



CITY OF HAMILTON
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TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	October 7, 2015
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Citizens' Jury on Transit Options – Citizen Appointments (formerly Citizen's Panel) (CM15016) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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SUBMITTED BY:	Mike Kirkopoulos Director, Corporate Communications and Intergovernmental Affairs
SIGNATURE:	

Discussion of this Confidential Report in closed session is subject to the following requirement(s) of the City of Hamilton's Procedural By-law and the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001: ♦ Personal matters about an identifiable individual(s), including City employees;

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That citizens listed in Appendix "A" to Report CM15016 be appointed to the Citizens' Jury on Transit; and,
- (b) That the item, respecting the Citizens' Jury on Transit Options – Citizen Appointments (formerly Citizen's Panel), be considered complete and removed from the General Issues Committee's Outstanding Business List.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The creation of the Citizen's Jury and the process to establish it was instituted through the Terms of Reference, identified in GIC Report 15-008 and approved at the April 8, 2015 Council meeting.

The Citizens' Jury was to provide independent recommendations to Council on a variety of issues relating to transit in Hamilton such as how we build the LRT to take advantage of the opportunities, how we keep citizens informed and how it's funded.

To date, the Steering Committee and working through the city staff and the consultants, sent invitations to 2261 residents randomly selected from the tax roll and renters list from each ward in the City. The consultants have subsequently undertaken a

comprehensive process to select candidates to sit on the Jury. They have been selected to reflect the profile of the community in terms of gender, age, income, whether they are born inside or outside Canada. They have each had a short interview with the consulting team to ensure they understand and are able to fully participate in this process. The required 19 members have been selected based on 1 member per ward plus an additional 4 members allocated as follows: one from each of the lower city, upper city, former suburbs and the rural area.

The Terms of Reference, approved by Council on April 8, 2015 through GIC Report 15-008, included a requirement to obtain Council approval of those selected to sit on the Citizens' Jury and that is the purpose of this report.

The names of the Citizens' Jury Members are contained as "Confidential" attached as Appendix A to Report CM15016. Once the Jury membership has been approved by Council, it is recommended that Appendix A to Report CM15016 become part of the public document.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: N/A

Staffing: The majority of the work regarding this process will be completed by the selected consultant – Tim L. Dobbie Consulting Ltd. Dr. Denise O'Connor, who is an expert in the field of citizen involvement, is assisting the consultant. Staff resources are being provided to assist the process from the City Manager's office, Finance (related to finance matters and area rating), Transportation and Information Services. Guidance on and oversight of the process is being provided by the Steering Committee members and the Project lead in the City Manager's Office.

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

After years of effort by the City, on May 26, 2015, the Premier of the Province of Ontario announced funding for Light Rail Transit in the City of Hamilton. Discussions were already underway at that time to establish a Citizens' Jury on Light Rail Transit. While the announcement was a welcomed surprise, it further justified the need to move forward immediately with the Citizens' Jury to both help inform the community on the implications of Light Rail Transit and also focus discussion and provide input to City Council on some very specific components of the project.

The work has proceeded, the consultants have been engaged, a steering committee has been established and now the jury is ready to proceed once Council's approval is obtained.

The Terms of Reference, identified in GIC Report 15-008 and approved at the April 8, 2015 Council meeting, established the process which included the creation of a

Steering Committee who, along with staff and consultants, has overseen the Citizens Jury selection process. In keeping with Council's direction, the members of the Jury are now being presented for your approval.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

This report is consistent with previous Council direction-identified in GIC Report 15-008 and approved at the April 8, 2015 Council meeting-regarding the Citizens' Jury on Light Rail Transit.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

In order to carry out the terms of reference for the Citizens' Jury, staff called for proposals from consultants to carry out this work. The work was awarded to Tim L. Dobbie Consulting Ltd. In keeping with the Terms of Reference the membership for the Steering Committee was previously presented.

Staff from Public Works, particularly those working on transportation plans and initiatives, have met with the consulting firm.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONAL FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Steering Committee has guided the random selection of members of the Citizens' Jury to ensure that the Jury reflects the demographics of our community and approve the list of jurors. The Jury comprises one citizen from each ward for a total of 15 members, plus 4 at-large members selected from wards representing the upper city, the lower city, the suburban area and the rural area, for a total of 19 members. Those selected to represent from broader categories have been drawn from appropriate groupings of the responses received.

Correspondence from the consultant acknowledging their Jury participation will be sent to the 19 selected members following Council's approval of this report. As well, correspondence will also be sent thanking the remaining respondents for their interest in this process and identifying opportunities available to them for providing their input as the process proceeds.

The members of the Jury were randomly selected from the tax rolls and renters lists as approved in the terms of reference and the Steering Committee and consultants ensured that the names selected provided a reasonable representation of the Hamilton community, particularly with respect to gender, age, income, education and ethnicity.

The make-up of the Jury is as follows:

Gender	Male	10
	Female	9

Age	18-39	3
	40-54	10
	55+	6
Income	Less than \$60k	6
	More than \$60k	13
Birth Place	Canada	13
	Other	6
Education	High School or less	6
	Post-Secondary	13
Tenancy	Tenant	5
	Owner	14

The invitation letters sent to the potential jury members identified the role of the jury to be “to provide independent recommendations to Council on a variety of issues relating to transit in Hamilton such as how it’s funded, how we build the LRT to take advantage of the opportunities and how we keep citizens informed”.

The following are not up for discussion or review:

- The Jury will not advise on technical considerations such as the route.
- The province of Ontario, through Metrolinx, will fund construction of the LRT along the B line with a spur to the James St. N GO station and possibly the West Harbour at \$1.2 billion. Metrolinx will design, build, own, operate and maintain the LRT.
- The Jury will not duplicate consultation on-going with the review of the Transportation Master Plan, HSR branding, and City Visioning.

In general terms, the continuing work plan for the Citizens' Jury is now focused on working towards:

- a) Orientation of Jury members and receiving expert and community input on the area rating issue – October 2015 to January, 2016
- b) Public engagement and education – October to November 2015
- c) Citizens Jury deliberation – November 2015 to January 2016
- d) Presentation of the Citizens' Jury recommendation to Council – Late February or Early March 2016

It is expected that the general public will have the opportunity to be involved in a number of ways:

- They can follow the actions of the Jury through the communications process being developed including social, electronic and traditional media;
- They can review and comment on the issues book and other materials as the Jury via a dedicated website and;
- They can attend selected sessions where the expert communications and presentations are made to the Jury;

Finally, Council will consider the recommendation of the Citizens' Jury following presentation of their report.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Staff are implementing the terms of reference approved for the work of the Citizens' Jury and therefore have not provided alternatives.

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2012 – 2015 STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Priority #1

A Prosperous & Healthy Community

WE enhance our image, economy and well-being by demonstrating that Hamilton is a great place to live, work, play and learn.

Strategic Objective

- 1.3 Promote economic opportunities with a focus on Hamilton's downtown core, all downtown areas and waterfronts.
- 1.4 Improve the City's transportation system to support multi-modal mobility and encourage inter-regional connections.
- 1.5 Support the development and implementation of neighbourhood and City wide strategies that will improve the health and well-being of residents.
- 1.6 Enhance Overall Sustainability (financial, economic, social and environmental).

Strategic Priority #2

Valued & Sustainable Services

WE deliver high quality services that meet citizen needs and expectations, in a cost effective and responsible manner.

Strategic Objective

- 2.2 Improve the City's approach to engaging and informing citizens and stakeholders.
- 2.3 Enhance customer service satisfaction.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix A: Citizen's Jury Membership List