



## **SPECIAL GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 13-006**

9:30 a.m.

Monday, February 25, 2013

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with  
Regrets:** Councillor R. Powers – City Business

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### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**1. Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton (PW13014) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

**(Collins/Jackson)**

- (a) That Report PW13014 be submitted, including Appendix A, “Rapid Ready - Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton (January 2013)”, as the City of Hamilton’s submission to Metrolinx in accordance with the Contribution Agreement between the City and Metrolinx, with the understanding that the funding requirements for Hamilton’s public transportation program are:
- (i) 100% capital and any upset net operating levy impact for Light Rail Transit;
  - (ii) growth funding for the overall public transportation program, as summarized on Pages 43 and 44 of Appendix A to Report PW03014 (refer to Investment Plan Tab), necessary to support a successful Light Rail Transit system.

- (b) That the Work Plan detailed in the Appendix A to Report PW03014 be used as the basis for future budget submissions.
- (c) That the correspondence requesting the reimbursement of the total funding allocated by the City of Hamilton to the transit initiative sent to John Howe, Vice President Investment Strategy & Project Evaluation Metrolinx from Don Hull, Director of Transportation on May 3, 2012, as directed by Council on October 26, 2011, Item 1 of General Issues Committee Report 11-030, be resubmitted with a request that Metrolinx provide a formal response.
- (d) That the Medical Officer of Health be directed to consult with Health Care Institutions to obtain their input on Hamilton Specific Health Impacts for purposes of supporting the City's Public Transportation Program as outlined in Report PW13014.

**CARRIED as Amended**

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:**

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

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

1. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 3.1 Delegation Request from David Adames respecting Item 5.1, Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton (PW13014) (City Wide)
- 3.2 Delegation Request from Sara Mayo respecting Item 5.1, Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton (PW13014) (City Wide)

**(Ferguson/Collins)**

That the agenda for the February 25, 2013 Special General Issues Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

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

There were no declarations of interest.

**(c) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 3)**

- (i) Delegation Request from David Adames respecting Item 5.1, Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton (PW13014) (City Wide) (Item 3.1)**

**(Pearson/Ferguson)**

That the delegation request from David Adames, respecting Item 5.1, Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton (PW13014) (City Wide), be approved and that the rules of order be suspended in order to allow the opportunity for the presentation to be provided at today's meeting.

**CARRIED**

- (ii) Delegation Request from Sara Mayo respecting Item 5.1, Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton (PW13014) (City Wide) (Item 3.2)**

**(Collins/McHattie)**

That the delegation request from Sara Mayo, respecting Item 5.1, Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton (PW13014) (City Wide), be approved and that the rules of order be suspended in order to allow the opportunity for the presentation to be provided at today's meeting.

**CARRIED**

**(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 5)**

- (i) Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton (PW13014) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

Don Hull, Director of Transit provided an overview of the report with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the public record and is available for viewing on the City of Hamilton website.

Chris Murray, City Manager addressed the Committee and provided a high level overview of Regional and Corporate Strategic Perspective.

Christine Newbold, Policy Planning Division, addressed the Committee respecting the Setting and Planning Context.

Dr. Neil Tran, Associate Medical Officer of Health, addressed the Committee respecting Transportation and Health.

Don Hull, Director of Transit, addressed the Committee respecting expanding Transportation Choices in Hamilton.

**(Ferguson/Johnson)**

That the staff presentation respecting Report PW13014, Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton, be received.

**CARRIED**

Delegations:

(aa) David Adames

David Adames, President and CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, presented his comments respecting Report PW13014, Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton and provided Committee members with a handout. A copy of the handout has been included in the official record.

**(Ferguson/Pearson)**

That the presentation from David Adames, President and CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting Report PW13014, Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton, be received.

**CARRIED**

(bb) Sara Mayo

Sara Mayo, Social Planning and Research Council presented her comments, respecting Report PW13014, Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton and provided Committee members with a handout. A copy of the handout has been included in the official record.

**(Pearson/Morelli)**

That the presentation from Sara Mayo, Social Planning and Research Council, respecting Report PW13014, Rapid Ready – Expanding Mobility Choices in Hamilton, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(Collins/Jackson)**

That the following amendments be made to the motion:

- (i) That sub-section (a)(i) be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
  - (a)(i) 100% capital and any upset net operating levy impact for Light Rail Transit.
- (ii) That a sub-section (c) be added to read as follows:

- (c) That the correspondence requesting the reimbursement of the total funding allocated by the City of Hamilton to the transit initiative sent to John Howe, Vice President Investment Strategy & Project Evaluation Metrolinx from Don Hall, Director of Transportation on May 3, 2012, as directed by Council on October 26, 2011 by Item 1 of General Issues Committee Report 11-030, be resubmitted with a request that Metrolinx provide a formal response.
  
- (iii) That a sub-section (d) be added to read as follows:
  - (d) That the Medical Officer of Health be directed to consult with Health Care Institutions to obtain their input on Hamilton Specific Health Impacts for purposes of supporting the City's Public Transportation Program as outlined in Report PW13014.

**Amendment CARRIED  
Main Motion as Amended CARRIED**

See Item 1 for the disposition of this matter.

**(ii) Public Bike Share Transit System Implementation Plan (PW13015)  
(City Wide) (Item 5.2)**

Peter Topalovic, Project Manager – Transportation Design Management, addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the public record and is available for viewing on the City of Hamilton website.

**(Pearson/Merulla)**

That the staff presentation respecting Report PW13015, Public Bike Share Transit System Implementation Plan, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(Ferguson/Pearson)**

That Report PW13015 respecting Public Bike Share Transit System Implementation Plan be referred to staff for report back to the General Issues Committee with further information on similar systems in other municipalities, legal risks, and possible alternative uses for funding.

**CARRIED**

**(e) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS**

**(i) Outstanding Business List**

**(Collins/Jackson)**

That Rapid Transit Maintenance & Storage Facility be removed from the General Issues Committee Outstanding Business List.

**CARRIED**

**(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 6)**

**(Pearson/Johnson)**

That, there being no further business, the Special General Issues Committee meeting be adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor R. Pasuta, Chair  
Deputy Mayor

Andy Grozelle  
Legislative Co-ordinator  
Office of the City Clerk