



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

REPORT 14-010

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present:

Deputy Mayor M. Pearson (Chair)

Mayor R. Bratina

Councillors B. Clark, C. Collins, S. Duvall, J. Farr,

L. Ferguson, T. Jackson, B. Johnson, B. McHattie, S. Merulla,

R. Morrow, J. Partridge, R. Pasuta, R. Powers, T. Whitehead

**THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 14-010 AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

**1. Dundas Business Improvement Area (B.I.A.) Revised Board of
Management (PED11032(b)) (Ward 13) (Item 5.2)**

That the following individuals be appointed to the Dundas BIA's Board of Management:

Tara Crugnale

Cindy Vertlieb

**2. Lease Extension with Community Living Hamilton - 191 York Boulevard,
Hamilton (PED14086) (Ward 2) (Item 5.3)**

- (a) That the City of Hamilton enter into a new Lease Agreement with Community Living Hamilton for the property known as 191 York Boulevard, Hamilton, as shown on Appendix "A" attached to Report PED14086, for a 20 year term at the nominal consideration of \$1 per annum;
- (b) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Lease in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and subject to all taxes being paid in full unless otherwise directed by the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services.

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3. Lease Extension with Community Living Hamilton - 91 Kentley Drive, Hamilton (PED14090) (Ward 5) (Item 5.4)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton enter into a new Lease Agreement with Community Living Hamilton for the property known as 91 Kentley Drive, as shown on Appendix "A" attached to Report PED14090, for a 20 year term at the nominal consideration of \$1 per annum;
- (b) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Lease in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and subject to all taxes being paid in full unless otherwise directed by the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services.

4. Request for Extension of Building Covenants from 1820587 Ontario Inc. (Wei Zhang), 536 Beach Boulevard, Hamilton (PED14093) (Ward 5) (Item 5.5)

- (a) That a request to extend building covenants imposed by the City upon 1820587 Ontario Inc. (Wei Zhang), owner of 536 Beach Boulevard, regarding his building lot described as Part 1, Plan 62R-19041, as shown on Appendix "A" attached to Report PED14093, be approved;
- (b) That the dates for commencement and completion of construction be extended as follows: commencement of construction by October 31, 2014 and completion of construction by October 31, 2015;
- (c) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

5. Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Land - 360 Mohawk Road West, Part of Lot 18, Concession 6, former Township of Barton, now City of Hamilton (PED14098) (Ward 8) (Item 5.6)

- (a) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to advise the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board that the City of Hamilton has no interest in acquiring their land located at 360 Mohawk Road West, legally described as Part of Lot 18, Concession 6, former Township of Barton, now City of Hamilton, forming all of PIN 17031-0141, as shown on Appendix "A" attached to Report PED14098;
- (b) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to advise the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board of the City of Hamilton's site development requirements as identified in Appendix "B" attached to Report PED14098.

6. Public Art Master Plan and Program- Annual Update (PED14088) (City Wide) (Item 5.7)

That Report PED14088 respecting “Public Art Master Plan and Program – Annual Update” be received.

7. Music Strategy Implementation Team: Terms of Reference (PED14001(a)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 5.8)

That the Music Strategy Implementation Team: Terms of Reference, attached as Appendix “A” to Report 14-010 be approved.

8. Graffiti Management Program (PW14042) (City Wide) (Item 5.9)

That Report PW14042 respecting “Graffiti Management Program” be received.

9. Fraunhofer Project Centre for Biomedical Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing (BEAM) (PED14091) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

- (a) That a contribution of \$4 Million to McMaster University, to support the development of the Fraunhofer Project Centre for Biomedical Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing (BEAM) in Hamilton be approved in principle subject to subsection (d);
- (b) That subject to the approval of Recommendation (a) above, that the contribution of \$4 Million from the City of Hamilton be comprised of the following components and conditions;
 - (i) Declaration of the former CP Lands property comprised of 16.5 acres located at 0 Chatham Street, described as Part of Lot 20, Concession 3 (Barton) and Part of Park Lots 11, 12, 14 and 15 on Plan 6R-17420, as surplus to the requirements of the City of Hamilton;
 - (ii) The lands described in Recommendation (b) (i) of Report PED14091, be disposed of at fair market value (to be determined by an external appraisal) to McMaster University or an affiliate (McMaster Innovation Park), save and except any lands required for municipal infrastructure (roads, sanitary / storm sewers, ancillary structures and/or easements or rights of way to facilitate municipal infrastructure);
 - (iii) A cash contribution for the remaining amount necessary to meet the City of Hamilton’s total commitment of \$4 Million will be funded from the Shovel Ready Industrial Land Reserve Account # 110060;

- (c) That the City of Hamilton's funding be conditional on McMaster University receiving the following specified financial contributions from the Province of Ontario (in the amount of \$4 Million) and the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (in the amount of \$8 Million) for the establishment and development of the Fraunhofer Project Centre for Biomedical Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing (BEAM);
- (d) That a Memorandum of Understanding, including mutually agreed upon key Performance Indicators, be prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, General Manager of Planning and Economic Development and City Council, prior to the disbursement of any City funding to McMaster University for the establishment of this Institute;
- (e) That the Economic Development Division and/or McMaster University report back annually to City Council with a summary of the progress and economic benefits realized from this municipal investment.

10. Civic Gateway Study (PW14044) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 7.2)

- (a) That, as a short-term strategy, a Civic Gateway be installed in the vicinity of Highway 403 and Highway 6 Interchange subject to approval from the Ministry of Transportation;
- (b) That the total amount of \$230,000 for a Civic Gateway in the vicinity of Highway 403 and Highway 6 Interchange be funded from Council Strategic Capital Projects Reserves – 108022 in the amount of \$190,000 and from account 8090149100 in the amount of \$40,000;
- (c) That the operating impact of \$10,000 for the Highway 403 and Highway 6 gateway be considered as part of the 2015 budget deliberation process;
- (d) That, as a long-term strategy, Civic Gateways be investigated at Highway 6 and Freelon Road, Highway 403 and Alberton Road, and Queen Elizabeth Way and Fifty Road and related funding be considered as part of future capital budget submissions.

11. Piers 5-8 Sewage Pumping Station and Facilities Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Schedule B (PED14092) (Ward 2) (Item 7.3)

- (a) That the Acting General Manager of Planning and Economic Development be authorized and directed to file the Notice of Completion, and issue the Project File Report for the Class Environmental Assessment for Piers 5-8 Sewage Pumping Station Facilities for the mandatory 30-day public review period;

- (b) That upon completion of the 30-day public review period, the Acting General Manager of Planning and Economic Development be authorized and directed to proceed with detailed design and implementation of the preferred solution of the Class Environmental Assessment for Piers 5-8 Sewage Pumping Station Facilities, provided that no Part II Orders to the Minister of the Environment are received.

12. Waste Collection Operations - Supplementary Information (PW14047) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

- (a) That staff report annually to the Public Works Committee on waste collection program performance and route optimization;
- (b) That the waste collection route review process include consultation with waste collection employees and Local 5167 executive representatives.

13. Five-Year Plan regarding Two-Way Street Conversions (PW13097) (Item 8.2)

That Report PW13097 respecting “Five-Year Plan regarding Two-Way Street Conversions” be received.

14. Illegal Dumping Pilot Project (PED11127(f)/PW11052(g)) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

That the Council-approved enforcement pilot to address illegal dumping across the City (Item 10 of General Issues Committee Report 12-010, approved by Council on April 25, 2012) be extended for an additional 18 months (until December 2015) subject to funding in the amount of \$300,000 from Public Works Account 512510 (Waste Collection Support) with any revenues generated through fees and fines being directed back to Account 512510 (Waste Collection Support) to offset the actual gross cost.

15. Facility Naming Sub-Committee Report 14-002 - April 8, 2014 (Item 8.5)

Naming of the New Ward 3 Seniors’ Centre the “Bernie Morelli Centre” (PW14034) (Ward 3)

That the request to name the new seniors’ centre, located at 1099 King Street East in Ward 3, the “Bernie Morelli Centre”, after the former City of Hamilton Councillor Bernie Morelli be approved as this request meets the approval of the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy.

16. Hamilton Farmers' Market Sub-Committee Report 14-002 - April 11, 2014 (Item 8.6)

Farmers' Market Governance Model (CM12009(b)) (City Wide)

- (a) That staff report back with a governance model and implementation plan of a Municipal Not-for-Profit Corporation for the Hamilton Farmers' Market;
- (b) That staff be directed to prepare a Business Case and conduct a public consultation with respect to a Not-for-Profit Corporation, as required by the Ontario Regulation 599/06 of the Municipal Act, 23001, respecting the creation of Municipal Services Corporations;
- (c) That the PowerPoint presentation (attached as Appendix "A" to Hamilton Farmers' Market Sub-Committee Report 14-002) which includes an update to the Hamilton Farmers' Market action register, as well as a proposed framework for the new Not-for-Profit Corporation framework, be received.

17. Airport Implementation Task Force Report 14-001 (Added Item 8.7)

(a) December 2013 Semi-Annual Report for the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport (Item 4.1)

That the December 2013 Semi-Annual Report for the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport, prepared by Tradeport International, be received.

(b) Annual Auditor's Report on the Annual Schedule of Percentage Rent Computation regarding the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport (PED14081) (City Wide) (Item 4.2)

That Report PED14081 respecting the Annual Auditor's Report on the Annual Schedule of Percentage Rent Computation regarding the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport be received.

(c) 2013 Year-In-Review Pamphlet (Item 4.3)

That the 2013 Year-In-Review Pamphlet for the Hamilton International Airport be received.

(d) 2013-2014 John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport – City of Hamilton Joint Marketing Initiatives Update (PED13087(a)) (City Wide) (Item 4.4)

That Report PED13087(a) respecting the 2013-2014 John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport – City of Hamilton Joint Marketing Initiatives Update be received.

- (e) 2014-2015 John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport – City of Hamilton Joint Marketing Initiatives Update (PED13087(a)) (City Wide) (Item 6.1)**

That the City of Hamilton allocate approximately \$100,000 from the Airport Joint Marketing Reserve Fund as the City's portion of the 2014-2015 John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport (HIA) – City of Hamilton Joint Marketing Initiatives as outlined in Report PED14083.

- (f) 2014 Capital Expenditure Request for John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport (PED14082) (City Wide) (Item 6.2)**

That the City of Hamilton allocate approximately \$275,000 from the Airport Capital Expenditures for Municipal Services Reserve Fund to install backflow prevention valves at the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport as outlined in Report PED14082.

- (g) Change of Name for the Airport Implementation Task Force (Item 7.1)**

That the name of the Airport Implementation Task Force be changed to the Airport Sub-committee.

- (h) Correspondence from Marvin and Bryna Wasserman respecting Airport Lands (Added Item 7.2)**

That the Correspondence from Marvin and Bryna Wasserman respecting Airport Lands be received.

- (i) Acquisition of 1659 Glancaster Road, Hamilton from Mary St. Julien (PED14072) (Ward 9) (Item 8.1)**

The Report PED14072 respecting the Acquisition of 1659 Glancaster Road, Hamilton from Mary St. Julien be received.

- (j) Acquisition of 0 and 2876 Highway No. 6, Hamilton from Bernard Wasserman and Marvin Wasserman (PED14073) (Ward 9) (Item 8.2)**

That Report PED14073 respecting the Acquisition of 0 and 2876 Highway No. 6, Hamilton from Bernard Wasserman and Marvin Wasserman be received.

- (k) Acquisition of 1691 Glancaster Road, Hamilton from Emidio and Rita Masi (PED14074) (Ward 9) (Item 8.3)**

That Report PED14074 respecting the Acquisition of 1691 Glancaster Road, Hamilton from Emidio and Rita Masi (PED14074) (Ward 9) be received.

18. One-Way to Two-Way Street Conversions (Item 9.2)

Whereas the City's capital budget, on average, accommodated approximately one 2-way conversion per year over the past decade; and,

Whereas there are currently 9 streets approved for future 2-way conversion (without funding) as part of the Downtown Transportation Master Plan (DTMP); and,

Whereas the necessary approvals are in place for the aforementioned 9 location; and,

Whereas there are no resources for conversions in the approved 2014 Capital Budget,

Therefore, be it resolved:

- (a) That Rebecca Street (between John Street and Wellington Street) be redesigned to accommodate 2-way traffic as part of the Traffic Department's 2014 work plan;
- (b) That the 2014 Annual Traffic Calming Account No. 4041416102 be utilized as the funding source;
- (c) That as part of the 2015 Capital Budget process, staff provide an accelerated conversion strategy for the remaining 8 Downtown Transportation Master Plan streets (i.e., 2 per year or more) with funding alternatives including, but not limited to, existing Public Works Department block funding.

19. Hamilton Community Heritage Fund Loan Program - 64-70 James Street South, Hamilton; 1059 Highway No. 8, Stoney Creek; 107 Mill Street North, Waterdown (PED14085/LS14013) (Wards 2, 11 and 15) (Item 12.3)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton enter into the Forbearance Agreements attached as Appendices "A", "B" and "C" to Report PED14085/LS14013;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Forbearance Agreements attached as Appendices "A", "B" and "C" to Report PED14085/LS14013, together with any ancillary documentation

required, to effect Recommendation (a) to Report PED14085/LS14013 above, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

- (c) That Report LS14013/PED14085 respecting Hamilton Community Heritage Fund Loan Program - 64-70 James Street South, Hamilton; 1059 Highway No. 8, Stoney Creek; 107 Mill Street North, Waterdown and Appendices "A", "B" and "C" attached thereto remain confidential.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes:

ADDED DELEGATION REQUEST

For May 21 GIC Meeting

- 4.3 Request from Laura Ryan, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton-Wentworth, on behalf of Grade 7 Students from Westview Elementary School Photovoice Project, to present their findings with respect to community change following completion of their "photo-voice" project

ADDED DISCUSSION ITEM

- 8.7 Airport Implementation Task Force Report 14-001

ADDED NOTICE OF MOTION

- 10.1 Economic Benefits – Light Rail Transit (LRT) B-Line/Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

ADDED PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

- 12.6 Recovery of Sewage Treatment Costs – Litigation Update in Action No. 06-27631 (LS14019)

The agenda was approved as amended,

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

(i) Minutes of the April 16, 2014 Meeting (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the April 16, 2014 meeting of the General Issues Committee were approved, as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS

(i) Requests from Mo Elbestawi, Vice-President, Research and Internal Affairs, McMaster University, to provide an Update on McMaster-Fraunhofer Project Centre, and from Dr. Johannes Boltze, M.D., Ph.D., Head of the Department of Cell Therapy, Fraunhofer IZI (Institute for Cell Therapy and Immunology), Leipzig, Germany, to speak to the McMaster-Fraunhofer Project Centre (Items 4.1 and 4.2)

The requests from Mo Elbestawi, Vice-President, Research and Internal Affairs, McMaster University, to provide an Update on McMaster-Fraunhofer Project Centre, and from Dr. Johannes Boltze, M.D., Ph.D., Head of the Department of Cell Therapy, Fraunhofer IZI (Institute for Cell Therapy and Immunology), Leipzig, Germany, to speak to the McMaster-Fraunhofer Project Centre were approved, and the rules of order were waived to allow the presentations to be provided at today's meeting.

(ii) Request from Laura Ryan, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton-Wentworth, on behalf of Grade 7 Students from Westview Elementary School Photovoice Project, to present their findings with respect to community change following completion of their "photo-voice" project (Added Item 4.3)

The request from Laura Ryan, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton-Wentworth, on behalf of Grade 7 Students from Westview Elementary School Photovoice Project, to attend the May 21 meeting of the General Issues Committee to present their findings with respect to community change following completion of their "photovoice" project was approved.

(e) CONSENT

(i) Minutes of Various Sub-Committees (For Information Purposes Only) (Item 5.1)

The following Minutes were received:

- (a) Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee - March 18, 2014
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(ii) Graffiti Management Program (PW14042) (City Wide) (Item 5.9)

Staff were directed to:

- (a) report back on the feasibility of having a summer student proactively identify and catalogue the location of graffiti throughout the City (Wards 1 – 15);
- (b) explore and identify in all the problematic ward areas where artistic murals would be a possible solution and report back

See Item 8 for the further disposition of this matter.

(f) DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

(i) Ted Gill, respecting Submission on Rapid Transit Planning in Hamilton (Item 6.1)

With the assistance of PowerPoint, Mr. Gill provided a presentation addressing the issue that “Hamilton needs to get on with implementing a Rapid Transit System....but is LRT the right technology for Hamilton?”

The issues that Mr. Gill spoke to included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Why re-evaluate BRT?
- Reports to Council have noted...
- Inconclusive research that LRT may not necessarily result in greater economic benefit than BRT in Hamilton
- Let's find out
- Photos of the “Central Area” and “around proposed stations”
- The matter of permanence...
- Alternative fuels and propulsion
- Benefits of BRT as initial RT
- Summary/Request: That Council direct staff to re-evaluate bus rapid transit (BRT) for use as an interim and/or permanent RT technology, in parallel with all existing efforts to obtain funding for light rail transit (LRT), and report back to the appropriate Committee(s) at the earliest opportunity.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was submitted to the Clerk for the public record and can be viewed on the City of Hamilton website. Copies were distributed at the meeting.

Mr. Gill responded to questions from Committee.

The presentation from Mr. Ted Gill respecting “Rapid Transit Planning in Hamilton” was received.

Staff responded to questions from Committee.

(ii) Keanin Loomis, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting the 2014 Hamilton Economic Summit (Item 6.2)

Keanin Loomis, President and CAO of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce addressed Committee and copies of a flyer respecting the 2014 Hamilton Economic Summit were distributed. He indicated that his purpose is to invite Council to the Economic Summit.

The presentation from Keanin Loomis from the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce respecting the “2014 Hamilton Economic Summit” was received.

(iii) Abdullah Mayo, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Raise an Aim Inc., respecting “Civic Crowdfunding” (Item 6.3)

Abdullah Mayo, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Raise an Aim Inc., appeared before the Committee to speak to the issue of “Civic Crowdfunding”. The company provides a crowd funding service specifically civic crowd funding.

With the assistance of a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Mayo spoke to the following:

- What is RAim (Raise an Aim)
- How does it work
- Why RAim/Reasons
- Does it Work
- Building the Future. With you.

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

Mr. Mayo responded to questions from Committee.

Staff was directed to report back to the General Issues Committee with a high level overview of “civic crowd funding” and the feasibility of it being implemented.

The presentation from Abdullah Mayo, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Raise an Aim Inc., respecting “Civic Crowdfunding”, was received.

The Chair introduced Doctors Mo Elbestawi, Johannes Boltze, and Jack Gauldie who will be making the following presentations:

- (iv) Mo Elbestawi, Vice-President, Research and Internal Affairs, McMaster University, to provide an Update on McMaster-Fraunhofer Project Centre (Item 4.1/6.4)**

Mo Elbestawi addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and explained that the proposal is with respect to a partnership between McMaster University and Fraunhofer IZI (Institute of Cell Therapy and Immunology) in Leipzig, Germany.

Mr. Elbestawi provided an overview of the proposal and highlighted the positive economic benefit. Copies of the hand-out were distributed and a copy has been submitted to the Clerk for the public record.

The presentation from Mo Elbestawi, Vice-President, Research and Internal Affairs, McMaster University, respecting the “McMaster-Fraunhofer Project Centre”, was received.

- (v) Dr. Johannes Boltze, M.D., Ph.D., Head of the Department of Cell Therapy, Fraunhofer IZI (Institute for Cell Therapy and Immunology), Leipzig, Germany, to speak to the McMaster-Fraunhofer Project Centre (Item 4.2/6.5)**

Dr. Johannes Boltze addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and provided background information respecting the Fraunhofer IZI (Institute for Cell Therapy and Immunology). Copies of the hand-out were distributed and a copy has been retained in the Clerk’s file for the public record.

The presentation from Dr. Johannes Boltze, Head of the Department of Cell Therapy, Fraunhofer IZI Institute, respecting the “McMaster-Fraunhofer Project Centre”, was received.

(g) PRESENTATIONS

- (i) Fraunhofer Project Centre for Biomedical Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing (BEAM) (PED14091) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

Neil Everson, Acting General Manager of Planning and Economic Development, provided a PowerPoint presentation with respect to the Fraunhofer Project Centre, and spoke to the following:

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- Why Biomedical Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing (BEAM) is important to Hamilton
- BEAM Funding Model
- Financing Plan for City Funding
- Economic Impact Forecast – Deloitte Professional Services

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

Copies of a five year assessment of the qualitative and quantitative impact of the Fraunhofer Project prepared by Deloitte Professional Services for McMaster University were distributed.

The presentation from Neil Everson, Acting General Manager of Planning and Economic Development, respecting the “Fraunhofer Project Centre for Biomedical Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing (BEAM)”, was received.

Staff and the delegations, including Doctor Jack Gauldie from McMaster University responded to questions from Committee.

Subsection (a) of the recommendations was amended by including the words “in principle subject to subsection (d)” after the word “approved”;

The amendment CARRIED and the main motion as amended CARRIED on the following standing recorded votes:

Yeas:	Bratina, Pearson, Clark, Johnson, Ferguson, Pasuta, Partridge, Whitehead, Duvall, Jackson, Merulla, Collins, Morrow, Farr, McHattie
Total:	15
Nays:	0
Absent:	Powers
Total:	1

See Item 9 for the disposition of this item.

(ii) Civic Gateway Study (PW14044) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 7.2)

Andrew Grice, Manager of Policy and Programs addressed Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

The Committee was provided with a hand-out which spoke to the following:

- Previous Council Direction

- History of Civic Gateways
- Public Voting Options
- Gateway Site Key Maps: Site 1 – Highway 403 near Highway 6 Interchange; Site 2 – Highway 6 near Freelon Road; Site 3 – Highway 403 near Alberton Road; Site 4 – the QEW at Fifty Road; Site 5 – QEW Pedestrian Bridge at Red Hill Valley Parkway
- 2014 – Proposed Gateway Strategy
- 2014 – Gateway Concept Detailed Design Development
- Short-term Timeline
- Rendering – Short-term Strategy (Civic Gateway at Highway 403 near Highway 6 (Location #1)).

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

The presentation respecting the “Civic Gateway Study” was received.

A motion to refer Report PW14044 respecting “Civic Gateway Study” to the 2015 budgets process LOST on the following standing recorded votes:

Yeas:	Pasuta, Partridge, Collins, Merulla
Total:	4
Nays:	Bratina, Pearson, Ferguson, Whitehead, Duvall, Jackson, Morrow, Farr
Total:	8
Absent:	Powers, Clark, Johnson, McHattie
Total:	4

The Main motion CARRIED on the following standing recorded votes:

Yeas:	Bratina, Pearson, Ferguson, Whitehead, Duvall, Jackson, Morrow, Farr
Total:	8
Nays:	Pasuta, Partridge, Collins, Merulla
Total:	4
Absent:	Powers, Clark, Johnson, McHattie
Total:	4

See Item 10 for the disposition of this item.

(iii) Piers 5-8 Sewage Pumping Station and Facilities Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Schedule B (PED14092) (Ward 2) (Item 7.3)

The presentation respecting the “Piers 5-8 Sewage Pumping Station and Facilities Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, Schedule B” was waived.

See Item 11 for the disposition of this item.

(h) DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Waste Collection Operations - Supplementary Information (PW14047) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

The staff recommendations were approved including subsection (a) as follows:

- (a) That staff report back to the Public Works Committee on the feasibility of expediting the installation of GPS on all City of Hamilton waste collections vehicles prior to the end of 2014.

See Item 12 for the disposition of the balance of this item.

(ii) Five-Year Plan regarding Two-Way Street Conversions (PW13097) (Item 8.2)

Report PW13097 respecting “Five-Year Plan regarding Two-Way Street Conversions”, tabled by the General Issues Committee on December 4, 2013, was lifted from the table.

See Item 13 for the disposition of this item.

(iii) Public Art Piece Honouring L. M. Alexander (PED14089) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.4)

Report PED14089 respecting “Public Art Piece Honouring L.M. Alexander” was TABLED until the May 14, 2014 Council meeting in order to allow staff to prepare amendments to the recommendations as per Committee’s direction.

(i) MOTIONS

(i) Review of Arts Funding (Item 9.1)

This Item was referred to the next General Issues Committee meeting.

(j) NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor B. McHattie indicated that he wished to defer the following Notice of Motion until after the Provincial Election:

(i) Economic Benefits – Light Rail Transit (LRT) B-Line/Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) (Added 10.1)

Whereas Hamilton City Council approved the Rapid Ready Report in February 2013, recommending the B-Line King Street Light Rail Transit (LRT) corridor, and;

Whereas the Rapid Ready Report states the case for LRT as the technology with the greatest economic development benefits, and;

Whereas the Rapid Ready Report includes the LRT 30% design as required by Metrolinx and the Province of Ontario, and;

Whereas in their Spring 2014 budget, the previous Liberal Provincial Government allocated \$15B to rapid transit projects in the GTHA, and;

Whereas the City of Hamilton's share of the \$15B on a per capita basis is \$1.2B, which could fund the \$800M B-Line LRT and the A-Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT, at an approximate cost of \$250M), and;

Whereas some in the community believe BRT to be a better choice than LRT.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That staff be requested to report back on the economic benefits of the Light Rail Transit (LRT) B-Line as compared to a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), referencing analysis contained in the Council-approved Rapid Ready Report.

Councillor T. Whitehead indicated that he wished to defer the following Notice of Motion until after the Provincial Election:

(ii) Re-evaluation of Cost and Business Case for B-line vs A-line (New Business)

That staff be directed to re re-evaluate the cost and business case for the B-line vs. A-line, to determine whether the A-line should be considered priority.

(k) OTHER BUSINESS/GENERAL INFORMATION

(i) Outstanding Business List Items

(aa) Revised Due Dates

The due date for the following item on the Outstanding Business List was amended as follows:

Item O: Citizens' Committee Report on Farmers' Market White Paper

Due Date: May 7, 2014

Revised Due Date: May 21, 2014

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

The following item was deemed complete and removed from the Outstanding Business List:

Item JJ: Hamilton Music Festival (Item 8.4)

(l) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

(i) Closed Session Minutes – April 16, 2014 (Item 12.1)

(a) The Closed Session Minutes from the April 16, 2014 meeting of the General Issues Committee were approved as presented;

(b) The Closed Session Minutes from the April 16, 2014 meeting are to remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure.

The Committee moved into Closed Session at 3:00 p.m. to receive an update from external legal counsel and to consider other matters pursuant to Sub-sections (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law and Section 239.2 of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to:

- (a) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board respecting “Bell Canada Municipal Access Agreement”;
- (b) 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, respecting “Hamilton Community Heritage Fund Loan Program – 64-70 James Street South, Hamilton; 1059 Highway No. 8, Stoney Creek; and 107 Mill Street North, Waterdown”;
- (c) 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, respecting “Potential Litigation related to Contaminated Property”;
- (d) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board respecting “H.E.C.F.I. Contract”;
- (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, respecting “Recovery of Sewage Treatment Costs – Litigation Update in Action No. 06-27631”.

The Committee reconvened in Open Session at 4:50 p.m.

(ii) Bell Canada Municipal Access Agreement (Item 12.2)

Direction was given to staff in Closed Session with nothing to report in Open Session.

(iii) Hamilton Community Heritage Fund Loan Program – 64-70 James Street South, Hamilton; 1059 Highway No. 8, Stoney Creek; and 107 Mill Street North, Waterdown (PED14085/LS14013) Wards 2, 11 and 15 (Item 12.3)

See Item 19 for the disposition of this item.

(iv) Potential Litigation relating to Contaminated Property (LS14014/PW14045) (Ward 3) (Item 12.4)

- (a) That the City Solicitor and General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to take all necessary steps in accordance with Report LS14014./PW14045 respecting Potential Litigation relating to Contaminated Property and report back to the General Issues Committee;
- (b) That the contents of Report LS14014/PW14045 remain confidential.

(v) H.E.C.F.I. Contract – Verbal Update (Item 12.5)

A verbal update was provided to Committee in Closed Session with nothing to report in Open Session

(vi) Recovery of Sewage Treatment Costs – Litigation Update in Action No. 06-27631 (LS14019) (Item 12.6)

Direction was given to staff in Closed Session with nothing to report in Open Session.

(m) ADJOURNMENT

That there being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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