Dundas. He addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. Copies of the hand-out were distributed and have been uploaded onto the City's website and a copy has been retained in the Clerk's file for the official record.

He covered the following topics:

- Affordability
- Sustainability
- De-commissioning

(Clark/Pearson)

That the presentation from Jim Sweetman be received. **CARRIED**

4.12 Larry Pomerantz, Hamilton Civic League

Larry Pomerantz indicated that he is from the Hamilton Civic League. He read from a prepared statement copies of which were distributed and a copy has been uploaded onto the City website and has been included in the Clerk's file for the official record.

His suggestions were:

- Service related
- Infrastructure/Growth/Assessment related
- Employee related

(Duvall/Morelli)

That the presentation from Larry Pomerantz be received.

CARRIED

There being no further delegations, the Committee resumed debating the Police Services Board budget.

(Ferguson/Johnson)

That the Police Services Board Budget be TABLED to a future General issues Budget meeting in order to get further clarification on the budget figures.

CARRIED

5. ADJOURNMENT

(Johnson/Pearson)

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor R. Pasuta, Deputy Mayor
General Issues Committee

Ida Bedioui, Co-ordinator
Office of the City Clerk