General Issues Committee

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Project History: Our Future Hamilton

- Our Future Hamilton will update Vision 2020

- Public Engagement Charter was developed by Hamilton Engagement Committee and approved by Council in March 2015

- New Vision will be complete by April 2016

- Tremendous support from key community partners, volunteers and stakeholders
Phase 1: Share Vision
(Focus: Project awareness, citywide community engagement, vision and ideas sharing)
Phase 1: A snapshot report on “What We’ve Heard”

Short video – youth sharing their vision for the city
What the rest of the project looks like

Phase 2 – Shape Vision: September – December 2015
(Focus: inspiration, education, trends, big ideas and vision shaping)

• Addressing a few engagement gaps identified in Phase 1

• Op-Eds in the Spec on the engagement themes (August to September)

• Inspiration, education and big ideas weekend – September 18th & 19th
  - Chris Hadfield and community workshop/speaker series (over 2,500 attendees expected)

• About 10 Open Houses geographically spread across Hamilton
  (particularly non-downtown area) to share what we’ve heard and understand anything we’re missing (late October to mid November)

• Informal interviews with Hamiltonians to capture stories and put faces behind some of what we’ve heard (October – December)

• 1 day Community Vision Shaping Workshop (early December)
Phase 3 – Confirm Vision: January – April 2016
(Focus: Confirm directions, identify roles and determine regular progress report back to the community)

• A more detailed Draft Community Engagement & Directions Report (end of January 2016)

• Sharing of Draft Report with diverse Community Partners and Stakeholders (February 2016)

• Community Implementation Workshop (early March 2016)

• Final Community Vision & Directions Report (end of April 2016)
Thank you