



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

MINUTES 14-002(h)

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 27, 2014

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Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Deputy Mayor S. Merulla
Mayor R. Bratina
Councillors B. Clark, C. Collins, S. Duvall, J. Farr,
L. Ferguson, B. McT. Jackson, B. Johnson,
R. Morrow, J. Partridge, M. Pearson

Absent: Councillor R. Pasuta, R. Powers – City Business
Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

(Partridge/Johnson)

That the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(Johnson/Partridge)

That the following Minutes of the General Issues Committee be approved as presented:

3.1 January 23-24, 2014(Board and Agencies)

3.2 January 27, 2014 (Corporate Overview)

3.3 January 29, 2014 (Departmental Overview – Public Works/ Corporate Services)

- 3.4 February 7, 2014 (Departmental Overview – Public Health/ Planning)
- 3.5 February 11, 2014 (Community and Emergency Services/City Manager/Corporate Financials))
- 3.6 February 13, 2014 (Budget Enhancements) **CARRIED**

4. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

4.1 2014 Transit Service Enhancement Plan (City Wide) (No Copy)

Don Hull, Director of Transit, provided a PowerPoint presentation with respect to the 2014 Transit Service Enhancement Plan and spoke to the following:

- Objectives of implementing Rapid Ready
- Proposed Service Enhancements
 - Route 44 Rymal
 - Route 43 Stone Church
 - Route 20 A-Line
- Routes, Destinations and Ridership Growth Trip Generators
- Route 44 Rymal Proposed Service Enhancements
- Route 43 Stone Church Proposed Service Enhancements
- Route 20 A-Line Proposed Service Enhancements
- Summary of Costs
- Funding Sources and Implementation
 - Potential Funding Sources (\$2,640,000 operating)
 - Implementation Options
 - McMaster University Medical Centre routing change (report to follow)
- Recent Fare Increases
- Estimated Fare Increase Implications

(Farr/Morrow)

That the presentation respecting the “2014 Transit Service Enhancement Plan” be received. **CARRIED**

The Committee directed staff to report back on low performing routes for consideration of reducing existing service levels or eliminating the service entirely, and re-allocating the service hours toward service level enhancements.

HSR Bus Loop located at McMaster Children's Hospital

(McHattie/Morrow)

Whereas Hamilton transit riders have been able to disembark at the McMaster Children's Hospital (formerly McMaster University Medical Centre) for decades;

And Whereas removing the transit stop from the hospital entrance to Main Street would necessitate thousands of additional pedestrian road crossings at one of Hamilton's busiest intersections;

And Whereas the City of Hamilton, Hamilton Health Sciences and McMaster University have celebrated a beneficial working relationship for years, a relationship that has never been more important than today.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That Council advise Hamilton Health Sciences and McMaster University that the HSR bus loop at McMaster Children's Hospital be maintained.

CARRIED

The Committee requested that staff bring a report back respecting overtime expenses, including historical patterns and trends, costs and categories, using the information provided in a report presented in 2004 as a baseline

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Volunteer Committee 2014 Budget Requests

(a) 2014 Budget Requests – Volunteer Advisory Committees (FCS13093) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

(Collins/Jackson)

That the Volunteer Advisory Committee 2014 base budget submissions be approved as follows and forwarded to the 2014 budget process (General Issues Committee (GIC)):

- (a) Advisory Committee on Immigrants & Refugees in the amount of \$3,500;
- (b) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Advisory Committee in the amount of \$3,890;
- (c) Aboriginal Advisory Committee in the amount of \$3,500;
- (d) Hamilton Mundialization Committee in the amount of \$5,890;

- (e) Hamilton Status of Women Committee in the amount of \$3,500;
- (f) Committee Against Racism in the amount of \$3,890.

(b) Hamilton Cycling Committee (PW13091) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.2(a))

(Collins/Jackson)

- (a) That the Hamilton Cycling Committee 2014 base budget submission, in the amount of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000), as described in Appendix "A" to report PW13091, be approved;
- (b) That in addition to the base funding, that a one-time budget allocation for 2014 of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), funded by the Hamilton Cycling Committee reserve, be approved and forwarded to the 2014 budget process (GIC).

(c) Keep Hamilton Clean & Green Committee (formerly Clean City Liaison Committee) (PW13090) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.2(b))

(Collins/Jackson)

- (a) That the Keep Hamilton Clean & Green Committee Volunteer Coordinating Committee 2014 base budget submission (Appendix "A" to Report PW13090), in the amount of \$18,250, be approved;
- (b) That in addition to the base funding, that a one-time budget allocation for 2014 of \$10,550, funded by the Keep Hamilton Clean & Green Committee *Volunteer Coordinating Committee* Reserve, be approved and forwarded to the 2014 budget process (GIC).

(d) Hamilton Veterans Committee (PED13203) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.3(a))

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- (a) That the Hamilton Veterans Committee 2014 base budget submission in the amount of \$20,000, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED13203, be approved;
- (b) That in addition to the base funding, that a budget allocation of \$5,000, funded by an increase to the tax levy, be approved.

(e) Seniors Advisory Committee (FCS13094) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.3(b))

(Collins/Jackson)

That the Seniors Advisory Committee's (SAC) 2014 base budget submission in the amount of \$1,500 be approved.

(f) Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) (CS13052) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.3(c))

(Collins/Jackson)

(i) That the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) 2014 base budget submission in the amount of \$3,890, be approved;

(ii) That in addition to the base funding, that a one-time budget allocation for 2014 of \$2,500, funded by the Hamilton Youth Advisory Committee Reserve, be approved.

(g) Food & Shelter Advisory Committee (CS13048) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.3(d))

(Collins/Jackson)

That the Food and Shelter Advisory Committee 2014 base budget submission in the amount of \$500, be approved.

(h) Tenant Advisory Committee (CS13049) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.3(e))

(Collins/Jackson)

That the Tenant Advisory Committee's 2014 base budget submission in the amount of \$1000, be approved.

(i) Arts Advisory Commission (AAC) (PED13200) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.4)

(Collins/Jackson)

That the Arts Advisory Commission's base budget submission in the amount of \$9,000, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED13200, be approved

(j) Hamilton Historical Board (HHB) (PED13186) (City Wide) (Item 5.1.5)

(Collins/Jackson)

(a) That the Hamilton Historical Board 2014 base budget submission in the amount of \$14,340.00, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED13186, be approved;

- (b) That in addition to the base funding, a one-time budget allocation for 2014 of \$2370.00, funded by the Hamilton Historical Board reserve, be approved.

6. MOTIONS

None.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

8. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

(McHattie/Farr)

That there being no further business, the Committee adjourn at 12:00 Noon.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

Councillor S. Merulla
Deputy Mayor
General Issues Committee

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Co-ordinator
Office of the City Clerk