



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 15-015

9:30 a.m.

Monday, August 10, 2015
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger, Deputy Mayor B. Johnson (Chair)
Councillors J. Farr, A. Johnson, S. Merulla, T. Jackson, S. Duvall,
T. Whitehead, D. Conley, M. Pearson, L. Ferguson, A.
VanderBeek, R. Pasuta, J. Partridge

**Absent
with Regrets:** Councillors C. Collins and M. Green – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Regulating Guns and/or Ammunition (LS15020) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

(Eisenberger/A. Johnson)

That Report LS15020, respecting Regulating Guns and/or Ammunition, be received.

CARRIED

2. Ottawa Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) Revised Board of Management (PED15106) (Wards 3 and 4) (Item 5.3)

(Partridge/Pearson)

That the following individual be appointed to the Ottawa Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Management:

- (i) Mike Pitton

CARRIED

3. Tripartite Agreement Regarding Poverty Reduction (CM15015) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

(Partridge/Pearson)

That Report CM15015, respecting Tripartite Agreement Regarding Poverty Reduction, be received.

CARRIED

4. Office Tenancy Assistance Program, McMaster University's Downtown Accelerator Program – 245 James Street North, Hamilton (PED15063(a)) (Ward 2) (Item 5.5)

(Partridge/Pearson)

- (a) That a conditional forgivable loan commitment totalling \$38,505 for McMaster University, the tenant leasing office space at 245 James Street North, Hamilton, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED15063(a), be authorized and approved under the Office Tenancy Assistance Program (OTAP) in accordance with the Program's terms and conditions;
- (b) That in order to earn forgiveness of the loan as recommended in Recommendation (a) of Report PED15063(a), McMaster University must occupy the space to which the loan was used for leasehold improvements for a 36 month period and the forgiveness will not be prorated if McMaster University vacates the space prior to the 36 month period;
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Loan Agreement together with any ancillary documentation required, to effect Recommendations (a) and (b) of Report PED15063(a) in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (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 Office Tenancy Assistance Program, as approved by City Council, are maintained.

CARRIED

5. Cell Tower Lease / Declaration of Surplus and Sale of Easement and Right of Way between City of Hamilton (Lessor) and Globalive Wireless Management Corp. (Carrying on Business as WIND Mobile Inc., Lessee) on part of 14-24 Sherwood Park Road, Stoney Creek (PED15113) (Ward 10) (Item 5.6)

(Partridge/Pearson)

- (a) That part of the subject lands, designated as Part 1 on Plan 62R-20104, forming part of 14-24 Sherwood Park Road, Stoney Creek, having an area of approximately 7 square metres (75 square feet) as shown on Appendix "A" attached to Report PED15113, being Part of PIN 17350-0081 (LT) be declared surplus to the requirements of the City of Hamilton in accordance with Procedural By-law 14-204;
- (b) That an Offer to Purchase (Easement) by Globalive Wireless Management Corp., scheduled to close on or before October 1, 2015, for the easement land described in Recommendation (a) to Report PED15113, be approved and completed at the price of \$2 (excluding HST);

- (c) That a Lease with Globalive Wireless Management Corp. over the land described as Part 2, Plan 62R-20104 to erect a 35 metre high cell tower camouflaged as a shrouded monopole (flagpole) capable of co-sharing with another carrier, substantially based on terms and conditions outlined in Appendix "B" attached to Report PED15113, and any other terms and conditions deemed appropriate to the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development, be approved;
- (d) That a Right of Way for Globalive Wireless Management Corp. over the land described as Part B, Plan 62R-20104 to provide vehicular access to the tower compound area be approved;
- (e) That the Lease proceeds be credited to account number 46083-205300 and transferred to Ward 10 Capital Reserve Fund 108034;
- (f) That any costs related to the Lease, including real estate and legal fees (\$6,836) be funded from Account No. 46083-205300 and credited to Account No. 45408-3560150200; and,
- (g) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the necessary documents, respecting the Cell Tower Lease / Declaration of Surplus and Sale of Easement and Right of Way between City of Hamilton (Lessor) and Globalive Wireless Management Corp. (Carrying on Business as WIND Mobile Inc., Lessee) on part of 14-24 Sherwood Park Road, Stoney Creek, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

6. Rooftop Cell Tower License between City of Hamilton (Licensor) and Globalive Wireless Management Corp. (Carrying on Business as WIND Mobile Inc.) (Licensee) on part of the York Boulevard Parkade located at 28 York Boulevard, Hamilton (PED15114) (Ward 2) (Item 5.7)

(Partridge/Pearson)

- (a) That a new License Agreement between the City of Hamilton (the Licensor) and Globalive Wireless Management Corp. (the Licensee) for space forming part of 28 York Boulevard, and specifically on the elevator shaft rooftop and in a small alcove on the top floor, as shown on Appendices "A" and "B" attached to Report PED15114, substantially based on the terms and conditions contained in Appendix "C" attached to Report PED15114, and such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development Department, be approved;
- (b) That a Ward 2 Capital Reserve Fund be established to fund projects that benefit constituents of Ward 2 and the net proceeds from the cell tower License described in Recommendation (a) to Report PED15114, be deposited to this Ward 2 Capital Reserve and that the Reserve Funds be utilized in accordance with the City of Hamilton Reserve Policies;

- (c) That the License proceeds be credited to Account No. 46083-205300, and that any costs related to the License, including real estate and legal fees (\$5,310) and any other expenditures, be funded from Account No. 46083-205300 and credited to Account No. 45408-3560150200; and,
- (d) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the License and all other necessary associated documents, such License and documents, respecting the Rooftop Cell Tower License between City of Hamilton (Licensor) and Globalive Wireless Management Corp. (Carrying on Business as WIND Mobile Inc.) (Licensee) on part of the York Boulevard Parkade located at 28 York Boulevard, Hamilton, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

7. Bryan D. Williams, respecting the use of an HSR Bus for the McMaster University Engineering Student's Bus Pull to Raise Funds for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (Item 6.2)

(Eisenberger/A. Johnson)

That the \$350 HSR bus rental fee be waived for the McMaster University Engineering Students' Bus Pull, to raise funds for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, on Friday, September 4, 2015 between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

CARRIED

8. Fostering the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project (CM15014) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

(Eisenberger/Farr)

- (a) That the City Manager create a light rail transit (LRT) office as a means to coordinate work with Metrolinx and engage the broader community in the building of an LRT in Hamilton;
- (b) That the City Manager report back to the General Issues Committee with financial, staffing and reporting details for the LRT office;
- (c) That Steer Davies Gleave be retained, subject to Metrolinx approval, in order to complete the conceptual design and Environmental Assessment (EA) work for any necessary and required changes to the original A and B Lines, including the pedestrian corridor and the maintenance and storage facility; **subject to the A-Line extension to the Waterfront being included in the original \$1.2B Metrolinx budget, to be fully funded by the Province. (Ferguson/Jackson)**
- (d) That a Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee of Council be created in accordance with the Terms of Reference attached as Appendix "A" to Report CM15014;

- (e) *That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee, should additional staff be required for the LRT project, in order to avoid a shortage of staff resources and/or delays on other priority capital projects; (Ferguson/Merulla)*
- (f) *That, at this time, staff be directed to suspend the offer of any new incentives to support development along or near the LRT nodes and corridors; and, (Ferguson/Conley)*
- (g) *That the following Councillors be appointed to the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee for the balance of the 2014-2018 term of Council (Duvall/Merulla):*
 - (i) *T. Whitehead*
 - (ii) *L. Ferguson*

**AMENDMENTS CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED**

9. Non-Union Compensation Sub-Committee Report 15-001, July 8, 2015 (Item 8.1)

(Partridge/Ferguson)

(a) Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair (Item A)

- (a) That Councillor Lloyd Ferguson be appointed as Chair of the Non-Union Compensation Sub-Committee for the balance of the 2014-2018 term of Council; and,
- (b) That Councillor Maria Pearson be appointed as Vice Chair of the Non-Union Compensation Sub-Committee for the balance of the 2014-2018 term of Council.

(b) 2015 Minimum Wage Increase (HUR15004) (City Wide) (Item 3.1)

- (a) That the minimum wage jobs in the temporary part-time non-union salary schedule be increased by 25 cents effective October 1, 2015, in accordance with *The Employment Standards Act*, and the remaining jobs in this salary schedule be adjusted accordingly in order to maintain pay equity compliance; and,
- (b) That the minimum wage jobs in the full-time non-union summer student salary schedule be increased by 25 cents effective October 1, 2015 in accordance with *The Employment Standards Act*, and the remaining schedule be adjusted accordingly to maintain internal equity amongst the roles.

(c) 2015 Non-Union Management and Professional Exempt Group Compensation (HUR15006/FCS15053) (City Wide) (Item 3.2)

That the salary schedule for the Non-Union Management and Professional Exempt Employee Group be increased by 1.5%, as budgeted in 2015, effective January 1, 2015, to be consistent with the 2015 negotiated memorandum of settlement for CUPE Local 5167, and individual salaries be adjusted accordingly.

CARRIED

10. Capital Projects Closing Report as of December 31, 2014 (FCS14058(b)) (City Wide) (Referred back to GIC by Council at its meeting of July 10, 2015) (Item 8.3)

(Merulla/Eisenberger)

- (a) That the General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services be directed to close the completed and/or cancelled capital projects listed in Appendix "A", **as amended**, to Report FCS14058(b) in accordance with the Capital Closing Policy;
- (b) That Appendix "B" to Report FCS14058(b), detailing the Capital Projects' Budget Appropriations for the period covering October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 be received for information; and,
- (c) That the General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services be authorized to transfer **\$524,583** to the "Unallocated Capital Levy Reserve (108020)" from capital projects as outlined in Appendix "C", **as amended**, to Report FCS14058.

**AMENDMENTS CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED**

11. Additional Funding Required for Previously Approved Capital Projects (FCS15054) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

(Conley/Pearson)

- (a) That the funding shortfall of the Red Hill Expressway project 4060087004, in the amount of up to \$2,808,940, be funded from interest revenue in the Investing in Ontario Subsidy Reserve 108024;
- (b) That the funding shortfall for the Westmount Recreation Centre project 7100954900, in the amount of up to \$2,627,367, be funded from return of capital from ABCP investments in the Investment Stabilization Reserve 112300;
- (c) That the funding shortfall for the Stoney Creek Recreation Centre project 7100954901, in the amount of up to \$2,432,584, be funded from return of capital from ABCP investments in the Investment Stabilization Reserve 112300;

- (d) That the funding shortfall for the Flamborough Twin Pad Arena project 7100554707, in the amount of up to \$357,765, be funded from return of capital from ABCP investments in the Investment Stabilization Reserve 112300;
- (e) That the funding shortfall for the Wentworth Lodge Rehabilitation project 6000051001, in the amount of up to \$641,242, be funded from the 2015 HUC special dividend in the Unallocated Capital Reserve 108020;
- (f) That the funding shortfall for the Lister Block projects 2050659603, 2051141110 and 3540941950, in the amount of up to \$730,205, be funded from the Unallocated Capital Reserve 108020; and,
- (g) That the funding shortfall for the Universal Metering project 5140071096, in the amount of up to \$3,716,178, be funded from the Waterworks Capital Reserve 108015.

CARRIED

12. Project Manager – Animal Services (City Wide) (PED15115) (Item 8.5)

(Merulla/Eisenberger)

That the hiring of a temporary Project Manager for Animal Services to assist in the development and implementation of several strategic service delivery programs over the next two years be approved and funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve Account No. 110046.

CARRIED

13. Policy 11 for Stage 4 Archaeology at Dundurn National Historic Site (PED15119) (Ward 1) (Item 8.6)

(A. Johnson/Eisenberger)

- (a) That the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development be authorized and directed to retain the services of Historic Horizons through the City's Procurement Policy, Policy #11 – Non-Competitive Procurements, to provide Stage 4 mitigation archaeology at Dundurn National Historic Site, in the amount of \$350,000;
- (b) That an upset limit of \$350,000 for the Stage 4 mitigation archaeology work be funded from the following approved capital projects: Dundurn Castle Outbuildings (Project ID 7201541702), Dundurn Exteriors (Project ID 7101258706), and War of 1812 Commemoration (Project ID 7101058702); and,
- (c) That the work of the Dundurn Castle Outbuildings (Project ID 7201541702), Dundurn Exteriors (Project ID 7101258706), and War of 1812 Commemoration (Project ID 7101058702) capital projects, to the upset limit value of \$350,000, be deferred to fund the legislated Stage 4

mitigation (archaeology) and be referred to the 2017 Capital budget process for consideration.

CARRIED

14. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 15-005, July 14, 2015 (Item 8.7)

(Merulla/Pearson)

TEXT with 9-1-1 in the City of Hamilton (Item 5.1)

That the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) be part of the continued consultation process alongside the consultation of relevant community organizations.

CARRIED

15. Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee Report 15-007, July 14, 2015 (Item 8.8)

(Partridge/Eisenberger)

(a) Update from the *Ontario Municipal Act* Working Group and Recommendations for *Ontario Municipal Act* Changes (Item 6.2)

- (i) That the Mayor correspond with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to advise of the recommendations of the Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee, as outlined in Appendix "A" to BIAAC Report 15-007, respecting Changes to the *Ontario Municipal Act*.

(b) Proposed Expenditures from the Westdale Village BIA (Item 9.1(a))

- (i) That the expenditure request from the Westdale Village BIA, in the amount of \$14,456.24, from the Commercial Improvement Program for beautification, be approved; and,
- (ii) That the expenditure request from the Westdale Village BIA, in the amount of \$20,645.55, from the Parking Revenue Sharing Program for marketing, be approved.

(c) Proposed Expenditures from the Downtown Dundas BIA (Added Item 9.1(b))

- (i) That the expenditure request from the Downtown Dundas BIA, in the amount of \$12,380.74, from the Commercial Improvement Program for cleaning and maintaining the public road allowance and purchasing and maintaining Christmas decorations, be approved; and,

- (ii) That the expenditure request from the Downtown Dundas BIA in the amount of \$23,162.28 from the Parking Revenue Sharing Program for: beautification and promotions, purchasing and maintaining hanging flower baskets, promotion of the Dundas BIA and its events and the costs associated with events happening in the remainder of 2015, be approved.

(d) Proposed Expenditure from the Ancaster Village BIA (Added Item 9.1(c))

That the expenditure request from the Ancaster Village BIA ,in the amount of \$6,647.71 from the Commercial Improvement Program and \$5,993.22 from the Parking Revenue Sharing Program, for beautification projects, be approved.

CARRIED

16. Hamilton Celebrates Canada 150 - Hamilton's Sesquicentennial Initiatives (PED15087) (City Wide) (Item 8.9)

(Eisenberger/Farr)

- (a) That the proposed *Hamilton Celebrates Canada 150* Framework attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED15087, be approved;
- (b) That the proposed budget for *Hamilton Celebrates Canada 150*, up to the following amounts be forwarded for consideration as part of the 2016 Capital Budget deliberations:

Expense Item	Amount	Source of Funding
Enhanced Civic Events	\$ 50,000	New 2016 Capital Project
Partner Based Initiatives	\$100,000	New 2016 Capital Project
Community Grant Program	\$100,000	New 2016 Capital Project
Program Coordination and Public Engagement	\$265,000	New 2016 Capital Project
Legacy Project #1 –Waterfront – Gateway	\$100,000	Capital Enhancement to West Harbour Redevelopment 2014-2019
Legacy Project #2 –Waterfront - Adaptive Reuse of Varnish Shed	\$ 75,000	Capital Enhancement to West Harbour Redevelopment 2014-2019
Legacy Project #3 –Public Art	\$250,000	Public Art Reserve Fund Account (No. 108044)

- (c) That Tourism and Culture staff be directed to work with the Enterprise Management and Revenue Generation Division, Corporate Services Department, to identify potential revenue sources to offset the Capital costs identified in recommendation (b) of Report PED15087.

CARRIED

17. Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant Application (ERG-13-03) – 70 Barton Street, Waterdown (PED13189) (Ward 15) (Item 8.10)

(Partridge/Jackson)

- (a) That Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant Application ERG-13-03, submitted by Chelten Developments 2012 Inc. (Angelina LeClerc and Marcel J. LeClerc), owner of the property at 70 Barton Street, Waterdown for an ERASE Redevelopment Grant not to exceed \$402,000 the actual cost of the remediation, payable to Chelten Developments 2012 Inc. (Angelina LeClerc and Marcel J. LeClerc) over a maximum of 10 years, be authorized and approved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the ERASE Redevelopment Agreement;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute loan agreements together with any ancillary documentation required, to effect recommendations (a) and (b), above, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (c) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to approve and execute any loan amending agreements, together with any ancillary amending documentation, if required, provided that the terms and conditions of the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant, as approved by City Council, are maintained.

CARRIED

18. Capital Work-in-Progress Sub-Committee Report 15-003, July 8, 2015 (Item 8.11)

(Conley/Pearson)

Development of Supplemental Project List

That the General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services and the General Manager of Public Works or their designates be directed to meet to develop a supplemental project list, for review and consideration by the Capital Projects Work-in-Progress Sub-Committee in the case of favourable project tendering.

CARRIED

19. Open for Business Sub-Committee Report 15-002, July 8, 2015 (Item 8.12)

(Pearson/Partridge)

(a) Open for Business Sub-Committee Revised Terms of Reference (PED15101) (City Wide) (Item 6.1)

- (i) That the Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee (BIACC) and the Realtors Association of Hamilton-Burlington be invited to submit the name of one representative each to participate on the Open For Business Sub-Committee as ex-officio, non-voting key advisors to the Sub-Committee; and,
- (ii) That the revised Terms of Reference of the Open For Business Sub-Committee, attached hereto as Appendix "A" to Report 15-002, and further revised with the inclusion of representatives of the Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee (BIACC) and the Realtors Association of Hamilton-Burlington as ex-officio, non-voting key advisors to the Sub-Committee, be approved.

(b) One-Stop Business Centre Staffing Review (PED14136(a)) (City Wide) (Item 6.2)

- (i) That the temporary Licensing Facilitator position at the One-Stop Business Centre approved by City Council on July 11, 2014 for an additional 12 months, be extended until the end of the 2016 budget process, with the required funding to be absorbed in the Planning and Economic Development Department Operating Budget; and,
- (ii) That an additional FTE for a permanent Licensing Facilitator position be submitted as an enhancement to the 2016 Operating Budget process.

(c) Open for Business Action Plan - Status Update (PED12164(e)) (City Wide) (Item 6.3)

That Report PED12164(e) respecting an "Open for Business" Action Plan – Status Update, be received.

CARRIED

20. Councillors' Remuneration – Continuation of One-Third Tax Allowance (FCS15001) (City Wide) (Referred by the Non-Union Compensation Sub-Committee on August 6, 2015) (Item 8.13)

(Pearson/Merulla)

- (a) That By-Law 02-354 *Respecting Continuation of One-Third Tax Free Benefit*, be repealed;

- (b) That, effective January 1, 2016, the one-third tax free portion of the remuneration for Members of Council, be fully taxable;
- (c) That, effective January 1, 2016, the remuneration for Councillors be adjusted to maintain the net after tax remuneration; and,
- (d) That the 2016 current budget be increased by \$434,245 to fund the cost to convert to a fully taxable remuneration for Members of Council.

CARRIED

21. Reopening of the Partial Street Closure at Bay and Burlington Streets (Item 9.1)

(Farr/Merulla)

That staff be directed to reopen the partial street closure at Bay and Burlington Streets and to implement the way finding indicators at Bay and Barton Streets in conjunction with the reopening of Bay and Burlington Streets.

CARRIED

22. Ownership of the Strip of Land between Patrick Street and Walnut Street, Hamilton (Item 9.2)

(Farr/Duvall)

That Legal staff be directed to initiate proceedings to have the strip of land between Patrick Street and Walnut Street, identified on the maps attached hereto, vested to the City of Hamilton.

CARRIED

23. Extension of Free Shuttle Service for Special Events (Item 9.3)

(B. Johnson/A. Johnson)

- (a) That the free shuttle service be extended by one day to Saturday, September 12, 2015; and,
- (b) That the routing for the free shuttle service be altered to accommodate both the Supercrawl 2015 and the Locke Street Festival events, with the routing to exclude the waterfront portion.

CARRIED

24. Formal Provincial Consultation Process on Possible Amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act (Item 9.4)

(A. Johnson/Pasuta)

- (a) That the Mayor of Hamilton, on behalf of Council, make a formal submission to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, as part of the consultation process, before October 19, 2015;
- (b) That City staff be directed to communicate with the Hamilton Conservation Authority, **the Grand River Conservation Authority, Conservation Halton, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority and the Royal**

Botanical Gardens (RBG) regarding the possibility of making the above-mentioned letter a joint submission **with the conservation authorities and the RBG; (A. Johnson/Pasuta)**

- (c) That the letter, from the Mayor, request that the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) ensure that the consultation process include conversation among all relevant stakeholders in relation to the following goals/concerns, with the aim of finding environmentally and economically responsible policy solutions:
- (i) Maximization of efforts by conservation authorities to protect and increase the biodiversity of regionally rare native Ontario plants.
 - (ii) Creation of science-based policy to address the problem of artificial in-breeding within plant populations on conservation authority lands, due to such barriers as de facto bans on the planting of regionally rare native stock not derived from plants found on the authority's watershed, though within that authority's seed zone (Ontario Seed Zone Directive, 2010; based on Ontario Climate Model of climatic gradients within the province).
 - (iii) Clarification and implementation, province-wide, of best ecological practices related to the assisted migration of regionally rare native plants on conservation land and within the appropriate seed zone (or adjacent seed zone), but across conservation authority watershed boundaries;
 - (iv) Promote the planting of regionally rare native Ontario species in any appropriate habitat, including novel urban habitats, within a species' seed zone, particularly including conservation authority land where that species has a good chance of thriving, by specifically removing regulatory barriers that discourage opportunities for restoration.
 - (v) Regular conversation among conservation authority officials, Royal Botanical Gardens officials, MNRF officials, First Nations, scientists, citizens, and private sector stakeholders on biodiversity and sustainable development concerns related to the conservation authorities and to biodiversity generally.
 - (vi) Sharing of information related to best practices with regard to the above goals, among all relevant stakeholders.
 - (vii) Formalization of rules and/or expectations with regard to best practices with regard to the above goals, among all relevant stakeholders.

**AMENDMENT CARRIED
MOTION AS AMENDED, CARRIED**

25. Waiver of City Facility Rental Fees for 2016 Winterfest Events (Item 9.5)

(Merulla/Jackson)

That all City facility rental fees for community organizers, for the 2016 Winterfest events, be waived.

CARRIED

26. Correspondence from Herman Turkstra respecting Item 9.1 – A Motion regarding the Reopening of the Partial Street Closure at Bay and Burlington Streets (Item 11.2)

(Pearson/Ferguson)

That the Correspondence from Herman Turkstra respecting Item 9.1 – A Motion regarding the Reopening of the Partial Street Closure at Bay and Burlington Streets, be received.

CARRIED

27. Disposition of Surplus City Facility (PED15117) (Ward 6) (Item 12.2)

(Jackson/Whitehead)

- (a) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to sell the subject property known as 175 Dartnall Road, legally described as Part 2, Plan 62M-658 and Part 1, Plan 62R-20071, being the whole of PIN 17084-0022, located in the Red Hill Business Park, as shown on Appendix "A" attached to Report PED15117, to 1528121 Ontario Limited, (carrying on business as Discount Auto Parts);
- (b) That proceeds of the sale be deposited in Account No. 47702-3560150200 (Property Purchases and Sales) and all associated legal costs, past due loans, appraisal fees, and property maintenance costs related to the subject property be sourced from this account;
- (c) That any applicable HST be collected by the City and credited to Account No. 22828-00900 (HST Payable);
- (d) That the financial details of the sale of 175 Dartnall Road remain confidential until the completion of the real estate transaction;
- (e) That the City Solicitor be authorized to complete the transaction on behalf of the City, including paying any necessary expenses, amending the closing, due diligence and other dates, and amending and waiving terms and conditions on such terms as she considers reasonable; and,
- (f) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the necessary documents, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

28. Non-Union Compensation Committee Report 15-002, August 6, 2015 (Item 12.3)

(Eisenberger/Pearson)

(a) Councillors' Remuneration – Continuation of One-Third Tax Allowance (FCS15001) (City Wide) (Item 4.1)

That Report FCS15001, respecting the Councillors' Remuneration – Continuation of One-Third Tax Allowance, be referred to the General Issues Committee for discussion.

(b) Non-Union Management & Exempt Group Compensation (HUR15007) (Item 5.1)

That recommendations (a) through (e), with the exception of recommendation (b), of Private & Confidential Report HUR15007, respecting the Non-Union & Exempt Group Compensation, be approved; and be referred to Council for consideration.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

- (i) Added as Item 4.4 – Delegation Request submitted by Bryan D. Williams, respecting the use of an HSR Bus for the McMaster University Engineering Student's Bus Pull to Raise Funds for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (For today's (August 10th) meeting.)
- (ii) Added as Item 4.5 – Delegation Request submitted by Kathy Drewitt and Susie Braithwaite, of the Downtown Hamilton BIA and the International Village BIA, respecting the Impacts of LRT in Downtown Hamilton (For today's (August 10th) meeting.)
- (iii) Added as Item 4.6 – Delegation Request submitted by Donna Bacher, REALTORS Association of Hamilton-Burlington, respecting RAHB's Support for the B-Line LRT Project (For today's (August 10th) meeting.)
- (iv) Added as Item 4.7 – Delegation Request submitted by Chris Higgins, McMaster Institute for Transportation and Logistics, respecting Support for the Implementation of LRT in Hamilton and Insight into Relevant New MITL Research (For today's (August 10th) meeting.)

- (v) Item 8.2 – Non-Union Compensation Committee Report 15-002, August 6, 2015 has been moved to Item 12.3 on today's agenda.

Report 15-002 is a public document. However, discussion of Item 2 of Report 15-002, respecting Report HUR15007, Non-Union Management & Exempt Group Compensation in Closed Session is pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (d) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (d) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to labour relations or employee negotiations.

Report HUR15007 was distributed under separate cover.

- (vi) Item 8.12 – a REVISED copy of the Open for Business Sub-Committee Report 15-002
- (vii) Added as Item 8.13 – Report FCS15001, respecting Councillors' Remuneration – Continuation of One-Third Tax Allowance (Referred by the Non-Union Compensation Sub-Committee at its meeting of August 6, 2015.)
- (viii) Added as Item 10.1 – a REVISED copy of the Notice of Motion respecting the Formal Provincial Consultation Process on Possible Amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and Relevant Policy
- (ix) Added as Item 10.2 – a Notice of Motion respecting Waiver of City Facility Rental Fees for the 2016 Winterfest
- (x) Added as Item 11.2 – Correspondence from Herman Turkstra respecting Item 9.1 – A Motion regarding the Reopening of the Partial Street Closure at Bay and Burlington Streets

(Pasuta/Jackson)

That the agenda for the August 10, 2015 General Issues Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) July 6, 2015 (Item 3.1)

(Pearson/Merulla)

That the Minutes of the July 6, 2015 meeting of the General Issues Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Herb Shields, Manager of Government Relations, Enbridge Pipelines, respecting Enbridge Line 10 Upgrades (For an upcoming GIC) (Item 4.1)

(Pasuta/Pearson)

That the delegation request submitted by Herb Shields, Manager of Government Relations, Enbridge Pipelines, respecting Enbridge Line 10 Upgrades, be approved for a future GIC meeting.

CARRIED

(ii) Wayne Terryberry, Hamilton Burlington Trails Council, respecting a Proposal for a Regional Multi-Use Greenway to Compliment LRT Infrastructure and Enhance Hamilton's Active Transportation Network (Item 4.2)

(Eisenberger/Duvall)

That the delegation request submitted by Wayne Terryberry, Hamilton Burlington Trails Council, respecting a Proposal for a Regional Multi-Use Greenway to Compliment LRT Infrastructure and Enhance Hamilton's Active Transportation Network, be approved for the September 16, 2015 GIC meeting.

CARRIED

(iii) Keanin Loomis, President, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting Implementation of the B-Line Light Rail Transit Project (Item 4.3)

(Farr/A. Johnson)

That the delegation request submitted by Keanin Loomis, President, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting implementation of the B-Line Light Rail Transit project, be approved for the August 10, 2015 meeting of GIC.

CARRIED

- (iv) **Delegation Request submitted by Bryan D. Williams, respecting the Use of an HSR Bus for the McMaster University Engineering Student's Bus Pull to Raise Funds for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (Item 4.4)**

(Duvall/Pearson)

That the delegation request submitted by Bryan D. Williams, respecting the use of an HSR Bus for the McMaster University Engineering Student's Bus Pull to raise funds for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, be approved for the August 10, 2015 meeting of GIC.

CARRIED

- (v) **Delegation Request submitted by Kathy Drewitt and Susie Braithwaite, of the Downtown Hamilton BIA and the International Village BIA, respecting the Impacts of LRT in Downtown Hamilton (Item 4.5)**

(Farr/Partridge)

That the delegation request submitted by Kathy Drewitt and Susie Braithwaite, of the Downtown Hamilton BIA and the International Village BIA, respecting the impacts of LRT in Downtown Hamilton, be approved for the August 10, 2015 meeting of GIC.

CARRIED

- (vi) **Delegation Request submitted by Donna Bacher, REALTORS Association of Hamilton-Burlington, respecting RAHB's support for the B-Line LRT Project (Item 4.6)**

(Farr/A. Johnson)

That the delegation request submitted by Donna Bacher, REALTORS Association of Hamilton-Burlington, respecting RAHB's support for the B-Line LRT project, be approved for the August 10, 2015 meeting of GIC.

CARRIED

- (vii) **Delegation Request submitted by Chris Higgins, McMaster Institute for Transportation and Logistics, respecting support for the Implementation of LRT in Hamilton and Insight into Relevant new MITL Research (Item 4.7)**

(Conley/A. Johnson)

That the delegation request submitted by Chris Higgins, McMaster Institute for Transportation and Logistics, respecting support for the implementation of LRT in Hamilton and Insight into Relevant new MITL research, be approved for the August 10, 2015 meeting of GIC.

CARRIED

(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) Regulating Guns and/or Ammunition (LS15020) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

(Eisenberger/Merulla)

That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee, with options, respecting the proposed amendments outlined in Report LS15020 regarding the regulation of guns and/or ammunition, to include, but not be limited to, a review of the current mapping and to take into consideration the Conservation Authorities' Agreement with First Nations and Aboriginal treaty hunting rights in Ontario.

CARRIED

(ii) Arts Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, March 24, 2015 (Item 5.2)

(Pearson/Conley)

That the Minutes of the March 24, 2015 meeting of the Arts Advisory Commission be received.

CARRIED

(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Keanin Loomis, President, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, provided a PowerPoint presentation to Committee, respecting the Implementation of the B-Line Light Rail Transit Project (Item 6.1)

Keanin Loomis, President, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, provided a PowerPoint presentation to Committee, respecting the implementation of the B-Line Light Rail Transit project. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- History and Mandate of Chamber LRT Taskforce
- Composition of LRT Taskforce
- Pledge to Committee and the Hamilton Community
- Upcoming MITL Complete Streets Report

Mandate & History of LRT Taskforce:

- Assess Hamilton's LRT project from a business perspective i.e. provide input to and assess the return on investment of LRT in Hamilton.
- Engage Chamber members and the business community to provide input to the LRT project.

- Provide input on how LRT is a strategic infrastructure investment for Hamilton.
- Assess development options along the LRT corridors (ex. zoning; incentives).

Activities and Outcomes:

- Assessed available evidence and informed by the work of MITL's "The North America Light Rail Experience and City Staff's Rapid Ready Report (2012-2015)"
- Provided a forum for public and private sector stakeholders.
- Several letters and meetings with provincial Ministers, MPPs and the Premier.

Composition of LRT Taskforce:

- Hamilton City Councillors (3)
- McMaster University
- Mohawk College
- McMaster Institute for Transportation and Logistics
- CAA
- City of Hamilton staff
- Realtors Association of Hamilton and Burlington
- Hamilton-Halton Homebuilders Association
- Vrancor
- Big Bee
- Strategic Interchange
- International Village BIA
- Downtown Hamilton BIA
- Hamilton Port Authority
- Sonic Unyon/Supercrawl
- Chamber Division Chairs: Ancaster, Dundas, Glanbrook and Young Entrepreneurs & Professionals (YEP)
- Hamilton HIVE
- Korlon Strategic Services

Pledge to Committee and the Hamilton Community:

- To provide leadership and mobilize the rest of the leadership community.

- To communicate with and work to mitigate the impacts to the Downtown business community.
- To communicate with and work to mitigate the impacts to businesses along the corridor.
- To help ensure that we do everything to maximize the economic uplift associated with the project

(Eisenberger/Conley)

That the presentation provided by Keanin Loomis, President of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting the implementation of the B-Line Light Rail Transit project, be received.

CARRIED

A full copy of the presentation is available on the City's web site at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(ii) Bryan D. Williams, respecting the use of an HSR Bus for the McMaster University Engineering Student's Bus Pull to Raise Funds for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (Item 6.2)

Bryan D. Williams addressed Committee, respecting the use of an HSR Bus for the McMaster University Engineering Student's Bus Pull to raise funds for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Mr. Williams' comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- The McMaster Bus Pull is a 20 year tradition and the HSR has always been a part of that tradition.
- This year we were advised by staff that we would be required to pay the bus rental fee.
- We (the McMaster Welcoming Planning Committee) have a minimal budget of \$1,500 that must be used toward all events / refreshments taking place that week. Therefore, we would be unable to afford the \$350 for the HSR bus for this year's fundraising event this year.
- We would like to continue this 20 year tradition with the City of Hamilton and the HSR, and are requesting that the City continue to show its good nature and dedication to the community by waiving the fees for the bus once again this year.

(A. Johnson/Eisenberger)

That the verbal presentation provided by Bryan D. Williams addressed Committee, respecting the use of an HSR Bus for the McMaster University Engineering Student's Bus Pull to Raise Funds for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, be received.

CARRIED

For disposition on this matter, refer to Item 7.

(iii) Kathy Drewitt and Susie Braithwaite, of the Downtown Hamilton BIA and the International Village BIA, respecting the Impacts of LRT in Downtown Hamilton (Item 6.3)

Kathy Drewitt and Susie Braithwaite, of the Downtown Hamilton BIA and the International Village BIA, addressed Committee respecting the Impacts of LRT in Downtown Hamilton. Their comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- We want to ensure that the community's voice is heard during the LRT process.
- The Downtown Hamilton BIA and the International Village BIA are both supportive of the LRT. However, we are concerned that the interim control measures may delay ongoing construction projects within the BIAs. The BIAs do not want current construction projects to be delayed.
- We would like to continue to be involved in the LRT process.

(Farr/Ferguson)

That the presentation provided by Kathy Drewitt and Susie Braithwaite, of the Downtown Hamilton BIA and the International Village BIA, respecting the Impacts of LRT in Downtown Hamilton, be received.

CARRIED

(iv) Donna Bacher, REALTORS Association of Hamilton-Burlington, respecting RAHB's support for the B-Line LRT Project (Item 6.4)

Donna Bacher, REALTORS Association of Hamilton-Burlington, addressed Committee respecting RAHB's support for the B-Line LRT project and their wish to continue to be part of the process.

(Ferguson/VanderBeek)

That the verbal presentation provided by Donna Bacher, REALTORS Association of Hamilton-Burlington, respecting RAHB's support for the B-Line LRT Project, be received.

CARRIED

(v) **Chris Higgins, McMaster Institute for Transportation and Logistics, respecting support for the Implementation of LRT in Hamilton and Insight into Relevant new MITL Research (Item 6.5)**

Chris Higgins, McMaster Institute for Transportation and Logistics, addressed Committee and provide a PowerPoint presentation respecting MITL's support for the implementation of LRT in Hamilton and provided insight into relevant, new MITL research. Mr. Higgins' presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Relevant Work:
 - The North American Light Rail Experience – Insights for Hamilton
 - Shaping Hamilton with Complete Streets
- Benchmarking:
 - Provide Tools for Planning and Policy Analysis
 - Transit-Oriented Development
 - Land Value Uplift
- B-Line Population and Employment Densities
- Land Value Uplift (LVU)
- Example LVU Analysis in Toronto Study
- Example Potential Total LVU in Hamilton

(Pearson/A. Johnson)

That the presentation provided by Chris Higgins, McMaster Institute for Transportation and Logistics, respecting MITL's support for the implementation of LRT in Hamilton and insight into relevant, new MITL research, be received.

CARRIED

A full copy of presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

(g) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) 2015 Annual Report for the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport (Item 7.1)

Frank Scremin, President and CEO of the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport addressed Committee and introduced Cathie Puckering, Vice President of Finance and Corporate and Lauren Yaksich, Director of Marketing and Communications.

Mr. Scremin provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the 2015 Annual Report for the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport that included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Highlights To-date:
 - Over 70,000 square feet of common-use cargo centre complete.
 - 15 weekly flights to sun destinations 2015/2016.
 - 94% of passengers reported a positive Airport experience.
 - AEGD – 55 hectares approved for development.
 - 19 years – City of Hamilton, Tradeport, Vantage Partnership.
 - Vantage led consortium; preferred bidder to manage and redevelop LaGuardia central terminal.
- Purpose:
 - Investment and Development since 1996
 - Why aren't there more flights?
 - Future Airport Growth
 - Summary
- Infrastructure:
 - Purolator
 - Cargo Jet
 - West Jet
 - Cargo Centre
- Financial Investments:
 - \$179.9 Million – Assets vest 100% to the City of Hamilton at the end of the Lease
 - \$91.30K – Tradeport
 - \$7.9 K– Government
 - \$98.60K – Tenants

- Vantage Investment:
 - People - Employ international best in class practices.
 - Grow management skills and expertise beyond the site level.
 - Performance - Improve performance and make a difference.
 - Drive a return on investment for the manager and community.
 - Place - Strong commitment to the community.
 - Airport is valued as economic generator for its city and community.
- Air Service:
 1. Purolator
 2. CargoJet
 3. Canadian North
 4. Partnership with Celebrity Cruises
 5. Kewlona Flightcraft
 6. Canada Post
 7. DHL
 8. Sunwing
 9. UPS
 10. Westjet
 11. Air Transat
- Cargo Traffic – 1996 – 2014
- Passenger Traffic: 1994 – 2014
- Local Economy:
 - Jobs 2,700 FTEs
 - Wages \$151 Million
 - Taxes and Rents \$1.6 Million
- City Revenue: Taxes and Rent
- Decision Making Power
- Carrier Consolidation - Market dominated by two Canadian carriers: Air Canada and WestJet.

- Competition - Carrier growth is focused on HUB growth and direct competition.
- Control - In the current market environment, airports have even less control of market growth.
- Service Feeds Major Hubs – Thunder Bay, Moncton, London
- Opportunity for Service - *To be the Airport of Choice in Southern Ontario for passengers, airlines, goods movement and service partners.*
- Understand Market Opportunity – Retain Existing Service – Develop Sustainable Growth Opportunities.
- Cargo Opportunities:
 - Retain Existing - Ensure success of existing cargo partners
 - Cargo Centre Contribution - Maximize efficiency of cargo facility in handling a wide variety of product: general cargo, perishables, live animal and cool handling
 - Pursue New Markets - Continued market opportunity in: e-commerce, automotive, floral, seafood, and ad hoc charter services
 - Local Support – Logistics Components
 - CJT Influence Across Canada
 - Global Reach
- CETA
- NAFTA
- Passenger Opportunities:
 - Retain Existing - Ensure success of existing passenger service partners
 - Pursue New Markets - Continued focus on route development understanding current market conditions
 - ULCCs: position Hamilton as an entry point to the southern Ontario market

- Regional Transportation Strategy - Continued partnership with GTAA on its initiated long term regional airport and ground transportation plan for southern Ontario
- Summary:
 - Significant Investment and Growth Since 1996
 - Market and Environmental Dynamics Play a Key Role in Growth
 - Retention, Growth through Sustainable and Measured Approach
 - Tradeport and Vantage are invested in the Airport and a partner in City building

(Conley/Farr)

That the presentation provided by Frank Scremin, President and CEO of the John C. Munro International Airport, respecting the 2015 Annual Report for the Airport, be received.

CARRIED

**(ii) Fostering the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project (CM15014) (City Wide)
(Item 7.2)**

Chris Murray, City Manager, provided an introduction and overview of the presentation respecting Report CM15014, Fostering the Light Rail Transit Project. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Provincial Announcement - \$1.2B
 - Elements – GO Transit, B-Line LRT, A-Line Spur, MSF and Pedestrian Corridor
- Transit System – HSR
 - 10 year Transit Strategy (system needs)
- Council Direction:
 - That the City Manager be directed to report back on creating an office to facilitate the Light Rail Transit (LRT) project, working closely with Metrolinx; and,

- That a Light Rail Transit (LRT) Sub-Committee of Council be struck; and that the affected Councillors along the B-Line corridor be asked to participate on the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Sub-Committee.

- City Building Initiative
- Working with Metrolinx – City and Metrolinx Partnership
- Metrolinx Role – Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Maintain (DBFOM)
- Project Office Roles and Governance
- Procurement, Legal and Finance
- Communications and Community Engagement
- Community Benefits/Jobs/Public Health
- Financial Considerations
- Public Works Elements – Capital, Traffic, Transportation Planning
- Planning and Economic Development Elements – Zoning, Growth Management and Interim Control Measures

Gerry Davis, General Manager of the Public Works Department continued the presentation and covered the History, Technical Considerations, Transportation and Next Steps. Mr. Davis' presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Introduction to Project and LRT
- B-Line Routing and Components
- A-Line Routing and Components
- GO pedestrian connection
- Maintenance and Storage Facility
- Centennial GO
- Traffic and Transit Re-modeling

- Summary of Work on Critical Path:
 - B-Line McMaster to Queenston
 - A-Line King St. to the Waterfront

- Pedestrian Connection between B-Line & Hamilton GO Station
- Maintenance and Storage Facility
- Centennial GO Station
- Delivery Model
 - P3 – Public Private Partnership
 - Likely DBFOM – Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Maintain
 - Likely 30 Year Concession
- Process – Critical Path
- Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)/Master Agreement
- 30% Design
- Environmental Assessment
- PSOS – Project Specific Output Specifications (~ 1 year)
- RFQ (~ 6 months)
- RFP (~ 1 year)
- Commercial Close (~ 3 months)
- Conceptual LRT Cross-section
- Segregated Mobility Elements in Both Directions:
 - Pedestrians
 - Cyclists
 - Automobiles
 - LRT
- B-Line:
 - Approximately 10.8 km
 - 15 Stops, Including End-of-Line Facilities
- B-Line Considerations:
 - Careful analysis will have to be given to segments of the B-Line LRT corridor:
 - McMaster Station
 - McMaster to 403
 - 403 to International Village
 - International Village to Queenston

- Queenston Traffic Circle
- Each will present issues, opportunities and considerations
- A-Line:
 - 2.3 kilometers
 - Connects West Harbour GO Station
- A-line (King to Waterfront) Considerations:
 - Some background work completed
 - Design to 30% required
 - EA Amendment required
 - Corridor is at feasibility stage (not finalized)
- GO Pedestrian Connection:
 - Approximately 490 meters
- Hamilton GO Station Pedestrian Connection :
 - Connects “Hunter” GO with McNab Terminal
 - Conceptual Design Completed
 - Design to 30% Required
 - EA Amendment Required
- Maintenance Storage Facility and Run-in:
 - Wentworth Facility
 - Approximately 3 km Run-in Track
- MSF Run-in Track :
 - 30% Design Completed
 - EA Amendment Required
- MSF – 330 Wentworth Street:
 - Proposed Shared Bus/LRT Facility
 - Council authorized acquisition of 3.5 hectares of adjacent land (June 24/15).

- Re-location of Operations Center Required
 - Service Design Required
 - Design to 30% Required
 - EA Amendment Required
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- Centennial GO Station:
 - To be completed by 2019.
 - 3.7 acres of City land to be transferred.
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- LRT Traffic Modeling/Undergrounding:
 - Extensive traffic modeling was completed by SDG – model will need to be updated with revised alignment(s).
 - Extensive work on traffic management plan during construction will need to be completed.
 - Routes requiring major rehabilitation (surface and/or underground) in vicinity of LRT may need to be advanced or deferred to avoid LRT construction period – potential budget impacts.
 - Additional Transit Considerations:
 - Modelling of LRT – 30 year horizon
 - Realignment of network
 - Adjustment of 10 year local transit plan to reflect LRT & funding
 - Summary of Work on Critical Path:
 - 30 Percent Design & EA Amendment:
 - End Terminals – McMaster & Queenston
 - MSF
 - A – Line
 - B – Line Optimization possibly:
 - Curb vs. Centre-Line Along Segments Of Corridor

- Possibility of Expropriation in Certain Areas
- Potential Street Closures

- Traffic Modelling
- LRT Modelling
- Local Transit Service Adjustments
- Pre-Work

Jason Thorne, General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department provided the next portion of the presentation, outlining Planning and Economic Development Considerations. Mr. Thorne's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Planning Considerations:
 - Pre-Zoning
 - Land Use Planning / Urban Design
 - Market Intelligence
 - Downtown Servicing
 - Interim Control By-Law
 - Streetscape / Public Realm / Complete streets

- Economic Development Considerations:
 - Economic Uplift
 - Job Creation / Community Benefit
 - Connection to Waterfront
 - Importance of GO Transit and Inter-Regional Connectivity
 - Business Considerations

Chris Murray, City Manager, concluded the presentation with the overall next steps that included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Metrolinx

- Finalize LRT project office for City of Hamilton:
 - Lead through PED
 - Funding from Metrolinx
 - Funding from City of Hamilton

- Steer, Davies, Gleave – Complete Conceptual Design and EA Work

- Engage consultant to assist with contract development for MOA and other related contracts.
- Formation of LRT Sub-committee and initial meeting.
- Engage necessary consultants for planning work.
- Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Metrolinx
- Finalize project office for City of Hamilton:
 - Lead through PED
 - Funding from Metrolinx
 - Funding from City of Hamilton
- Steer, Davies, Gleave – complete conceptual design and EA work.
- Engage consultant to assist with contract development for MOA and other related contracts.
- Formation of LRT Sub-committee and initial meeting.
- Engage necessary consultants for planning work.
- LRT / GO Projects Considerations:
 - Time
 - Money
 - Quality

(Pearson/Merulla)

That the staff presentation, respecting Report CM15014 – Fostering the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project, be received.

CARRIED

(Ferguson/Merulla)

That City staff be directed to begin developing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Metrolinx that scopes out a wide range of interest, including financial, design, operating, maintenance and legal, and report back to the General Issues Committee for final approval.

CARRIED

For disposition on this matter, refer to Item 8.

(h) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(i) Non-Union Compensation Sub-Committee Report 15-002, August 6, 2015 (Item 8.2)

As Item 3 of the Non-Union Compensation Sub-Committee, requires discussion in Closed Session, Item 8.2 was moved to Item 12.3, as noted in the Changes to the Agenda.

(ii) Capital Projects Closing Report as of December 31, 2014 (FCS14058(b)) (City Wide) (*Referred back to GIC by Council at its meeting of July 10, 2015*) (Item 8.3)

At the request of staff, Report FCS14085(b) had been referred back to GIC by Council at its meeting of July 10, 2015, as the figures in Appendices "A" and "C" were incorrect. New appendices were attached to Report FCS14058, which were printed as amended, in the August 10, 2015 agenda.

For disposition on this matter, refer to Item 10.

(iii) Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant Application (ERG-13-03) – 70 Barton Street, Waterdown (PED13189) (Ward 15) (Item 8.10)

(Partridge/Pasuta)

That Report PED13189, respecting Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant Application (ERG-13-03) – 70 Barton Street, Waterdown (PED13189) be lifted from the table.

CARRIED

For disposition on this matter, refer to Item 17.

(iv) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 15-005, July 14, 2015 (Item 8.7)

That staff be directed to review Text with 9-1-1 implementation for the City of Hamilton and report to the 2016 Capital budget process, in efforts to assist those who are deaf, hard-at-hearing or speech impaired, as mandated January 2014 by the CRTC.

(i) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

(Pearson/Farr)

That the following amendments to the General Issues Committee's Outstanding Business List, be approved.

(a) Proposed New Due Dates:

- (i) Item "N" - Relocation of POA Courtrooms and Offices**
Current Due Date: September 2, 2015
Proposed New Due Date: October 21, 2015

(b) Items to be Removed:

- (i) Item "R" - Councillors' Remuneration – Continuation of One-Third Tax Allowance (Item 8.13 - FCS15001)**

CARRIED

(j) MOTIONS (Item 9)

(Farr/Merulla)

That the Motion respecting the Reopening of the Partial Street Closure at Bay and Burlington Streets, be amended by deleting the number "175" and replacing it with "140 plus", to read as follows:

(i) Reopening of the Partial Street Closure at Bay and Burlington Streets (Item 9.1)

Whereas, the North End Transportation Master Plan is a 5 year pilot plan that provides for traffic calming measures that include, but are not limited to, diverting traffic to the arterials (James and Burlington) and slowing traffic on all other residential streets; and,

Whereas, the pilot Plan provides for adjustments as a means to address unintended issues that various implementations may cause; and,

Whereas, the partial closure at Bay and Burlington has proven to be a challenge for a growing number of residents and the North End, and the Progressive North End Residents Association (PNERA) has a **140 plus** name petition to remove this element of the Plan; and,

Whereas, way finding indicators at the corner of Bay and Barton would respect the intent of redirecting cars from the residential Bay Street to the arterial James Street;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to reopen the partial street closure at Bay and Burlington Streets and to implement the way finding indicators at Bay and Barton Streets in conjunction with the reopening of Bay and Burlington Streets.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 21.

Councillor Farr introduced the following Motion:

(ii) Ownership of the Strip of land between Patrick Street and Walnut Street, Hamilton (Item 9.2)

WHEREAS, the strip of land between Patrick Street and Walnut Street, identified on the maps attached hereto, has been used for access to Patrick Street and has been improved and maintained by the City of Hamilton for many decades; and,

WHEREAS, Extensive searches have located no heir or beneficiary of the registered owner, whose last dealing with this strip of land was in 1882; and,

WHEREAS, there have been no taxes paid on the subject land; and,

WHEREAS, the City requires this property to maintain access to Patrick Street and to complete water/sewer improvements to the existing infrastructure;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That Legal staff be directed to initiate proceedings to have the strip of land between Patrick Street and Walnut Street, identified on the maps attached hereto, vested to the City of Hamilton.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 22.

Councillor B. Johnson introduced the following Motion:

(iii) Extension of Free Shuttle Service for Special Events (Item 9.3)

WHEREAS, Supercrawl 2015 attendance is estimated to be over 150,000 persons; and,

WHEREAS, the Locke Street Festival attendance is estimated to be over 30,000 persons; and,

WHEREAS, the current free Waterfront Shuttle(s) runs from June 28th and operates until September 7, 2015 (Labour Day);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the free shuttle service be extended by one day to Saturday, September 12, 2015; and,
- (b) That the routing for the free shuttle service be altered to accommodate both the Supercrawl 2015 and the Locke Street Festival events, with the routing to exclude the Waterfront portion.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 23.

(k) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

Councillor A. Johnson introduced the following Notice of Motion:

- (i) Formal Provincial Consultation Process on Possible Amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* (Item 10.1)**
 - (a) That the Mayor of Hamilton, on behalf of Council, make a formal submission to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, as part of the consultation process, before October 19, 2015;
 - (b) That City staff communicate with the Hamilton Conservation Authority regarding the possibility of making the above-mentioned letter a joint submission with the HCA; and,
 - (c) That the letter, from the Mayor, request that the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) ensure that the consultation process include conversation among all relevant stakeholders in relation to the following goals/concerns, with the aim of finding environmentally and economically responsible policy solutions:
 - (i) Maximization of efforts by conservation authorities to protect and increase the biodiversity of regionally rare native Ontario plants.
 - (ii) Creation of science-based policy to address the problem of artificial in-breeding within plant populations on conservation authority lands, due to such barriers as de facto bans on the planting of regionally rare native stock not derived from

plants found on the authority's watershed, though within that authority's seed zone (Ontario Seed Zone Directive, 2010; based on Ontario Climate Model of climatic gradients within the province).

- (iii) Clarification and implementation, province-wide, of best ecological practices related to the assisted migration of regionally rare native plants on conservation land and within the appropriate seed zone (or adjacent seed zone), but across conservation authority watershed boundaries;
- (iv) Promote the planting of regionally rare native Ontario species in any appropriate habitat, including novel urban habitats, within a species' seed zone, particularly including conservation authority land where that species has a good chance of thriving, by specifically removing regulatory barriers that discourage opportunities for restoration.
- (v) Regular conversation among conservation authority officials, Royal Botanical Gardens officials, MNRF officials, First Nations, scientists, citizens, and private sector stakeholders on biodiversity and sustainable development concerns related to the conservation authorities and to biodiversity generally.
- (vi) Sharing of information related to best practices with regard to the above goals, among all relevant stakeholders.
- (vii) Formalization of rules and/or expectations with regard to best practices with regard to the above goals, among all relevant stakeholders.

(Farr/A. Johnson)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting the Formal Provincial Consultation Process on Possible Amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

CARRIED

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 24.

(ii) Waiver of City Facility Rental Fees for 2016 Winterfest Events (Item 10.2)

Councillor Merulla introduced the following Notice of Motion:

WHEREAS, Winterfest is a community-driven event that is facilitated by the City of Hamilton; and,

WHEREAS, community Winterfest event organizers are mostly volunteers with access to minimal budgets; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton would like to encourage broad community participation in the 2016 Winterfest events;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That all City facility rental fees for community organizers, for the 2016 Winterfest events, be waived.

(Merulla/Jackson)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting the Waiver of City Facility Rental Fees for 2016 Winterfest Events.

CARRIED

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 25.

(I) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)

(i) Closed Session Minutes – July 6, 2015 (Item 12.1)

As the General Issues Committee determined that no discussion, respecting the Closed Session Minutes of July 6, 2015, meeting of the General Issues Committee was required, the Minutes were approved in Open Session, as shown below:

(Eisenberger/VanderBeek)

- (a) That the Closed Session Minutes of the July 6, 2015, meeting of the General Issues Committee be approved, as presented.
- (b) That the Closed Session Minutes of the July 6, 2015 meeting of the General Issues Committee, remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure.

CARRIED

(VanderBeek/Whitehead)

That Committee move into Closed Session, respecting Item 12.2 respecting Report PED15117) – the Disposition of a Surplus City Facility; and, Item 12.3, specifically Item 2 of the Non-Union Compensation Sub-Committee Report 15-002, respecting Report HUR15007 – Non-Union, Management and Exempt Group Compensation, pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (c) and (d) of the

City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (c) and (d) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for City purposes; and, labour relations or employee negotiations.

CARRIED

(m) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Pearson/Ferguson)

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee, be adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

B. Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

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