



# Hamilton

## **GAMING FACILITY PROPOSAL SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES 12-001**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, October 9, 2012  
Hamilton City Hall, Room 264  
71 Main Street West**

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**Present:** Mayor R. Bratina  
Councillors S. Merulla, R. Pasuta, J. Partridge, T. Whitehead

**Also Present:** Councillor T. Jackson

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### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION:**

**1. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair**

**(Merulla/Whitehead)**

That Mayor R. Bratina be appointed Chair of the Gaming Facility Proposal Sub-Committee. **CARRIED**

**(Whitehead/Pasuta)**

That Councillor R. Pasuta be appointed Vice Chair of the Gaming Facility Proposal Sub-Committee. **CARRIED**

**2. Methods of Obtaining Public Input regarding potential Gaming Facility in the City of Hamilton (FCS12086) (Item 3.1)**

**(Whitehead/Merulla)**

That Option 2 – Telephone Poll by a Pollster (as outlined in Report FCS12086), be approved as the method to obtain public input regarding a potential gaming facility in the City of Hamilton, accompanied by an educational component prior to polling through forums, town hall meetings, etc. **CARRIED**

**3. Terms of Reference**

**(Whitehead/Pasuta)**

That the Terms of Reference for the Gaming Facility Proposal Sub-Committee, as amended, attached hereto as Appendix "A, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE:**

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

None.

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

None.

**(c) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 3)**

**(i) Methods of Obtaining Public Input regarding potential Gaming Facility in the City of Hamilton (FCS12086) (Item 3.1)**

Comments on this issue included, but were not limited to, the following:

- OLG does not specify an official method to determine public input
- Should there be an education component prior to obtaining feed back
- Should be broken down by ward; important to recognize and actively reflect what the question is; need to firm up question itself; is there support for a full-fledged casino
- Some indication of what the question shall be; what is OLG expecting from the City
- OLG will work with the City from now until the end of the year; will present questions to OLG for comment
- Methodology – suggestion is to look at methods to see which are available/appropriate
- Automated calls can handle multiple questions
- Automated calls can be considered statistically valid
- Preference is to go with methodology that is considered statistically valid
- Needs to be enough information for people to clearly understand that there is a slots racetrack program located in Flamborough
- Questions broken down by Ward
- Need a combination of two methods i.e., pollster and robo-calls

- Need to have as much informed community as possible with pros and cons; well advertised to educate people prior to embarking – do education piece first and then telephone poll second

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

**(i) Terms of Reference (Item 4.1)**

Mayor Bratina distributed a suggested revised mandate for the Committee's review and discussion.

See Item 2 for the disposition of this item.

**(ii) Correspondence from Chief Glenn De Caire, Hamilton Police Service, requesting opportunity to contribute to the discussions of a potential casino in Hamilton (Item 4.2)**

**(Partridge/Merulla)**

That the correspondence from Chief Glenn De Caire, Hamilton Police Service, requesting the opportunity to contribute to the discussions of a potential casino in Hamilton, be received. **CARRIED**

The Committee Clerk advised that Chief De Caire was provided with the agenda for today's meeting, and has been included in all future distribution lists to receive meeting notifications, etc.

**(iii) Further Items for Gaming Facility Proposal Sub-Committee Discussions (New Business – No Copy)**

Staff advised that OLG representatives have offered to meet with the Sub-Committee to respond to potential conditions that the City may ask to be included in the Request for Proposals, and how they would affect the RFP process.

Chair Bratina requested that Committee members consider what the specific conditions are, and provided the following possibilities:

- No Casino at all (Hamilton zone)
- Gaming remains at current Flamborough site
- No Casino downtown
- Any proposed downtown casino must relate to site and surrounds
- Any proposed downtown casino must include amenities not directly related or connected to the Casino floor without alternate access from the street (museum, gallery, performance space)
- What is the legal position with regard to current City zoning? Can a prohibition be challenged;
- Is public input binding?

- Can current levels of employment and City revenue be guaranteed?

**(Partridge/Pasuta)**

That representatives from OLG be invited to meet with the Sub-Committee prior to reporting back to the General Issues Committee on potential conditions. **CARRIED**

**(iv) Location of Future Meetings**

The Sub-Committee directed that future meetings be held in the Council Chambers to allow for live-streaming for public education purposes.

**(e) ADJOURNMENT**

**(Whitehead/Pasuta)**

There being no further business, the Sub-Committee adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted

Mayor R. Bratina, Chair  
Gaming Facility Proposal Sub-Committee

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Office of the City Clerk