



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

REPORT 13-007

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

Absent with Regrets: Councillor L. Ferguson – Vacation

THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 13-007 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Hamilton Police Service Monthly Reports PSB13-013 (Item 5.2)

That Report PSB13-022 respecting the Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report be received.

2. Hamilton Downtown Multi-Residential Property Investment Program (HDMRPIP) – 150 Main Street West (PED13047) (Ward 2) (Item 5.3)

- (a) That a conditional loan commitment totaling \$5,000,000 for 150 Main West Holdings Inc. (Darko Vranich), the registered owner of the property at 150 Main Street West, be authorized and approved with the proviso that no more than \$18,000,000 is outstanding at one-time for all of the loans approved for Darko Vranich under the Hamilton Downtown Multi-Residential Property Investment Program (HDMRPIP) in accordance with the Program's terms and conditions;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute a loan agreement together with any ancillary documentation required, to effect recommendation (a), above, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

- (c) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized to approve and execute any loan amending agreements, together with any ancillary amending documentation, if required, provided that the terms and conditions of the Hamilton Downtown Multi-Residential Property Investment Program (HDMRPIP), as approved by City Council, are maintained.

3. Hamilton Downtown Property Improvement Grant Program – 150 Main Street West – HDPIGP 13/02 (PED13048) (Ward 2) (Item 5.4)

- (a) That a Hamilton Downtown Property Improvement Grant Program (HDPIGP) application submitted by 150 Main West Holdings Inc. (Darko Vranich), owner of the property at 150 Main Street West, for a HDPIGP grant estimated at \$1,531,338.07 over a maximum of a five (5) year period and based upon the incremental tax increase attributable to the redevelopment of 150 Main Street West, be authorized and approved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Program;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Grant Agreement, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED13048, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

4. Hamilton Downtown Property Improvement Grant Program– 205 Hunter Street West – HDPIGP 12/06 (PED13051) (Ward 2) (Item 5.5)

- (a) That a Hamilton Downtown Property Improvement Grant Program (HDPIGP) application submitted by Timbercreek Asset Management Inc. (R. Blair Tamblyn, Connie C. Ashton, David Poggemiller, Ted R. Welter, Greg S. Zahorski, Ugo Bizzari, Jeff Hutchison, Andrew Jones, David Melo, Blair Tamblyn), owner of the property at 205 Hunter Street West, for a HDPIGP grant estimated at \$18,787.65 over a maximum of a five (5) year period and based upon the incremental tax increase attributable to the redevelopment of 205 Hunter Street West, be authorized and approved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Program;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Grant Agreement, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED13051, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

- 5. Hamilton Community Heritage Fund Loan Program – 237 St. Clair Boulevard (PED13054) (Ward 3) (Item 5.6)**
- (a) That a conditional loan commitment totaling \$50,000 for Trang Duong, the registered owner of the property at 237 St. Clair Boulevard (Hamilton) be authorized and approved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Hamilton Community Heritage Fund Loan Program;
 - (b) That the property owner and the City of Hamilton enter into a Heritage Conservation Easement Agreement;
 - (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute a loan agreement together with any ancillary documentation required, to effect Recommendation (a), above, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
 - (d) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized to approve and execute any loan amending agreements, together with any ancillary amending documentation, if required, provided that the terms and conditions of the Hamilton Community Heritage Fund Loan Program are maintained;
 - (e) That Report PED13054 be forwarded to the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee for information.
- 6. Conveyance of Easement (Temporary) to Public Mobile Retail Inc. – Part of 00 Suter Crescent, Dundas (PED13046) (Ward 13) (Item 5.7)**
- (a) That the Real Estate Section of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to convey a temporary easement at nominal consideration of \$2 over Part of Lot 46, Concession 1, Ancaster Township, described as Parts 1 to 3 on a Draft Plan prepared by Sexton Mckay Limited dated November 16, 2012, forming part of 00 Suter Crescent in Dundas (Dundas Water Tower), comprising an area of approximately 69.2 square metres (745 square feet) as shown on Appendix “A” attached to Report PED13046;
 - (b) That the sale price of \$2 does not include the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST); should HST be applicable and collected by the City, that the HST amount be credited to Account No. 22828 000900 (HST Payable);
 - (c) That the sale proceeds be credited to the Dundas Reserve Fund Account 108031;

- (d) That the term of the temporary easement run concurrently with the term of a License Agreement between the City and Public Mobile Retail Inc., approved by Council on December 14, 2011, (Report PED11212), for use of the Dundas Water Tower as a cell tower location;
- (e) That the Mayor, General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services, and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Offer to Purchase (Temporary Easement) Agreement in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

7. Canadian Ballet Youth Ensemble – Tivoli Theatre (PED13055) (Ward 2) (Item 5.8)

That Report PED13055 respecting Canadian Ballet Youth Ensemble, be received.

8. Consultation for the Draft Cultural Plan (PED13045) (City Wide) (Item 5.9)

That Report PED13045 respecting Consultation for the Draft Cultural Plan, be received.

9. Minutes of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce Light Rail Transit Task Force Meetings of November 28 and December 19, 2012 and January 23, 2013 (Item 5.10)

That the November 28 and December 19, 2012 and January 23, 2013 of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce Light Rail Transit Task Force, be received.

10. Presentation of the Neighbourhood Action Plan for the South Sherman Neighbourhood developed as part of the Neighbourhood Development Strategy (CM12013(b)) (City Wide)

- (a) That the Neighbourhood Action Plan attached as Appendix “A” to Report CM12013(b) be endorsed;
- (b) That Planning staff be directed to consult with the relevant Neighbourhood Planning Team on potential land use changes that could assist in the implementation of the Neighbourhood Action Plan where appropriate;

- (c) That the completed Neighbourhood Action Plans attached as Appendix "A" to report CM12013(b) be distributed to and reviewed by City of Hamilton staff and Neighbourhood Development Strategy Partners to determine suitable actions to assist in the implementation of the Neighbourhood Action Plan;
- (d) That staff be directed to report back to the appropriate standing committee on suitable implementation measures (including cost and resource implications) that will be undertaken by the City of Hamilton to support the implementation of the Neighbourhood Action Plan attached as Appendix A to report CM12013(b).

11. Correspondence from Steve Calverley, Chair, South Sherman Community Planning Team

That the correspondence from Steve Calverley, Chair, South Sherman Community Planning Team, supporting proposed joint initiative between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board for the construction of a new public secondary school in the neighbourhood, be received.

12. Niagara to Greater Toronto Area (NGTA) Transportation Corridor (PW13020/PED13044) (Item 7.1)

- (a) That staff be directed to participate in future studies that have been identified through the Niagara to Greater Toronto Area (NGTA) Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Study Phase 1 for the West and Central Areas;
- (b) That staff be directed to update the 2005 Hamilton Goods Movement Study;
- (c) That this project be considered as part of the 2014 Capital Budget deliberations;
- (d) That staff be directed to participate in the Inter-Regional Strategic Economic Logistics Corridors and Gateway Connections Municipal Caucus to explore areas of mutual interest and support in order to develop a collective position on strategic transportation corridors to be presented for consideration to Provincial and Federal Governments;
- (e) That staff be directed to meet and work with local City Managers regarding the need for an alternative corridor from Welland to Hamilton;

- (f) That staff co-ordinate a meeting with City representatives from Niagara and area municipalities and the New York State Transport Commissioner to discuss the multi-regional transportation needs;
- (g) That the City Manager ensure that the major transportation stakeholders i.e., Hamilton Port Authority, John C. Munro/Hamilton International Airport, McMaster Institute of Transportation, rail authorities, trucking associations, etc. be directly involved in the next phase of the Niagara to Greater Toronto Area Transportation Study.

13. Cut-through Traffic (New Business)

- (a) That staff be directed to meet with the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario to assess cut-through traffic currently and projected, and the impacts of expanding lanes on the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) and on Highway 403 and report back to the General Issues Committee;
- (b) That the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario be requested to provide statistics relating to the number of times the Skyway Bridge is required to be closed to traffic annually;
- (c) That staff determine and pro rate the operational and capital costs as a result of the impacts of cut-through traffic and provide the information back to the General Issues Committee.

**14. Public Bike Share Transit System Implementation (City Wide)
(PW13015(a)) (Item 8.4(a))**

That Report PW13015(a) respecting Public Bike Share Transit System Implementation, be received.

**15. Public Bike Share Transit System Implementation (City Wide) (PW13015)
(Item 8.4(b))**

- (a) That the implementation of a public bike share transit system be approved, as outlined in Appendix "A" to Report PW13015, subject to finalization of an agreement to secure a system supplier and operator through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process;
- (b) That staff report back to the Public Works Committee with the results of the RFP process;

- (c) That the General Manager of Public Works be given delegated authority to negotiate with potential system sponsors and enter into agreements for the purpose of fully offsetting the operating costs of the system for a minimum period of three years;
- (d) That the capital and start-up costs of the Public Bike Transit System, as outlined in Appendix "A" to Report PW13015, be funded from the Rapid Transit Capital Reserve (108047) to an upset limit of \$1,600,000, subject to available funding and approval from Metrolinx.
- (e) That staff be requested to provide a report back to the Public Works Committee at the end of each full year period to provide a progress/status report on the program which would include update, accident claims, etc.

16. Bike Share Program – Letters of Support (Items 8.4.1 and 8.4.2)

That the correspondence received from Martin Eckart and Ed Sernie expressing their support for the Public Bike Share Program (attached hereto as Appendices "A" and "B" respectively), be received.

17. Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) for New Secondary School in Pan Am Stadium Precinct (Ward 3) (CM13006) (Item 8.3)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton agree to work with the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board to jointly develop a new secondary school, community centre (including a pool, youth centre, fitness room and multi-use space) and green space on the lands bounded by Cannon Street East, King Street East, Balsam Avenue North and Melrose Avenue North by August, 2016;
- (b) That the \$1.2M approved to date for a Central City Seniors Facility (FCS10040) be redirected to the proposed Community Centre Project per recommendation (a);
- (c) That staff report back to the General Issues Committee by July 31, 2013 with funding options for the balance of the funding required for this project (approximately \$15.8M) per recommendation (e);
- (d) That financial support for this project (approximately \$15.8M) be referred to the Hamilton Future Fund for their consideration and report back to the General Issues Committee; and,

- (e) That the City Manager be authorized to enter into a memorandum of agreement, in a form suitable to the City Solicitor, that addresses the requirements of both the City and the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board in undertaking this joint venture subject to Council approval of the funding plan.

18. Enbridge Pipelines Inc. Line 9B Reversal and Line 9 Capacity Expansion Project Application (PED12160(a)/LS12022(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

That Report PED12160(a)/LS12022(a) respecting Enbridge Pipelines Inc. Line 9B Reversal and Line 9 Capacity Expansion Project Application, be received.

19. Enbridge Pipelines Inc. Line 9B Reversal and Line 9 Capacity Expansion Project

Whereas Enbridge Pipelines Inc. (“Enbridge”) has applied to the National Energy Board (“NEB”) for the Line 9B Reversal and Line 9 Capacity Expansion Project (the “Project”);

And Whereas the City of Hamilton General Issues Committee has received Report PED12160(a)/LS12022(a) from City Staff on the Line 9 Project Application.

Therefore be it resolved:

- (a) That City staff be authorized and directed as follows:
 - (i) Submit comment to the NEB and Enbridge on the List of Issues attached as Appendix I to the NEB Hearing Order OH-002-2013 for the Project;
 - (ii) Continue to review the Enbridge application and any further supporting materials related to the Project and attempt to resolve any concerns by requesting additional information from Enbridge;
 - (iii) Continue to liaise with other municipalities and Conservation Authorities to discuss co-operation in the presentation of common issues of concern before the NEB;
 - (iv) On behalf of the City of Hamilton, apply to participate in the NEB Hearing for the Project through a written Letter of Comment and only seek Intervenor status if there are unresolved issues of municipal concern which no other Intervenor has put forward for consideration by the NEB;

- (v) Provide assistance as required by the City Solicitor and the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development in the review of the Project application and presentation of any City issues to the NEB; and
 - (vi) Report back to the General Issues Committee with the status of the City's issues and how those issues have or have not been addressed at the NEB Hearing;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton request the National Energy Board to include the following concerns in the NEB's List of Issues or the Project:
- (i) Consultation with local Source Water Protection staff including the Hamilton Conservation Authority, Conservation Halton, and City of Hamilton staff regarding the identification of potential threats to drinking water quality and how Enbridge plans to address any malfunctions of the pipeline or spills that threaten drinking water safety;
 - (ii) The need for pipeline isolation valves to be installed where the pipeline crosses the Sheffield-Rockton Complex and other provincially-significant wetlands and environmentally-sensitive areas;
- (c) That Enbridge Pipelines Inc. be advised that the City of Hamilton has requested that the National Energy Board include the additional concerns noted in sub-section (b) within the List of Issues as noted in Appendix I of Hearing Order OH-002-2013.

20. Enbridge Pipelines Line 9

That the correspondence from Emily Ferguson with respect to Enbridge Pipelines Line 9, be received.

21. Workplace Mental Health Summit (HUR13005) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

That Report HUR13005 respecting Workplace Metal Health Summit, be received.

22. Interest Arbitration/Ability to Pay Update (HUR13004) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

That Report HUR13004 respecting Interest Arbitration/Ability to Pay Update, be received.

23. Report 13-001 of the Web Redevelopment Sub-Committee – March 1, 2013 (Item 8.5)

Web Redevelopment Sub-Committee – Amendments to Title and Terms of Reference (FCS13031) (City Wide)

- (a) That the Web Redevelopment Sub-Committee's name be amended to the Web Redevelopment and Service Channel Sub-Committee;
- (b) That the revised Terms of Reference for the Web Redevelopment and Service Channel Sub-Committee, as amended, (attached hereto as Appendix "C") be approved.

24. 2013 Mountable Curb Program in Ward 6 (Item 9.1)

- (a) That thirty-six (36) mountable curbs within Ward 6 be reconstructed;
- (b) That the reconstruction cost for the 36 mountable curbs in the amount of \$90,000 be funded from the Ward 6 Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve Account No. 108056;
- (c) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized to prepare, advertise and award tenders as required for the above-noted works.

25. 2013 Mountable Curb Program in Ward 7 (Item 9.2)

- (a) That forty-two (42) mountable curbs within Ward 7 be reconstructed;
- (b) That the reconstruction cost for the 42 mountable curbs in the amount of \$100,000 be funded from the Ward 7 Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve Account No. 108057;
- (c) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized to prepare, advertise and award tenders as required for the above-noted works.

26. ArcelorMittal Dofasco – Update on Hamilton Operations (Item 9.3)

That representatives from ArcelorMittal Dofasco be invited to attend a future meeting of the General Issues Committee to provide an update on their Hamilton operations.

27. Start-up Grant for the Waterdown B.I.A. Farmers' Market (Item 9.4)

Whereas start-up grants have been provided to the Ancaster, Concession Street, Locke Street, Dundas and Ottawa Street Farmers' Markets;

And Whereas the Waterdown Farmers' Market requires similar start-up assistance.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

- (a) That a one-time grant in the amount of \$15,000, as a contribution to start-up costs for the Waterdown Farmers' Market, be approved and forwarded to the Waterdown B.I.A.;
- (b) That the \$15,000 grant to the Waterdown B.I.A. for the Waterdown Farmers' Market be funded from the Economic Development Investment Fund Account No. 3620908900.

28. Interest Arbitration Reform and Renewal (Item 9.5)

Whereas, the City of Hamilton is pleased that both the Provincial government and the Opposition have kept the issue of interest arbitration reform at the forefront of major policy discussions;

And Whereas, the City of Hamilton supports the overall intention of interest arbitration renewal;

And Whereas, a preliminary review indicates that there needs to be improvement in both pieces of draft legislation to be considered by the Legislature;

And Whereas, the City of Hamilton trusts that through further consultation, these issues can be resolved;

And Whereas, the City of Hamilton is aware that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Emergency Services Steering Committee are reviewing these issues and are requesting further discussion and input;

Therefore be it resolved:

- (a) That the Council of the City of Hamilton requests that the legislature work collectively in the best interest of Ontario municipalities and Ontario taxpayers on this important issue of interest arbitration reform and supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO) recent request for revised legislation that is efficient, accountable and transparent;
- (b) That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leader of the New Democratic Party, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Hamilton-area M.P.P.'s, conveying Council's position on this matter.

29. Canadian-European Trade Agreement (CETA) – Canada-EU Trade Negotiations (Item 10.1)

WHEREAS at its meeting of December 12, 2011, the General Issues Committee passed a motion to “request that the Province of Ontario consider a clear, permanent exemption for the City of Hamilton from the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), and that it otherwise protect the powers of municipalities to use public procurement, services and investment as tools to create local jobs, protect the environment, and support local development;”;

AND WHEREAS this motion further requested, “That the Province of Ontario disclose its initial procurement, services and investment offers to the European Union (EU), explain the impacts the Canada-European Trade Agreement (CETA) would have on municipal governance, and give the Municipal, University, School and Hospital (MUSH) sector entities the freedom to decide whether or not they will be bound by the procurement, investment and regulatory rules in the agreement;”;

AND WHEREAS the Province has so far failed to disclose this information, or to communicate with the City of Hamilton or other Ontario municipalities about the ongoing CETA negotiations and the Provincial procurement offers in particular;

AND WHEREAS Canada-EU trade negotiations are reported to be nearing completion, with leaked documents from European Commission in November 2012 stating, “The outcome regarding the inclusion of regional and local government entities, including agencies, crown corporations, and the MASH sector (municipalities, academia, schools and hospitals) is highly satisfactory,” but that the EU continues to push for full coverage of transit, energy and regional development spending;

AND WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has insisted that trade deals “must recognize strategic and public interest considerations before barring all preferential treatment based on country of origin,” and “There may be industries of strategic significance to a particular region, such as transit, or projects where considerations of quality, public benefit, environmental protection or business ethics means that a local government may wish to implement minimum Canadian-content levels.”

Therefore be it resolved:

- (a) That Council request an immediate briefing from the Provincial and Federal Governments on the status of the Canada-EU trade negotiations and how municipal governments will be affected, with special attention on the provincial procurement offer to the EU;
- (b) That Council re-state its preference to be excluded from the CETA, and that the Province otherwise protect the powers of municipal governments to use public procurement, services and investment as tools to create local jobs, protect the environment and support local development.

30. One-Time Savings/Budget Variance – Ivor Wynne Stadium 2013 Operating Budget (New Business – No Copy)

That the estimated one time savings/budget variance yet to be determined associated with the Ivor Wynne Stadium annual operating budget for 2013 be deposited into a Reserve and earmarked for stadium precinct legacy projects and/or the South Sherman Neighbourhood Action Plan.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

Presentation of Economic Developers Council Ontario Awards

Mayor R. Bratina called upon Anna Bradford, Director of Tourism and Culture, Susan Monarch, Manager of Tourism and Visitor Services, Andy Zimmerman, E-Marketing Co-ordinator, and Adam Stewart, Marketing and Communications Co-ordinator, to join him at the podium to acknowledge awards recently received from the Economic Developers Council of Ontario.

Hamilton’s Tourism and Culture Division received the honour from Canada’s largest provincial economic development organization and was awarded for the following:

- Two Publication Awards for the “Experience Hamilton Visitor Guide” and “Talking Tourism Industry” e-Newsletter
- Best website www.tourismhamilton.com
- Best interactive database for the Visit Hamilton App
- Best use of social media.

In addition, the City of Hamilton’s Economic Development Department received three honourable mentions, including Stand Alone/Cooperative Advertising, Advertising Campaign and Social Media, which follows the Department’s four EDCO Awards in 2011.

Susan Monarch also recognized and acknowledged the partners that supported the Division’s projects:

- Tyler Cowie and Adrian Dzyer, Factor-E (Visit Hamilton App)
- Mark Wu, 2Gen.net (Tourismhamilton.com website)
- Phil King, OKD (Experience Hamilton Guide)

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

ADDED DELEGATION REQUEST

For Today’s Meeting

- (i) Request from Al-Amin Mithani to speak in favour of the Bike Sharing Program (Item 8.4(a) and (b)) (Added Item 4.2)
- (ii) Request from Jonathan Therien, Strathcona Community Council, to speak in support for a plan to create an operating bike share in Hamilton (Items 8.4(a) and (b)) (Added Item 4.4)
- (iii) Request from 1739061 Ontario Inc., (Jamil Kara) and Peter Cass, Cass and Bishop Barristers and Solicitors, respecting land located at 1055 King Street East, Hamilton (Scott Park School) (Reference: Item 8.3) (Added Item 4.3)

ADDED CORRESPONDENCE

- (iv) Correspondence from Emily Ferguson respecting Enbridge Line 9 (Reference: Item 7.2) (Added Item 7.2.1)
- (v) Correspondence in support of Hamilton Bike Share from:

- (aa) Martin Eckart (Added Item 8.4.1)
- (bb) Ed Sernie (Added Item 8.4.2)

(Reference: Items 8.4(a) and (b))

The agenda was approved as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the General Issues Committee Meetings held on February 14, 20 and 25, 2013, were approved as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS

The delegation request from Dave Barnett on behalf of Abuse Prevention and Awareness Campaign (APAC) respecting bullying and child abuse, was approved.

That the delegation requests from the following were approved, and the rules of order were waived to allow their presentations to be heard at today's General Issues Committee meeting:

- (i) Al-Amin Mithani to speak in favour of the Bike Sharing Program
- (ii) Jonathan Therien, Strathcona Community Council, to speak in support for a plan to create an operating bike share in Hamilton
- (iii) Jamil Kara, 1739061 Ontario Inc., and Peter Cass, Cass and Bishop, Barristers and Solicitors, respecting lands located at 1055 King Street East (Scott Park School)

(e) CONSENT ITEMS

**(i) Minutes of Various Sub-Committees (for information purposes only)
(Item 5.1(a))**

The following Sub-Committee Minutes were received:

- (aa) Hamilton Association of Business Improvement Areas – January 8, 2013
- (bb) Web Redevelopment Sub-Committee – January 23, 2013

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

(i) Presentation of the Neighbourhood Action Plan for the South Sherman Neighbourhood, developed as part of the Neighbourhood Development Strategy (CM12013(b)) (City Wide) (Item 6.1)

Paul Johnson, Director, Neighbourhood Development Strategies, provided introductory remarks with respect to the citizen participation toward the development of the South Sherman Neighbourhood Action Plan.

Mr. Johnson recognized several residents who worked on the Plan and were in attendance at the meeting to support the Plan. Mr. Johnson also acknowledged a number of City staff that have undertaken key leadership roles in the implementation of the action plans and thanked them for their efforts in this endeavour.

Steve Calverley, Chair of the South Sherman Community Planning Team, appeared before the Committee to speak to the Neighbourhood Action Plan and requested that it would be most helpful and strategic to receive the Committee's support at this early stage of implementation. Mr. Calverley thanked the Committee for being provided with the opportunity to present the overview.

A copy of Mr. Calverley's comments (attached to hereto as Appendix "D") were submitted to the Clerk for the official record.

The presentation of the South Sherman Neighbourhood Action Plan and the comments of Steve Calverley, Chair of the South Sherman Community Planning Team, was received.

(ii) John Slobodzian, Ministry of Transportation, to provide an update on the Niagara to GTA Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Study – Phase 1 (Item 6.2)

John Slobodzian, Project Co-ordinator, Ministry of Transportation of Ontario, and Patrick Puccini, Senior Project Manager/Manager, Sustainable Transportation, with URS Canada Inc., appeared before the Committee to provide an update on one aspect of the project, specifically the highway expansion. The Committee was provided with a power point presentation which addressed the following:

- The Study
- Overview of Environmental Assessment Study Process
- Study Area and Policy Context
- Developing Solutions

- Three Sub-Areas
- West Area – Two Highway Expansion Scenarios
- West Area Recommendation – Scenario 1
- Central Area Recommendation
- East Area Recommendation
- Recommendation: West, Central and East
- Schedule to Study Completion
- Appendices of Highway Expansion Alternatives – Summary of Assessment and Evaluation

The presentation from the Ministry of Transportation representatives with respect to the Niagara to GTA Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Study – Phase 1, was received.

The presentation related to Item 7.1 – Niagara to Greater Toronto Area (NGTA) Transportation Corridor, was moved forward on the agenda.

(g) PRESENTATIONS

(i) Niagara to Greater Toronto Area (NGTA) Transportation Corridor (PW13020/PED13044) (Item 7.1)

Chris Murray, City Manager, provided a power point presentation with respect to the Niagara to Greater Toronto Area (NGTA) Transportation Corridor and spoke to the following issues:

- Provincial Projects to 2041
- Economic Prosperity of the Region
- Transportation System Planning
- Report Highlights(PW13020/PED13044) and Recommendations

A copy of the presentation was submitted to the Clerk for the official record and is available for viewing on the City of Hamilton website.

The presentation respecting the Niagara to Greater Toronto Area (NGTA) Transportation Corridor, was received.

The following was added as sub-section (d):

- (d) That staff be directed to meet and work with local City Managers regarding the need for an alternative corridor from Welland to Hamilton.

The Amendment **CARRIED** on the following vote:

Yeas: Clark, Pearson, Powers, Pasuta, Partridge, Bratina,
Johnson, Whitehead, Jackson, Collins, Merulla, Morelli, Farr
Total Yeas: 13
Nays: McHattie
Total Nays: 1
Absent: Duvall, Ferguson
Total Absent: 2

The following was added as sub-section (f):

- (f) That staff co-ordinate a meeting with City representatives from Niagara and area municipalities and the New York State Transport Commissioner to discuss the multi-regional transportation needs;

The Amendment CARRIED and the Motion, as amended, CARRIED.

That the Motion be further amended by adding the following as sub-section (g):

- (g) That the City Manager ensure that the major transportation stakeholders i.e., Hamilton Port Authority, John C. Munro/Hamilton International Airport, McMaster Institute of Transportation, rail authorities, trucking associations, etc. be directly involved in gthe next phase of the Niagara to Greater Toronto Area Transportation Study.

The Amendment CARRIED and the Motion, as further amended, CARRIED.

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS (cont'd)

(iii) Al-Amin Mithani respecting Bike Sharing Program (Added 4.2/6.3)

Al Mithani, creator of the website, "hamiltonbikeshare.org", appeared before the Committee to speak to the economic impacts of cycling.

A copy of Mr. Mithani's comments (attached hereto as Appendix "E") were submitted to the Clerk for the official record.

The presentation from Al-Amin Mithani respecting a Bike Share Program in Hamilton, was received.

(iv) Jonathan Therien, Strathcona Community Council, to speak in support for a plan to create an operating bike share in Hamilton (Added Item 4.4/6.4)

Jonathan Therien, on behalf of the Strathcona Community Council, appeared before the Committee to speak to the bike share program in Hamilton, and noted that many of the answers for the benefitting and accommodating the needs of the City are laid out in the plan.

Mr. Therien also spoke about the bike share program from a people's perspective, the end goal being that the bike would become of equal value in the same way as pedestrian traffic.

A copy of Mr. Therien's comments (attached hereto as Appendix "F") was submitted to the Clerk for the official record.

The presentation from Jonathan Therien, on behalf of the Strathcona Community Council, respecting the creation of an operating bike share in Hamilton, was received.

Items 8.4(a) and (b) respecting Public Bike Share Transit System Implementation Plan were moved forward on the agenda.

Public Bike Share Transit System Implementation Plan (PW13015) (City Wide) (Item 8.4(b))

The following was added as sub-section (e):

- (e) That staff be requested to report back to the Public Works Committee at the end of each full year period to provide a progress/status report on the program which would include update, accident claims, etc.

The Amendment CARRIED.

The Motion, as amended, CARRIED, on the following Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas:	Clark, Pearson, Powers, Pasuta, Partridge, Bratina, Johnson, Whitehead, Jackson, Collins, Merulla, Morelli, McHattie, Farr
Total Yeas:	14
Total Nays:	0
Absent:	Duvall, Ferguson
Total Absent:	2

(v) Jamil Kara, 1739061 Ontario Inc., and Peter Cass, Cass and Bishop, Barristers and Solicitors (Added Item 4.3/6.5)

Peter Cass, representing 1739061 Ontario Inc. and Jamil Kara, appeared before the Committee with respect to the property owned by Mr. Kara located at 1055 King Street East, Hamilton (Scott Park School).

A copy of Mr. Cass' comments (attached hereto as Appendix "G") was submitted to the Clerk for the official record.

The Committee was also distributed with a file of information/documentation provided by Mr. Cass related to the noted property, a copy of which has been retained for the official record.

The presentation from Peter Cass, representing 1739061 Ontario Inc. and Jamil Kara, with respect to the property owned by Mr. Kara located at 1055 King Street East, Hamilton (Scott Park School), was received.

(h) DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Memorandum of Agreement – City of Hamilton and Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) for a New Secondary School and Community Centre in the Pan Am Stadium Precinct (CM13006) (Wad 3) (Item 8.3)

Paul Johnson, Director, Neighbourhood Development Strategies, provided a power point presentation and spoke to the following:

- Background/Context of Presentation
- Stadium Precinct Plan
- The Stadium Precinct
- "Phased" Approach to Planning
- Stadium Precinct Plan
- Recreation Needs a High Priority
- HWDSB North Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)
- A Joint Initiative
- Three Renderings
- Project Cost
- Recommendations
- Issues for Consideration
- Alternatives

The presentation from Paul Johnson respecting Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board/City of Hamilton Memorandum of Agreement in the Stadium Precinct, was received.

The Motion CARRIED on the following recorded vote:

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

(g) PRESENTATIONS (Cont'd)

(ii) Enbridge Pipelines Inc. Line 9B Reversal and Line 9 Capacity Expansion Project Application (PED12160(a)/LS12022(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

Guy Paparella, Director of Growth Planning, appeared before the Committee to present information in response to a motion directed to staff on November 28, 2012 to obtain further information with respect to Enbridge Pipelines proposed capacity expansion project.

The Committee was distributed with a copy of a map showing the proposed expansion of the pipeline, the list of issues which will be considered by the National Energy Board (NEB) and a summary of the NEB Timetable of Events – Enbridge Pipelines Inc Line 9B Reversal and Line 9 Capacity Expansion Project.

Dave Cunliffe, Deputy Fire Chief, appeared before the Committee to speak to the section of the staff report that address Council's request how the Department would respond to an emergency in the event of a spill.

The presentation from Guy Paparella, Director of Growth Planning, respecting Enbridge Pipelines Inc Line 9B Reversal and Line 9 Capacity Expansion Project, was received.

Enbridge Pipelines Inc. Line 9B Reversal and Line 9 Capacity Expansion Project Application (PED12160(a)/LS12022(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

The following were added as sub-sections (b) and (c):

- (b) That the City of Hamilton request the National Energy Board to include the following concerns in the NEB's List of Issues or the Project:

- (i) Consultation with local Source Water Protection staff including the Hamilton Conservation Authority, Conservation Halton, and City of Hamilton staff regarding the identification of potential threats to drinking water quality and how Enbridge plans to address any malfunctions of the pipeline or spills that threaten drinking water safety;
 - (ii) The need for pipeline isolation valves to be installed where the pipeline crosses the Sheffield-Rockton Complex and other provincially-significant wetlands and environmentally-sensitive areas;
- (c) That Enbridge Pipelines Inc. be advised that the City of Hamilton has requested that the National Energy Board to include the additional concerns noted in sub-section (b) within the List of Issues as noted in Appendix I of Hearing Order OH-002-2013.

The Motion, as amended, CARRIED.

(h) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Cont'd)

(ii) Workplace Mental Health Summit (HUR13005) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

Chris Murray, City Manager, encouraged all members of the Committee to attend the Workplace Mental Health Summit scheduled on April 19, 2013 and indicated that the keynote speaker and facilitator will be Linda Duxbury, a noted expert in the field of organizational health.

(i) NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor B. McHattie introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Canadian-European Trade Agreement (CETA) – Canada-EU Trade Negotiations (Item 10.1)

WHEREAS at its meeting of December 12, 2011, the General Issues Committee passed a motion to “request that the Province of Ontario consider a clear, permanent exemption for the City of Hamilton from the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), and that it otherwise protect the powers of municipalities to use public procurement, services and investment as tools to create local jobs, protect the environment, and support local development;”;

AND WHEREAS this motion further requested, “That the Province of Ontario disclose its initial procurement, services and investment offers to the European Union (EU), explain the impacts the Canada-European Trade Agreement (CETA) would have on municipal governance, and give the Municipal, University, School and Hospital (MUSH) sector entities the freedom to decide whether or not they will be bound by the procurement, investment and regulatory rules in the agreement;”;

AND WHEREAS the Province has so far failed to disclose this information, or to communicate with the City of Hamilton or other Ontario municipalities about the ongoing CETA negotiations and the Provincial procurement offers in particular;

AND WHEREAS Canada-EU trade negotiations are reported to be nearing completion, with leaked documents from European Commission in November 2012 stating, “The outcome regarding the inclusion of regional and local government entities, including agencies, crown corporations, and the MASH sector (municipalities, academia, schools and hospitals) is highly satisfactory,” but that the EU continues to push for full coverage of transit, energy and regional development spending;

AND WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has insisted that trade deals “must recognize strategic and public interest considerations before barring all preferential treatment based on country of origin,” and “There may be industries of strategic significance to a particular region, such as transit, or projects where considerations of quality, public benefit, environmental protection or business ethics means that a local government may wish to implement minimum Canadian-content levels.”

Therefore be it resolved:

- (a) That Council request an immediate briefing from the Provincial Government on the status of the Canada-EU trade negotiations and how municipal governments will be affected, with special attention on the provincial procurement offer to the EU;
- (b) That Council re-state its preference to be excluded from the CETA, and that the Province otherwise protect the powers of municipal governments to use public procurement, services and investment as tools to create local jobs, protect the environment and support local development.

The rules of order were suspended in order to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Canadian-European Trade Agreement (CETA) – Canada-EU Trade Negotiations.

See Item 29 for the disposition of this item.

Councillor B. Morelli introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(ii) One-Time Savings/Budget Variance – Ivor Wynne Stadium 2013 Operating Budget (New Business – No Copy)

That the estimated one time savings/budget variance yet to be determined associated with the Ivor Wynne Stadium annual operating budget for 2013 be deposited into a reserve and earmarked for stadium precinct legacy projects and/or the South Sherman Neighbourhood Action Plan.

The rules of order were suspended in order to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting One-Time Savings/Budget Variance – Ivor Wynne Stadium 2013 Operating Budget.

See Item 30 for the disposition of this item.

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

(i) Outstanding Business Items List

(aa) The revised due dates for the following items on the Outstanding Business List were approved:

Item H: Metrolinx Investment Strategy Consultation and
Regional Transportation Funding Options (City Wide)
Due Date: March 20, 2013
Revised Due Date: May 1, 2013

(bb) The following items were removed from the Outstanding Business List:

Item C Canadian Ballet Youth Ensemble (Item 8.1)

Item B: Elimination of Current Technology (2012 Budget
Deliberations OBL)

(cc) The following items were transferred to the Planning Committee:

Item T: Stoney Creek Urban Boundary Expansion (SCUBE) –
Sub-Watershed Plan

Item V: Residential Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program

CARRIED

(k) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

(i) Closed Session Minutes – February 6 and March 7, 2013 (Items 12.1 and 12.2)

The Minutes of the Closed Session Meetings of the General Issues Committee held on February 6 and March 7, 2013, were approved. These Minutes will remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure in accordance with the exemptions provided in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

(l) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor B. Johnson
Deputy Mayor

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Co-ordinator
Office of the City Clerk

-----Original Message-----

From: Martin Eckart

Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 2:07 PM

To: McHattie, Brian

Subject: Hamilton Bike Share

Dear Brian,

I just wanted to send a quick note voicing my support for the proposed bike sharing system in Hamilton. I'm a resident and homeowner in Hamilton's North End and commute by bike daily to my work on Locke St.

Even though the bike share wouldn't be targeted to established bicycle commuters like me, I would definitely use the service for trips around the downtown or as part of a transit strategy for travel to Toronto on GO or to get to the LRT line quickly. It's a real benefit to have an on-demand bicycle nearby for which I don't need to bring a lock. The system is an effective fit with the proposed all-day GO and LRT projects.

I watched the presentation to council and to me it seemed that city staff were strongly in support of the proposal both as a low-risk enhancement to the city and an easy-win capital infrastructure investment from Metrolinx. It is a new source of revenue for the city and keeps us in-line with modernizing trends of major urban centres across North America. It's another step toward beautifying our city and attracting more creative professionals, investing their time, business, money and families into the city's future. That's just my personal perspective as a software developer doing exactly that.

I urge you to advocate and vote in favour for the proposed bike share plan.

Thank you,

Martin Eckart

13/03/2013

-----Original Message-----
From: Ed Sernie [mailto:sernie@mcmaster.ca]
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2013 10:51 AM
To: McHattie, Brian
Cc: strathconacommunitycouncil@gmail.com
Subject: Hamilton Bike Share

Mr. McHattie,
I support Hamilton Bike Share. Although I own a bike, I would prefer to use Bike Share to commute to work (a short ride from Breadalbane Street to McMaster University).

With Bike Share, I could simply leave the bike at a drop off spot at McMaster and take the bus home (I also have a Presto monthly pass) if the weather should change during the day (e.g., it is pouring rain when I am leaving work). I could also easily walk to a pick up spot, such as at Dundurn Castle, or the Dundurn Fortino's Plaza.

It would also be good for shopping trips downtown.

I was recently in Mexico City, and they have Ecobici. I noticed many people using this bike share -- and as you can imagine, the traffic in Mexico City is much more congested than in Hamilton!

Please vote in support of the Hamilton Bike Share.

thank you,
Ed Sernie.

Ed Sernie, Library Assistant
Library Services, Mills Library (x22077)
Lyons New Media Centre, Mills Library (x26106)
ARTstor Administrator and Local User Contact
McMaster University, Hamilton, ON L8S 4L6

WEB REDEVELOPMENT and SERVICE CHANNEL SUB-COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Mandate

To provide oversight to the City of Hamilton's Web Redevelopment Strategy and Customer Service Delivery with the goal of creating a citizen-focused website and services

Sub-Committee Objectives

1. To ensure that the City of Hamilton delivers a website which meets the following objectives:
 - Improve the City's online image by:
 - creating a new and visually pleasing consistent look-and-feel
 - ensuring online services are working well with relevant and easy-to-find content
 - by implementing industry standards, policies and guidelines that help reinforce the City's image
 - Improve communication to citizens and opportunities for engagement by:
 - providing and maintaining relevant, timely and simplified online content
 - ensuring compliance with AODA guidelines
 - keeping citizens informed with a regularly published opt-in e-newsletter to begin a more coordinated way of keeping citizens aware of important City initiatives
 - supporting the function of social media
 - Improve online customer service by:
 - making it easier to find information and online service tools
 - improving five important online services which will go a long way to serving a majority of citizens and business
 - aligning the way we organize our website with what citizens need
 - ensuring that our content is accessible on mobile devices, which will certainly become more and more critical to the future of our service delivery
 - providing on-line customer service and exploring the potential role of kiosks
 - Enable the City to provide services at a lower cost by:
 - identifying new ways to cost-effectively provide our services
 - decommissioning or consolidating City owned or operated websites (where warranted) and their associated spending
 - by moving routine tasks from more expensive channels (such as telephone and in-person) to the website

2. To ensure that the City of Hamilton delivers Customer Service which meets the following objectives:
 - Improve service delivery and communication to citizens :
 - developing efficient, coordinated customer service delivery channels
 - exploring and implementing effective industry standards, best practices, policies and guidelines that help reinforce the City's image
 - eliminate duplication in call handling
 - providing quality services for citizens and businesses
 - providing and maintaining relevant, timely and simplified content through all channels
 - ensuring compliance with AODA guidelines
 - Enable the City to provide services at a lower cost by:
 - Identifying efficiencies for call handling services
 - identifying new ways to cost-effectively provide our services
 - by moving routine tasks from more expensive channels (such as telephone and in-person) to the website

General Scope of Sub-Committee Work and Deliverables

1. Provide oversight to ensure the successful implementation of the City's Web Redevelopment Strategy.
2. Provide oversight to ensure the successful implementation of the City's Call Handling Review and resulting service channel coordination.
3. Review significant project deliverables and provide input, guidance and direction for the phases within the Strategy.
4. Recommend any relevant actions or policies for improvement.

Membership and Reporting Structure

Sub-Committee membership will consist of four (4) members of Council, with the Chair being appointed by the Sub-Committee at its first meeting.

The Sub-Committee shall report back to General Issues Committee (GIC) periodically at the discretion of the Sub-Committee.

Sub-Committee Staff Support

The following Senior Staff from the Web Redevelopment Team (WRT) will be required resources to this Sub-Committee:

- General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services (Sponsor), Corporate Services
- Special Advisor to the Web Redevelopment Team
- Director of Customer Service, Corporate Services
- Director of Strategic Services, Planning and Economic Development
- Service Delivery Analyst, Financial Planning Division, Corporate Services
- Service Delivery Analyst and Corporate Content Producer
- Manager of Business Applications, Information Services Division, Corporate Services
- Call Handling Project Team Members, as required

Meetings

Twice monthly, with special meetings at the call of the Chair.

Time Frame

Sub-Committee will begin their work in Q3 2012. It is expected to have a report of preliminary findings by Q2 2013, with a final report to General Issues Committee (GIC) by the end of Q4 2013 (or at the discretion of the Sub-Committee).

Good morning, Your Worship, City Councillors, City Staff, neighbours and friends.

On behalf of the South Sherman Community Planning Team, thank you very much for this opportunity to present our Neighbourhood Action Plan for your consideration. We welcome this opportunity with sincere appreciation. My name is Steve Calverley and I am a member of the Planning Team and a five-year resident of the area served by the team – that area is between Wentworth and Gage; the escarpment to the bay.

The Planning Team began nearly five years ago with the invaluable support of the Hamilton Community Foundation who made it possible for our Community Developer, David Derbyshire, to come alongside a small group of hopeful visionaries including Dan Peace, Rebecca Doll and other early neighbourhood members. These wonderful early members are our guiding light of optimism and perseverance.

As the team journeyed together, many more have supported formally and informally. In that regard, we wish to acknowledge and thank the offices of Councillor Morelli and Director of Neighbourhood Strategies, Paul Johnson, for their genuine interest and assistance.

Finally, but certainly not lastly, we thank our planning team members who are neighbourhood residents, representatives from local service providers, places of worship, businesses and educational institutions, for collectively creating a constructive and respectful approach to building a healthy mixed neighbourhood through our adopted model of *Asset Based Community Development*.

Our Neighbourhood Action Plan contains fifty-four Action Items that relate to six goals. Our goals address Neighbourhood Safety, Health, our Environment, Housing, Wages, and Strong Community. These goals support the achievement of the Planning Team's vision which is "*The South Sherman Neighbourhood is a great place to live, work and raise a family.*" We wish to highlight that our vision is fully contained by your vision for this city, which is, "To be the best place in Canada to raise a child,

promote innovation, engage citizens and provide diverse economic opportunities.”

Last month, we held a Neighbourhood Action Plan mobilization day. About forty planning team members dedicated their Saturday to reviewing the priority Action Items and creating teams. Nine teams are formed. These teams are addressing twelve Action Items from our Plan. The outcomes are related to Youth engagement, Recreation Programs, Traffic Speeds and School Zones, Engagement of Residents, Neighbourhood Communication, Community Events, Neighbourhood Clean-ups, Education about pest control, Home maintenance, and Architectural Assets.

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We believe there is a convergence of some wonderful opportunities in our neighbourhood that together, can contribute to a critical mass of *optimism and perseverance* in our neighbourhood. In that regard, we note the opportunities being discussed at the Stadium Precinct Public Meetings, conversations regarding other related City recreation and community facilities, and the public school board’s desire to place a new public secondary school in this area.

In conclusion, we respectfully submit that it would be most helpful and strategic to receive your support for our Neighbourhood Action Plan at this early stage of implementation, and we again thank you very much for this opportunity to present this overview.

Thank you.

My name is Al Mithani, and I'm the creator of the website hamiltonbikeshare.org. The website launched about 10 days ago, and in that time has garnered hundreds of signatures in support of a bike share program in our city. During that time I have personally spoken to dozens of people: students, doctors, lawyers, store clerks, home makers, creatives, small business owners, neighbourhood associations - pretty much every swath of citizen that you can find in Hamilton. The support for this project is pretty much universal. But I'm not here today to talk to you about community support for this project.

The benefits of biking are often touted by pro-cycling advocates. They say that it is good for the environment; they say that it is good for your health; they say that these reasons alone are enough to justify the costs of adding cycling infrastructure to your city. These reasons are admirable, but I'm not here today to talk to you about the benefits of cycling.

No, I'm here to discuss the one thing that actually convinced me that our city should invest in bike sharing: the ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CYCLING. I'm going to tell you why adding another public transit option would be good for Hamilton's bottom line.

Let me start by posing a question: why do governments invest in public transit? It's expensive, and usually has to be subsidized by taxpayers, yet all over North America, we are seeing unprecedented investment in public transit. The provincial government has committed to spending \$11.5 billion towards transit by 2020 and 80% of Toronto residents would be willing to take a property tax increase if the money went directly towards better transit.

Why? Why are governments and citizens so willing to spend money on public transit? Simply put, it's in their own economic interest.

According to an American Public Transportation Association study, every \$1 billion spent on public transit yields about \$3.5 billion dollars in GDP, over time. Adding transit to a neighbourhood increases property values and rents substantially. Public transit saves money for citizens, too. If you were to replace one of your family's cars with public transit, your family would have more than \$8000 in additional disposable income per year. That's enough money to pay for university, or to buy a home, or to start up a new business.

If I were to tell you that you could have a new public transit system in place, quickly, and at no cost, would you be in favour of it? Well, that's EXACTLY the proposal you will vote on today. Make no mistake, bike sharing IS public

transit. Not only that, but it is a system that has a high uptake potential. According to a study done at McGill, simply having a bike share system available increased cycling activity.

That's actually a very important point when you couple it with the fact that the City of Hamilton has committed to building over 75km of new bicycling infrastructure by 2016. Cycling infrastructure is a good investment; it's been shown to have a positive effect on land values and sales activity on streets where it exists. Of course, with more cyclists, the positive effect increases even further. By investing in bike sharing, you're not only adding a new public transit option, but also multiplying the effectiveness of your existing investment.

There are dozens of bike share systems already in place and planned all over North America. These bike share systems work in tandem with existing transit systems by increasing access; they work in unity with cycling infrastructure by creating more casual cyclists; they work in harmony with our existing roadways by giving people who don't want to drive another option to get around, leaving more room for people who do need their cars.

I'm going to say that word once more, because I think it's important: harmony. We're so used to discord in this city...this is our chance to work together. Bike sharing will help everyone here, and I urge you to vote to move it forward. Thank you for your time.

Strathcona Community Council (SCC) Support for the creation of a Bike share: laid out
in the Plan PW13015a by Peter Topalovic

1. All of us on the executive of the SCC support the official plan (PW13015a) written up by Peter Topalovic. It provides all the answers needed to make a bikeshare a secure, accommodating, and beneficial service for the City of Hamilton.
2. The personal perspective of the SCC. That we are residents of a densely populated neighbourhood with a diverse demographic group of citizens, much like the rest of Hamilton, who embrace cycling and public transit. We use these modes of transportation to connect to our neighbouring communities, in Westdale, Kirkendall, the North End, Jamesville, and, ultimately the whole of the city. It is our hopes that the future of Hamilton transit will no longer place the automotive vehicle above other forms of transit, but plan for neighbourhoods to be bound together through an equal abundance of human powered transportation. We want our roads to be equally filled with bicycles the way they are filled with cars.
3. Installing a bikeshare will be embraced by residents of the SCC because a large number of them live many blocks north of the main thoroughfares of King and Main. We encourage the creation of the bikeshare in order to encourage greater access and therefore greater use of the HSR on our city's thoroughfares.
4. As a Child and Youth Worker employed at a child care company and the Eva Rothwell Resource Centre I am regularly interacting with the children and families of this city. One thing that I recognize in my occupation is that all people enjoy bikes and desire the freedom to use bikes as a mode of transportation. A bikeshare will help to resolve the obstacles keeping people from regular bike use and continue to alleviate others in the future.

By

Jonathan Therien

Treasurer of the SCC

Biggs, Carolyn

**Appendix "G" to Info Item (h)(i) of
General Issues Committee Report 13-007**

From: Peter Cass [pcass@cassbishop.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 8:19 AM
To: Biggs, Carolyn
Cc: J.Kara Capital Corp.
Subject: Presentation on behalf of J. Kara Capital(1739061 Ontario Inc.), as owner of the former Scott Park Secondary School property-DELEGATION

To: Mayor and Members, General Issues Committee.

Re: City Manager's Report, Committee Date March 20, 2013, subject being Memorandum of Agreement proposed between the City and the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board for New Secondary School and Community Centre, in the Pan-Am Stadium Precinct.

- Here is the basic outline of our presentation:
- My client has applied for rezoning to seniors residence use, and is awaiting a response from the City.
- The City may be about to spend taxpayer dollars on what we are already doing with private sector resources to benefit the community..
- This can lead to inefficiencies, waste, and bad planning.

- We are in the process of coordinating planning of our property in consultation with the City and the HWDSB, but
- We were surprised by the City Manager's report, which came online yesterday at noon and doesn't make mention of the process we have initiated. The report is, respectfully, premature and incomplete.
- The former school is integral to the development of the block.
- We note from the report that there are a number of potential synergies, and economies that go along with those synergies, including potential use of our gym, auditorium, and other areas for community and fitness, including dedicated spaces for a youth centre, meetings, and library facilities. We have much to offer; why build anew if that is not necessary? The planning report should recognize what is being done.
- For the same reason, development of the Jimmy Thompson pool site that dovetails with development of Scott Park School, could mean that our site can offer more, by not duplicating what is going to be done by the City next door.
- While the report recommends that the City partner with the Board, the City has not explored the comparative value of partnering with us.
- Adopting the report at this time puts us in potential conflict with any seniors' accommodations on the Jimmy Thompson pool site, to the possible detriment of both projects and delay, so
- We think cooperation is the best for the precinct and the landowners.
- What we are asking for is that Council delay adopting the Report for a reasonable time, for us to engage in constructive discussions between our professional planners, the City, and the HWDSB, to explore the best ways to move forward at the least cost.
- Therefore, we respectfully submit our request as a viable option in lieu of choosing between partnering or not partnering with HWDSB.

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