



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

REPORT 13-024

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 20, 2013

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor R. Powers – City Business
Councillor R. Pasuta – Personal
Councillor B. Morelli – Illness

THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 13-024 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report PSB13-102 (Item 5.1)

That Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report PSB13-102 be received.

2. Lease Agreement Renewal – Dundas Community Policing Centre (PSB02-043(c)) (Item 5.3)

(a) That a Lease Agreement be entered into between the City of Hamilton (Tenant) and 2099189 Ontario Ltd., (Landlord), for the purposes of providing a location for the Dundas Community Policing Centre, 2 King Street West, Dundas, subject to the following terms and conditions:

Area: Approximately 1,054 square feet of ground level space.

Term: A period commencing on December 1, 2013, and expiring November 30, 2018. The lease may be terminated by the Lessee at any time with no penalty by providing six-months' notice.

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Rental Rate: \$16,864.00 per annum plus H.S.T. The payments will be made from Account #376614-55358.

- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Lease Agreement and any and all ancillary documents in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

3. Advertising Program on Lincoln M. Alexander Expressway and Red Hill Valley Parkway (PW13080) (Wards 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 12) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 5.4)

That Report PW13080 respecting “Advertising Program on Lincoln M. Alexander Expressway and Red Hill Valley Parkway” be received.

4. Community Correctional Centre (CCC) – 94 York Blvd., Hamilton (Item 6.1)

- (a) That the Clerk’s Department be directed to make the necessary arrangements for the representatives from Correction Service Canada to attend a meeting of the General Issues Committee in April/May of 2014 for the purposes of providing an update;
- (b) That correspondence be forwarded to the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, and MP David Sweet, requesting that in light of the information received in a report entitled, “The Way Forward: A Review of Community Correctional Centres” issued by the Community Reintegration Branch, that the three Correction Officer positions at the Corrections Facility located at 94 York Blvd. in Hamilton be reinstated until the move from this location occurs;
- (c) That a copy of the correspondence be sent to the Prime Minister and all local MP’s and MPP’s;
- (d) That the Government of Canada Memorandum respecting the Mandate Concerning the Community Correctional Centres Security Upgrades be received and made available to the public via posting on the City of Hamilton website.

5. Update on the Art Gallery of Hamilton Building Expansion Project (Item 6.4)

That the request of the Art Gallery of Hamilton to begin fundraising for the Gallery Building Expansion Project be endorsed.

6. Amendments to the Prohibition of Exotic Animals within the Responsible Animal Ownership By-law – Criteria and Process

Whereas Hamilton's Responsible Animal Ownership By-law prohibits certain exotic animals within the City;

And Whereas the By-law contains a finite list of organizations/premises to which the By-law does not apply;

And Whereas it may be desirable that there be criteria and a process to guide decisions around allowing additional premises to be considered for exemption from the prohibition against exotic animals.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That staff be directed to report back to the Planning Committee no later than the end of February, 2014 regarding the feasibility of identifying criteria and process guiding consideration of amendments to the prohibition of exotic animals contained in the Responsible Animal Ownership By-law.

7. Re-Launch of the Citizen Engagement Project regarding City Services – Update (CM13008(b)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

That Report CM13008(b) respecting "Re-Launch of the Citizen Engagement Project regarding City Services – Update" be received.

8. 2013 Strategic Plan Progress Update and Upcoming Strategic Planning Process (CM12017(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

That Report CM12017(a) respecting "2013 Strategic Plan Progress Update and Upcoming Strategic Planning Process" be received.

9. Web Redevelopment Strategy Update (CM12008(b)/FCS12055(b)) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

That Report CM12008(b)/FCS12055(b) Web Redevelopment Strategy Update be received and the funding request in the amount of \$1,350,200 be referred to the 2014 Capital Budget deliberations.

10. Relocation of Provincial Offences Act (POA) Court Rooms and Offices (FCS13090(a)/PED13204(a)/PW13079(a)/LS13035(a)) (Ward 2) (Item 7.4(a))

That Report FCS13090(a)/PED13204(a)/PW13079(a)/LS13035(a) respecting “Relocation of Provincial Offences Act (POA) Court Rooms and Offices” be received.

11. Joint Municipal Opportunities for Bulk Purchasing (FCS13089) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.1)

That Report FCS13089 respecting “Joint Municipal Opportunities for Bulk Purchasing” be received.

12. 2014 Tax Supported User Fees (FCS13079) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

- (a) That the 2014 User Fees contained in Appendix “A”, to Report FCS13079, “2014 Tax Supported User Fees”, as amended, be approved and implemented;
- (b) That the City Solicitor and Corporate Counsel be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary by-laws, for Council approval, for the purposes of establishing the user fees contained within this report;
- (c) That By-law No. 02-284 “To Establish Fees for Fire Prevention and Suppression Services” be repealed as of December 31, 2013.

13. Recreation Facility Rental Fee Consolidation (CS13039) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

- (a) That, effective July 1, 2014 the existing (129) rental user fees be deleted and replaced with the new (24) Rental user fees as follows:

Minimal Impact Solution	Customer Type			
	Affiliate/Not for-Profit	Community Group	Resident	Commercial /Non-Resident
Category A - Arts & Crafts Room; Meeting Room; Social Activity				
Hourly Rate	\$2.00	\$4.00	\$12.00	\$20.00
Daily Max (Rentals > 5hrs charged 5hrs)	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$60.00	\$100.00
Category B - Premium Room/Auditorium				
Hourly Rate	\$10.00	\$14.00	\$30.00	\$50.00
Daily Max (Rentals > 5hrs charged 5hrs)	\$50.00	\$70.00	\$150.00	\$250.00
Category C - Gymnasium (Full)/Atrium/Lobby				
Hourly Rate	\$14.00	\$17.00	\$40.00	\$60.00
Daily Max (Rentals > 5hrs charged 5hrs)	\$70.00	\$85.00	\$200.00	\$300.00

- (b) That the new (24) Rental User Fees be incorporated into the User Fee By-law.

14. Report 13-004 of the Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee – October 8, 2013 (Item 8.4)

(i) City’s New Official Plan and Potential Impacts on the Business Improvement Areas

That staff from zoning and municipal by-law enforcement be requested to attend the Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee meeting at which staff will be providing additional information with respect to the Official Plan.

15. Report 13-002 of the Open for Business Sub-Committee – October 23, 2013 (Item 8.5)

(a) “Open for Business” Action Plan – Status Update (PED12164(c))

That Report PED12164(c), respecting “Open for Business” Action Plan – Status Update, attached as Appendix “A” to Open for Business Report 13-002, be received.

(b) “Open for Business” Performance Metrics for the Planning and Economic Development Department (PED13179)

That Report PED13179, respecting “Open for Business” Performance Metrics for the Planning and Economic Development Department, attached as Appendix “B” to Open for Business Report 13-002, be received.

(c) Implementation of a List of Professional Service Companies / Consultants for Customer Referrals (PED13074) (City Wide)

That Report PED13074, respecting Implementation of a List of Professional Service Companies / Consultants for Customer Referrals, attached as Appendix “C” to Open for Business Report 13-002, be received.

(d) Professional and Consultant Services Roster 2011 – 2012 (PW13043/PED13111/FCS13050/CS13032) (City Wide) (Referred from AF&A on June 10, 2013)

- (i) That staff be directed to make available the City's roster list of Professional Service Companies, attached as Appendix "D" to Open for Business Report 13-002, to applicants who need a professional service and have requested such a list, with the inclusion of an appropriate disclaimer prepared in consultation with legal staff;
- (ii) That staff be directed to explore opportunities with the Hamilton Chambers of Commerce and any other Professional Association to prepare a supplementary list of additional contacts to complement the City's roster.

(e) Immigrant Attraction Action Plan (CM13005) (City Wide) (Referred from GIC on June 26, 2013)

That Report CM13005 respecting Immigrant Attraction Action Plan, be received.

(f) Posting of Licensed Businesses Online

That staff be directed to upload a list of the City's licensed contractors, as soon as technically possible, with the appropriate disclaimer and indication of when the list was last updated.

16. Report 13-004 of the Hamilton Future Fund Board of Governors – October 24, 2013 (Item 8.6)

(a) Consideration of Reopening the Future Fund to Applications (Item 6.2)

- (i) That the Hamilton Future Fund be opened to applications beginning in November 2013;
- (ii) That the Hamilton Future Fund be closed to applications on March 31, 2014.

17. Funding for Capital Projects from Dundas Reserve (Item 9.2)

- (a) That the installation of a drinking fountain at Memorial Square in downtown Dundas, at a cost of \$5,331.00 be funded from Capital Projects – Dundas Reserve #108031, be approved;

- (b) That the installation of an additional stone gateway at Centennial Park in Dundas, at a cost of \$20,850, to be funded from the Capital Projects – Dundas Reserve #108031, be approved;
- (c) That the provision of tools and equipment to “The Stewards of the Cootes” for their continuous cleanup of the Lower Spencer Creek and its tributaries, at a cost of \$2,500, to be funded from Capital Projects – Dundas Reserve #108031, be approved.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes:

ADDED DELEGATION REQUESTS

For Today’s Meeting

- 4.2 Request from Dr. Peter Graefe, Department of Political Science, McMaster University, to speak to Councillor Clark’s pending motion for a referendum on fluoridation (Item 9.1 on the agenda)
- 4.3 Request from Connie Mallory, Chief Inspector, Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to speak in support of Little Ray’s Reptiles
- 4.4 Request from Tom Mason, on behalf of Little Ray’s Reptile Zoo

For Future Meeting

- 4.5 Request from Lorna Zaremba, on behalf of anchor arts organizations (Art Gallery of Hamilton, Brott Music Festival, Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra, Opera Hamilton and Theatre Aquarius), to update the Committee on positions and concerns arising from the recommendations of the Arts Funding Task Force
- 4.6 Request from Ron Jepson, Jepson’s Fresh Meats, to address Market Parking and the User Fees for 2014 (Item 8.2 on the agenda)
- 4.7 Request from Shane Coleman, on behalf of the Hamilton Farmers’ Market Stallholder Association, respecting Parking

- 4.8 Request from Dave Stephens, President of the North End Neighbours, to address the Committee on December 4, 2013 to provide an update on the North End Traffic Management Plan

ADDED REPORT

- 7.4(a) Revisions to Relocation of Provincial Offences Administration (POA) Courtrooms and Offices (PED13204(a)/PW13079(a))/LS13035(a)/FCS13090(a)) (City Wide) (Supplementary Information Report to Item 7.4 in the agenda.)

ADDED PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

- 12.3 Court File 13-41006, City at Sizzle Steakhouse, Koi Restaurant, and Diavolo (LS13037)
Pursuant to Sub-sections 8.1(e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law and Section 239.2 of the Municipal Act as the subject matter pertains to: (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; and (f), advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

The agenda for the November 20, 2013 meeting of the General Issues Committee was approved, as amended, on the following recorded vote:

Yeas: Clark, Johnson, Ferguson, Partridge, Jackson, Whitehead, Duvall, Collins, Merulla, McHattie
Total Yeas: 10
Nays: Farr
Total Nays: 1
Absent: Pearson, Powers, Pasuta, Bratina, Morelli
Total Absent: 5

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

Item 8.2 2014 Tax Supported User Fees (FCS13079) (City Wide)

Councillor J. Partridge declared an interest on the "Trade Licence Masters" component only (Page 17 of Appendix "A" to Report FCS13079) as she has a family member who holds a Masters licence.

Councillor L. Ferguson declared an interest on the "Other Fees" component only (Page 17 of Appendix "A" to Report FCS13079) as he has a family member who is employed in the taxi industry.

(c) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the General Issues Committee Meetings held on November 2, 2013 were approved as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS

(i) For Today's Meeting

- (aa) The delegation request from Lori Ireland, Clinical Director, Hatts Off Inc., respecting the values and benefits of Little Ray's Reptile Zoo to a community of inner city youth, was approved and the rules of order were waived in order to allow the delegations to present at today's meeting on the following recorded vote:

Yeas: Clark, Johnson, Partridge, Jackson, Whitehead, Duvall,
Collins, Merulla, Farr

Total Yeas: 9

Nays: McHattie, Ferguson

Total Nays: 2

Absent: Pearson, Powers, Pasuta, Bratina, Morelli

Total Absent: 5

- (bb) The following delegation requests were deferred to the December 4 meeting of the General Issues Committee:

(i) Dr. Peter Graefe, Department of Political Science, McMaster University, to speak to Councillor Clark's pending motion for a referendum on fluoridation (Item 9.1 on the agenda) (Item 4.2) – December 4

(ii) Dr. Larry Levin, Hamilton Academy of Dentistry, respecting referendum on fluoridation (Item 9.1 on the agenda) (Item 4.3)

- (cc) The following delegation requests were approved, and the rules of order suspended in order to allow the delegations to present at today's meeting:

(i) Connie Mallory, Chief Inspector, Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to speak in support of Little Ray's Reptiles (Item 4.5)

(i) Tom Mason, on behalf of Little Ray's Reptile Zoo (Item 4.6)

The motion CARRIED on the following recorded vote:

Yeas: Clark, Johnson, Partridge, Jackson, Whitehead,
Duvall, Collins, Merulla, Farr
Total Yeas: 9
Nays: McHattie, Ferguson
Total Nays: 2
Absent: Pearson, Powers, Pasuta, Bratina, Morelli
Total Absent: 5

(ii) For Future Meetings

- (aa) The delegation request from Lorna Zaremba, on behalf of anchor arts organizations (Art Gallery of Hamilton, Brott Music Festival, Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra, Opera Hamilton and Theatre Aquarius), to update the Committee on positions and concerns arising from the recommendations of the Arts Funding Task Force was approved. (Item 4.7)
- (bb) The following delegations requests were approved to appear before the Committee at the December 4, 2013 meeting of the General Issues Committee:
- (i) Ron Jepson, Jepson's Fresh Meats, to address Market Parking and the User Fees for 2014 (Item 8.2 on the agenda) (Item 4.4)
 - (ii) Shane Coleman, on behalf of the Hamilton Farmers' Market Stallholder Association, respecting Parking (Item 4.8)
 - (iii) Dave Stephens, President of the North End Neighbours, to address the Committee on December 4, 2013 to provide an update on the North End Traffic Management Plan (Item 4.9)

(e) CONSENT ITEMS

(i) Minutes of the Greater Bay Area Sub-Committee – September 23, 2013

The September 23, 2013 minutes of the Greater Bay Area Sub-Committee were received.

(ii) Advertising Program on Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway and Red Hill Valley Parkway (PW13080) (Wards 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8)

The Motion to receive Report PW13080 respecting "Advertising Program on Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway and Red Hill Valley Parkway" CARRIED on the following recorded vote:

Yeas: Johnson, Ferguson, Partridge, Jackson, Whitehead, Duvall,
Collins, Merulla, Farr, McHattie
Total Yeas: 10
Nays: Clark
Total Nays: 1
Absent: Pearson, Powers, Pasuta, Bratina, Morelli
Total Absent: 5

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

(i) Mike Ryan, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Correctional Services Canada, respecting the Removal of Correctional Staff from the Federal Halfway House in Downtown Hamilton (No Copy) (Item 6.1)

Mike Ryan, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Institutional Operations, Ontario Region, and David Pisapio, District Director, Correctional Service Canada, appeared before the Committee to respond to questions with respect to the Federal Halfway House in Downtown Hamilton.

Messrs. Ryan and Pisapio provided some background information and addressed some of the issues expressed in the Council motion. Their comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- How Correctional Service Canada operates in the community and other areas across the country
- Change to remove officers will be replaced with one re-integration worker who will be doing much of the work that was being done by the correctional officers
- Will be looking at amending contract with the Corps of Commissionaires to take up some of the duties of the officers
- Parole officers will be trained
- Since 2008, a number of cities have been funded with MOU's for the services of one police officer who is stationed behind the CCC and who responds to certain issues at the CCC; have close relationship with Police Service in an effort to pre-empt incidents
- In terms of the facility in Hamilton, Corrections Canada has given notice to the Salvation Army that they will not be renewing their lease next year; Corrections Canada is in negotiations with other partners in Ontario to relocate elsewhere
- Will be pleased to return in April/May 2014 to provide more information that cannot be disclosed at this time
- Facility on York Blvd. has a maximum of 25 offenders; all were federally-sentenced (2 years or more), and served time for all different offences (from property, to sex to homicide); all have release certificates issued by the Parole Board of Canada and have been released by law, having served their sentence

- Facility on York Blvd. is not a jail, but a release facility; 25 individuals have access to the community; each one has an individual correction plan which determines the types of programs they will be involved in; each has a program officer assigned that can deliver certain types of programs (e.g., substance abuse, violence prevention) based on individual need.

The presentation from Mike Ryan and David Pisapio respecting the "Removal of Correctional Staff from the Federal Halfway House in Downtown Hamilton" was received.

See Item 4 for the disposition of this matter.

(ii) Simon Kiss, Wilfred Laurier University, to speak to the pending motion respecting referendum on municipal fluoridation (Approved by Committee on November 6, 2013) (Item 6.2)

Simon Kiss advised the Committee that in light of Councillor Clark's pending motion being deferred to the December 4 meeting of the General Issues Committee, he would prefer to attend that meeting to provide his presentation.

(iii) Joey Coleman, Member of Open Hamilton, respecting Open Data and the 2014 Budget Process (Item 6.3)

Joey Coleman appeared before the Committee on behalf of Open Data Hamilton to speak to the issue of Open Data applications specific to the transit schedules for the Hamilton Street Railway and the reasons why the City should want to implement Open Data.

A copy of Mr. Coleman's comments was submitted to the Clerk for the public record and can be viewed on the City of Hamilton website.

The presentation from Joey Coleman respecting "Open Data and the 2014 Budget Process" was received.

Staff was directed to report back to the General Issues Committee with a progress update on implementation of the Transit Customer Information Service Enhancements Suite including: real time MacNab Transit Terminal platform level signage and Terminal signage; trip planner; Buscheck telephone information system; open data feed with vehicle locations and schedule adherence; updated Google transit trip planner; Metrolinx Regional Transit Traveller Information System; and including timelines, capital and operating budget commitments, additional relevant details by the end of January, 2014.

(iv) Louise Dompierre, President and CEO, Art Gallery of Hamilton, to provide an update on the Gallery's Building Project (Item 6.4)

Louise Dompierre, President and CEO of the Art Gallery of Hamilton, appeared before the Committee to provide an update on the Gallery's Building Project.

With the assistance of a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Dompierre highlighted results of the completed Feasibility Study.

In addition to providing the highlights, Ms. Dompierre requested the Committee's consideration of the following:

- Permission to begin a fundraising campaign
- Permission to have the lease agreement reviewed to make the necessary amendments to accommodate usage of City land for the fundraising purposes.

A copy of the presentation was submitted to the Clerk for the public record and can be viewed on the City of Hamilton website.

The update from Louise Dompierre with respect to the Art Gallery of Hamilton Building Expansion Project was received.

See Item 5 for the disposition of this item.

Staff was directed to report back to the General Issues Committee with respect to lease arrangements between the City of Hamilton and the Art Gallery of Hamilton relative to the use of City lands for fundraising purposes.

(v) Mark Runciman, Royal Botanical Gardens, to present plans of the Rock Garden Rejuvenation Project (Item 6.5)

Mark Runciman from the Royal Botanical Gardens appeared before the Committee to provide an update with respect to the Rock Garden Rejuvenation Project.

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

The presentation from Mark Runciman with respect to the plans of the Rock Garden Rejuvenation Project was received.

The funding request from the Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) for the Rock Garden Rejuvenation Project was referred to staff for further discussions with the RBG and staff was directed to bring the matter forward during discussion of the 2014 Capital Budget or to a future meeting of the General Issues Committee as a stand-alone item for consideration.

(vi) Steve Featherstone, Reptile Camp, and Paul Goulet, Little Ray's Reptile Zoo and Nature Centre, respecting an amendment to the "Responsible Animal Ownership By-law" (Items 6.6 and 6.7)

Steve Featherstone from Reptile Camp, and Paul Goulet on behalf of Little Ray's Reptile Zoo and Nature Centre, appeared before the Committee to request that the Committee consider amending the "Responsible Animal Ownership By-law" to have their facility added as an allowable facility under the By-law.

Their comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Little Ray's Reptile Zoo is complying with the current by-law and have location in place to relocate their animals.
- Trying for the right to keep animals in Hamilton
- Proceeding accordingly with the Prohibited Animal Action Plan
- Requesting the City to amend the by-law to include Little Ray's Reptile Zoo with those establishments listed in the current by-law
- Hamilton zoo is applying for accreditation this year from Canada's Accredited Zoos and Aquariums (CAZA)

The Committee was also provided with information relative to the various programs and activities that Little Ray's is involved in that is accessible to all in the community, and includes a youth volunteer program.

A copy of the comments made by Messrs. Featherstone and Goulet was submitted to the Clerk for the public record.

The presentation from Steve Featherstone and Paul Goulet respecting an amendment to the "Responsible Animal Ownership By-law" was received.

(vii) Lori Ireland, Clinical Director, Hatts Off Inc., respecting the values and benefits of Little Ray's Reptile Zoo to a community of inner city youth (Item 4.1)

Lori Ireland, Clinical Director of Hatts Off Inc., appeared before the Committee to speak in support of Little Ray's Reptile Zoo. Her comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Has been involved in social services for over 20 years, working with Children's Aid Societies and multiple children's agencies
- Has been clinical director for 17 years
- Hatts Off Inc. has 200 children in care across the City and works with charitable children's organizations.
- Spoke about

Ms. Ireland spoke to the integrity and dedication of Steve Featherstone and Paul Goulet, and their commitment to have a facility of this nature to benefit the City and the community.

That the presentation from Lori Ireland respecting the "values and benefits of Little Ray's Reptile Zoo to a community of inner city youth" was received.

(viii) Request from Connie Mallory, Chief Inspector, Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to speak in support of Little Ray's Reptiles (Item 4.5)

Connie Mallory, Chief Inspector with the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, appeared before the Committee to speak in support of Little Ray's Reptile Zoo and the work that they do. Ms. Mallory's comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Spoke to the professionalism of the operators, who are extremely vital to the operations of the OSPCA; they have helped identify species, determine needs of animals, assisted with sheltering and rehoming participating in investigations as experts, when needed, have participated in removal of animals that may be dangerous and a safety risk
- Emphasized that no matter how strong the by-laws are, there will always be residents that keep exotic reptiles and poisonous animals
- Have found that staff at Little Ray's are excellent educators who ensure that there is no impulsive purchasing; they take the time to ensure that people know what the responsible needs are of the animals; gives people the opportunity to see what type of care animals require before purchasing elsewhere i.e., pet store
- Good policies and procedures in place for safe handling of animals; also can offer assistance to first responders who come across a situation to help identify and safely transport and relocate animals
- Spoke to what would happen to animals once owners no longer want them and if this facility was not in existence; high probability that they would be released.

The presentation from Connie Mallory, speaking in support of Little Ray's Reptile Zoo, was received.

(ix) Request from Tom Mason, on behalf of Little Ray's Reptile Zoo (Item 4.6)

Tom Mason appeared before the Committee to speak on behalf of Little Ray's Reptile Zoo. Mr. Mason's comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Recently-retired curator of Birds and Invertebrates at the Toronto Zoo
- Have been involved in the wild and exotic pet trade and zoo world for 50 and 40 years respectively
- Asked by Paul Goulet to inspect the Hamilton facility in August 2013 and found that the facility would meet the standards of CAZA
- Have inspected and worked for accredited institutes in Ontario.

A copy of Mr. Mason's comments was submitted to the Clerk for the public record.

The presentation from Tom Mason speaking in support of Little Ray's Reptile Zoo was received.

Amendments to the Prohibition of Exotic Animals within the Responsible Animal Ownership By-law – Criteria and Process

See Item 6 for the disposition of this matter.

The Motion CARRIED on the following recorded vote:

Yeas: Pearson, Johnson, Ferguson, Partridge, Jackson, Whitehead,
Duvall, Collins, Merulla, Farr
Total Yeas: 10
Nays: McHattie, Clark
Total Nays: 2
Absent: Powers, Pasuta, Bratina, Morelli
Total Absent: 4

(x) Ken Seville, on behalf of "Citizen Engagement Initiative Convening Table", to provide an update on the work being done (Item 6.8)

Members of the Working Group on Citizen Engagement approached the podium, accompanied by Paul Johnson, who provided introductory remarks prior to the presentation. He advised the Committee that 15 staff will continue to be resourced to work on this project, working closely with the citizens to advance an overall approach to citizen engagement.

Citizen member Pat Saunders thanked the Committee for the opportunity to present a progress report of the Citizens' Engagement Committee. In her remarks, Ms. Saunders requested that the City continue to support the work of this group and remain open to resource requirements. She also asked that Councillors let the Committee know what is working now as it relates to engaging their own constituents.

The Committee was distributed with a PowerPoint presentation which included the following: "Our Team; Our Context; Our Partners; Our Outcomes; Our Road Map; Our Charter; Our Progress; Our Next Steps; Our Requests".

Alex Sevigny, Sadie Wolfe and Ken Seville presented to the Committee and spoke to items in the presentation outline.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was distributed and can be viewed on the City of Hamilton website.

The presentation from members of the Working Group on Citizen Engagement respecting the "Re-Launch of the Citizen Engagement Project regarding City Services" was received.

(g) PRESENTATIONS

(i) Re-Launch of the Citizen Engagement Project regarding City Services – Update (CM13008(b)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

This item was combined with the presentation referenced in Item 6.8.

(ii) 2013 Strategic Plan Progress Update and Upcoming Strategic Planning Process (CM12017(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

Chris Murray provided a PowerPoint presentation and spoke to the following:

- 2013 Strategic Plan – Progress Update
- Strategic Plan Progress by Year
- On-going Issues
- Current Direction from Council
- Current Status
- Financial Sustainability
- City of Hamilton Strategic Framework.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was distributed and can be viewed on the City of Hamilton website.

The presentation from Chris Murray respecting the “2013 Strategic Plan Progress Update and Upcoming Strategic Planning Process” was received.

**(iii) Web Redevelopment Strategy Update (CM12008(b)/FCS12055(b))
(City Wide) (Item 7.3)**

Chris Murray provided introductory remarks and stated that the presentation will focus on Strategic Objective 2.1 and Strategic Action 2.1(ii). The aim of the Web Redevelopment project is to use technology which is easy for citizens, ensuring that processes are simplified. This includes more than just applying a new page or web site, and to get people to change ways to become a 21st century municipality.

Jay Adams provided a PowerPoint presentation and spoke to the following:

- Strategic Priority #2 – Valued and Sustainable Services
- Web Redevelopment and transformational project for the City
- Web Redevelopment Project Outcomes
- Background
- Report Overview
- Phase 1 Update
- Visual Design – 3 concepts
- Phase 2 Deliverables
- On-line Service Review
- Budget Request – Phase 2
- Benefits
- Next Steps

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was distributed and can be viewed on the City of Hamilton website.

The presentation from Jay Adams respecting the “Web Redevelopment Strategy Update” was received.

**(iv) Relocation of Provincial Offences Act (POA) Court Rooms and
Offices (FCS13090/PED13204/PW13079/LS13035) (Ward 2) (Item 7.4)**

Neil Everson provided a PowerPoint presentation and spoke to the following:

- The POA Function in Hamilton
- Background/History
- The Road Ahead
- Location
- The Process Begins

- #1 – The Preferred Option
 - 50 Main Street East
 - Risks of the Preferred Option
 - POA Long-term Relocation Strategy Option
- #2 – New Building Option
- #3 – Design/Build/Lease Option
- Financial Analysis of All Options
- Financial Analysis Summary
- Staff Analysis of All Options
- Legal Analysis

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation can be viewed on the City of Hamilton website.

The presentation from Neil Everson respecting the “Relocation of Provincial Offences Act (POA) Court Rooms and Offices” was received.

Sub-sections (d) and (e) were added as follows, and the balance of the sections re-numbered accordingly:

- (d) That the General Managers of Public Works Department and Corporate Services Department have delegated authority to execute all related agreements with Hamilton Utilities Corporation (HUC) in relation to the district energy system for the City-owned Court House at 50 Main Street East.
- (e) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

The Amendment CARRIED.

Sub-section (f)(i) and (iii) were amended by deleting “\$17 M” and “\$5.38 M” and replacing it with “\$17.48 M” and “\$4.9 M” respectively.

The Amendment CARRIED.

Relocation of Provincial Offences Act (POA) Courtrooms and Offices (PED13204/PW13079/LS13035/FCS13090) (City Wide)

Report PED13204/PW13079/LS13035/FCS13090 respecting “Relocation of Provincial Offences Act (POA) Courtrooms and Offices”, as amended, was referred back to staff in order for staff to provide additional information to the Committee including:

- (a) a report which outlines the net impact to the tax levy;
- (b) carrying costs, capital costs;
- (c) parking;

(d) clarification of the source of the savings of \$2.2 million.

(h) DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) 2014 Tax Supported User Fees (FCS13079) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

The 2014 User Fees applicable to the Hamilton Farmers' Market – Stall Fees (Page 31 of Appendix "A" to Report FCS13079) was deferred to the December 4, 2013 General Issues Committee meeting for discussion pending the attendance of delegations who wish to speak to this issue.

The Motion to approve the 2014 Tax-Supported User Fees, as amended, CARRIED on the following recorded vote:

Yeas:	Pearson, Ferguson, Partridge, Jackson, Collins, Merulla, Farr, McHattie
Total yeas:	8
Nays:	Whitehead, Duvall
Total Nays:	2
Absent:	Clark, Johnson, Powers, Pasuta, Bratina, Morelli
Total Absent:	6

(i) MOTIONS

(i) Question to Electors on the 2014 Municipal Election Ballot respecting Fluoridation of Water Supply (Item 10.1)

That the following motion was deferred to the December 4, 2013 meeting of the General Issues Committee:

(a) That Council pass a by-law to submit the following question to the electors of the City of Hamilton at the October 27, 2014 Municipal Election:

"Are you in favour of continuing fluoridation of the public water supply of the City of Hamilton?";

(b) That the question be submitted in accordance with the Fluoridation Act and Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

(j) NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor L. Ferguson introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(i) Spring Valley Arena, Ancaster – Funding for Renovation/
Construction of Dressing Rooms**

That \$400,000 of the \$1 million of the unallocated funds in the 2014 discretionary capital budget presented at the October 18, 2013 Capital Budget Workshop General Issues Committee meeting be approved to renovate and construct the dressing rooms at Spring Valley Arena in Ancaster.

Councillor B. McHattie introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(ii) City of Hamilton Lawsuit against the Federal Government respecting
the Red Hill Valley Parkway**

Whereas the City of Hamilton has been pursuing a lawsuit against the Canadian federal government since 2003 in relation to their actions in the Red Hill Parkway project;

And Whereas it is estimated that the City has spent in excess of \$2 million on the lawsuit, with no concrete results;

And Whereas a recent court decision by Superior Court Justice P.B. Hambly found the City of Hamilton's case to be unfounded.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the City of Hamilton immediately drop the lawsuit against the Federal government in the Red Hill Parkway case.

(k) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11.1)

(i) Outstanding Business Items List

(aa) Revised Due Dates

The due dates for the following items on the Outstanding Business List were revised as follows:

Item S: Waterfront and Shoreline
Due Date: November 6, 2013
Revised Due Date: January 15, 2014

Item Y: Citizens' Committee Report on Farmers' Market White Paper
Due Date: November 6, 2013
Revised Due Date: January 15, 2014

Item AA: Waterfront Initiatives Financing Strategy
Due Date: November 6, 2013
Revised Due Date January 15, 2014

Item BB: MOU with Hamilton Port Authority/HPA Land Lease –
Parking
Due Date: November 6, 2013
Revised Due Date: January 15, 2014

Item DD: ACPD Report 13-003 – Transportation Sub-Committee
Report
Due Date: December 4, 2013
Revised Due Date: February 5, 2014

(bb) Items to be removed from the Outstanding Business List

That the following item was removed from the Outstanding Business List:

Item Q: Advertising Program on Lincoln M. Alexander Expressway and Red Hill Valley Parkway (Item 5.4)

(l) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

(i) Closed Session Minutes – November 6, 2013 (Item 12.1)

The Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of the General Issues Committee held on November 6, 2013, were approved and will remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure.

(ii) Assessment Appeals by U. S. Steel (Item 12.2)

The above-noted item will be placed on the December 4, 2013 agenda of the General Issues Committee.

(iii) Court File 13-41006, City vs Sizzle Steakhouse, Koi Restaurant and Diavolo (LS13027) (Item 12.3)

The above-noted item will be placed on the November 27, 2013 agenda of City Council.

(m) PROCEDURAL MATTERS

(i) Extension of Presentation Time

The presentation time for the Art Gallery of Hamilton was extended.

(n) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor T. Jackson
Deputy Mayor

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Co-ordinator
Office of the City Clerk