



## **GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 15-023**

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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**Present:** Mayor F. Eisenberger, Deputy Mayor D. Conley (Chair)  
Councillors A. Johnson, J. Farr, M. Green, S. Merulla, C. Collins,  
T. Jackson, T. Whitehead, M. Pearson, B. Johnson, L. Ferguson

**Absent  
with Regrets:** Councillors Pasuta, Partridge – Personal  
Councillor VanderBeek – Other City Business

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### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:**

- 1. Arts Advisory Commission Terms of Reference Update (PED15192) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

**(Jackson/Pearson)**

That the Arts Advisory Commission Terms of Reference 2015, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED15192, be approved.

**CARRIED**

- 2. Hamilton Police Services Board Report PSB 15-123 (Item 5.2)**

**(Ferguson/Eisenberger)**

That Hamilton Police Services Board Report PSB 15-123, be received.

**CARRIED**

- 3. Anti-Racism Resource Centre – Committee Against Racism (Item 7.1)**

**(Whitehead/Green)**

That \$100,000 per year for a three (3) year period, as matching funds for the Anti-Racism Resource Centre Project to be used for staffing at the Centre, to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**4. Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee Report 15-010, October 13, 2015 (Item 8.2)**

**(Pearson/B. Johnson)**

**(a) Presentation from Yohana Otite, Program Manager and Community Activator, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, respecting Diversity for BIA Boards (Item 5.1)**

- (i) That staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of making BIA Board Governance Training permanent, on an annual basis;
- (ii) That the Board Governance Training include a component on Diversity on BIA Boards; and,
- (iii) That BIA Board Governance Training be funded from the Urban Renewal Budget.

**(b) Establishment of a Code of Conduct (Item 6.2)**

- (i) That a Code of Conduct Working Group be formed to develop a template to assist BIAs in establishing a Code of Conduct;
- (ii) That the Code of Conduct Working Group be directed to report to the Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee with the template for approval by the Committee; and,
- (iii) That the Code of Conduct Working Group be comprised of the following members: Tony Mark, Marty Schreiter and Craig Waters.

**(c) City of Hamilton Revenue Sharing Program and the Contribution to the BIA Operating Budget Program – Approval of Proposed BIA Expenditures (Item 9.1(a))**

That the expenditure request from the Concession Street BIA in the amount of \$6,160.54 from the Contribution to BIA Operating Budgets Program for office equipment/technology and beautification activities, be approved.

**(d) Fee Reduction or Waiver for Business Improvement Area Special Events (Added Item 9.6)**

That staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of reducing and/or waiving any fees incurred by Business Improvement Areas (BIAs), for obtaining such things as municipal permits and licenses, as well as the option of providing municipal services in-kind, that are associated with

holding special BIA-related events on City property, and report to the General Issues Committee.

**CARRIED**

5. **Correspondence from the Lakewood Beach Community Council respecting Item 8.3 – Report FCS15076, 2016 Tax Supported User Fees (Development Application Fees, Page 1 of Appendix “A” to Report FCS15076) (Item 8.3(a))**

**(Ferguson/Pearson)**

That the correspondence from the Lakewood Beach Community Council respecting Item 8.3 – Report FCS15076, 2016 Tax Supported User Fees (Development Application Fees, Page 1 of Appendix “A” to Report FCS15076), be received.

**CARRIED**

6. **2016 Tax Supported User Fees (FCS15076) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

**(Ferguson/Pearson)**

(a) That the 2016 User Fees contained in the attached Appendix “A” to Report FCS15076 “2016 Tax Supported User Fees”, be approved and implemented, ***as amended***; and,

(b) That the City Solicitor & Corporate Counsel be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary by-laws, for Council approval, for the purposes of establishing the user fees contained within this report.

**AMENDMENT CARRIED  
MOTION, AS AMENDED, CARRIED**

7. **Downtown Commercial Corridor Task Force Report 15-001, October 27, 2015 (Item 8.4)**

**(Pearson/B. Johnson)**

**(a) Selection of Chair and Vice Chair (Item A)**

(i) That Councillor J. Farr be appointed Chair of the Downtown Commercial Corridor Task Force for the 2014-2018 Term of Council; and,

(ii) That Kathy Drewitt be appointed Vice Chair of the Downtown Commercial Corridor Task Force for the 2014-2018 Term of Council.

**(b) Verbal Update from Staff Sergeant Paul Evans and Sergeant Marco D'Arcangelo, Hamilton Police Services, respecting the Social Navigator Program and Enforcement Issues in the Downtown (Item 11.1)**

- (i) That the extension of current funding timelines to the end of the 2014 to 2018 term of Council, for the Paramedic and Social Worker portions of the Social Navigator Program, be referred to the budget process for consideration; and,
- (ii) That funding of an additional Social Navigator, to assist with the current workload and expand operational hours to assist additional clients, be referred to the 2016 budget process for consideration; and,
- (iii) That the staff be directed to work with the Hamilton Police Service to explore how the policing aspect of the Social Navigator Program can be expanded by adding an additional officer, while still maintaining the current policing presence in the Downtown Core.

**(c) Verbal Update from Staff Sergeant Paul Evans and Sergeant Marco D'Arcangelo, Hamilton Police Services, respecting the Social Navigator Program and Enforcement Issues in the Downtown (Item 11.1)**

That representatives from the Hamilton Police Service be invited to regularly attend future meetings of the Downtown Commercial Corridor Task Force to provide updates about such items as the Social Navigator Program, policing initiatives and crime statistics.

**CARRIED**

**8. Annualized Audit of the Hamilton Police Services Board (FCS15081) (City Wide) (Item 8.5)**

**(Eisenberger/B. Johnson)**

- (a) That a separate annual external audit of the Hamilton Police Services Board (HPSB) statement of operations be approved, starting with the 2015 fiscal year; and,
- (b) That the matter respecting "Annualized Audit of the Hamilton Police Services Board" be removed from the General Issues Committee's Outstanding Business List.

**CARRIED**

**9. Hamilton Future Fund Board of Governors Report 15-002, October 29, 2015 (Item 8.6)**

**(Eisenberger/Jackson)**

**Verbal Update from the Application Process Working (Item 8.2)**

- (i) That the Hamilton Future Fund be opened for receiving funding applications beginning March 15, 2016;
- (ii) That the deadline for receiving applications to the Hamilton Future Fund be May 13, 2016; and,
- (iii) That the Committee Clerk be directed to work with the Director of Communications to explore new opportunities for advertising and promoting the Hamilton Future Fund.

**CARRIED**

**10. Desjardin Canal Bridge at Highway 403 East (Item 9.1)**

**(A. Johnson/Farr)**

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Transportation for Ontario (MTO) is currently planning a new bridge for the east bound Hwy 403 over the Desjardins Canal and the removal of existing 1930's era concrete arch bridge;

WHEREAS, this concrete arch bridge has been identified by the MTO as having cultural heritage value and is associated with Thomas Baker McQuesten and the City Beautiful movement in Hamilton;

WHEREAS, the MTO will consider undertaking a selective demolition of the bridge at their cost in order to allow a portion of the bridge abutments and columns to be retained for use by the City of Hamilton as future commemorative public art work and to minimize disturbance of the existing Waterfront Trail;

THEREFORE BE IS RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to work with the Ministry of Transportation and their engineers to determine the feasibility of selective demolition of the bridge, retaining parts of the bridge and transferring those parts to City of Hamilton ownership for future use in a commemorative display or artwork by the City and to report to the General Issues Committee by February 2016.

**CARRIED**

**11. Repairs to Vacant CityHousing Hamilton Units (Item 9.2)**

**(Collins/Green)**

WHEREAS, there are currently over 5,600 individuals, families and seniors on the Affordable Housing Wait List;

**CARRIED**

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:**

**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

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

**1. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

8.3 Page 54 to Appendix "A" of Report FCS15076 - 2016 Tax Supported User Fees, Amended Copy

8.3(a) Correspondence from the Lakewood Beach Community Council respecting Item 8.3 – Report FCS15076, 2016 Tax Supported User Fees (Development Application Fees, Page 1 of Appendix "A" to Report FCS15076)

**2. NOTICES OF MOTION**

10.1 Desjardin Canal Bridge at Highway 403 East

10.2 Repairs to Vacant CityHousing Hamilton Units

10.3 Full Review of Aberdeen Avenue from Queen Street to Longwood Avenue, respecting the Safety and Operational Characteristics of the Roadway

**3. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL**

12.4 Litigation Matter

12.5 Potential Contract Litigation for Unpaid Fees (LS15035/PW15085) (Ward 2)

Item 12.5 (above) was removed from the Changes to the Agenda. Report LS15035/PW15085, respecting Potential Contract Litigation for Unpaid Fees, will be brought forward on the December 2, 2015 General Issues Committee agenda.

**(Farr/Collins)**

That the agenda for the November 18, 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) November 4, 2015 (Item 3.1)**

**(Collins/Green)**

That the Minutes of the November 4, 2015 meeting of the General Issues Committee be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) Anti-Racism Resource Centre – Committee Against Racism (Item 7.1)**

Marlene Dei-Amoh, Committee Against Racism; Roger Cameron, Committee Against Racism; Milé Komlen, Human Rights & Equity Services at McMaster University; Dr. Ameil J. Joseph, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work at McMaster University; and, Yohana Otite, Community Activator, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion, provided the presentation respecting the Anti-Racism Resource Centre. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Committee Against Racism (CAR) recommended that the City gain membership with UNESCO's Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (CCMARD) (2012)
- CCMARD Membership:
  - 58 municipalities in 9 provinces and 1 territory have joined UNESCO's CCMARD.
  - Requirements:
    - "...monitor racism and discrimination in the community more broadly as well as municipal actions taken to address racism and discrimination";
    - "Increase vigilance against systemic and individual racism and discrimination";
    - "Inform and support individuals who experience racism and discrimination"; and,

- “Support policing services in their efforts to be exemplary institutions in combating racism and discrimination”.
- Background to the Anti-Racism Resource Centre:
  - This is a 10-year initiative (historical background found on slides 11 – 21).
  - In 2012/13 CAR conducted focus groups with community agencies and institutions.
  - On February 10, 2014 CAR presented the findings, which included a feasibility study (Report CAR14-001).
  - CAR aimed to generate preliminary findings:
    - Gaps in Anti-Racism Services
    - Potential Models for the Centre
    - Possible Partnerships
- Anti-Racism Resource Centre Pilot Project:

### **Vision**

- To serve as a friendly and supportive Resource Centre that promotes a sense of belonging for racialized people in Hamilton, where individuals impacted by racism and other forms of race-related oppression can access information, support, referrals and resources.

### **Purpose**

- The proposed Anti-Racism Resource Centre and telephone helpline will help fill service gaps that exist in Hamilton relating to anti-Racism and anti-Discrimination.
- In particular, the staff will provide support, assistance, and information by offering the option for individuals to speak directly to a trained staff member on matters relating to racism or race-related oppression or provide referrals to the appropriate service provider.

### **Objective**

- In order to determine how the Resource Centre will work most effectively and efficiently, a three-year trial project of the collaborative partnership is necessary. This trial will report on areas for development, re-working, research, and/or consideration. This period will also produce valuable information to further understand the issues of racism experienced by individuals and, in turn, help the City determine appropriate options to address these issues as well as to track records of racial discrimination complaints.

### **Services Offered**

- The Resource Centre will offer support, information, referrals and resources to individuals experiencing racism, by telephone, by email and in person. In-person support will be provided by drop-in or by appointment, although it is anticipated that much of the complaint intake will be conducted through the telephone helpline.

### **Location**

- The Anti-Racism Resource Centre and Telephone Helpline will be located at the street-level offices of the Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion at 267 King Street East in Hamilton. This office is able to provide a storefront presence, confidential intake space and meeting rooms, a community meeting hall, and a resource library for anti-racism related programming.

### **Timeframe**

- The project will be a three year partnership operation, which will allow sufficient time for planning, implementing, carrying out, and evaluating the program.

### **Funding**

- Overall \$200K Annually for a 3 year Commitment.
- City of Hamilton \$100K yearly for 3 years.
- McMaster University Human Rights and Equity Services- \$70K yearly for 3 years (contingent on COH approval of 100K).

- Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion - \$30K yearly for 3 years. (contingent on COH approval of 100K).

**City of Hamilton - \$100,000 per Year for 3 Years**

- Link to City of Hamilton's economic and community development strategic vision.
- Promote the initiative internally and externally through City's social media and other communication tools.
- To provide a forum for Anti-Racism Officer to share results and recommendations with Steering Committee & community members.
- Invest an annual amount of \$100,000 for 3 years to fund this collaborative anti-racism initiative. Once approved, the financial investment would be provided to McMaster to cover the Anti-Racism Officer's salary and associated administrative costs

**(Whitehead/Farr)**

That the presentation, respecting the Anti-Racism Resource Centre, be received.

**CARRIED**

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

That \$100,000 per year for a three (3) year period, as matching funds for the Anti-Racism Resource Centre Project to be used for staffing at the Centre, to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve, be approved.

The above motion CARRIED unanimously on the following Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas: Eisenberger, Conley, Whitehead, Jackson, Collins, Merulla,  
Green, Farr, A. Johnson, Pearson, B. Johnson, Ferguson  
Total: 12  
Absent: VanderBeek, Pasuta, Partridge  
Total: 3

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 3.

**(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)**

**(i) Relocation of Provincial Offences Administration (POA) Courtrooms and Offices (PW13079(c)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

**(Jackson/Farr)**

That Report PW13079(c), respecting the Relocation of Provincial Offences Administration (POA) Courtrooms and Offices, be TABLED to the November 27, 2015 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting, pending a specific and separate PowerPoint presentation and the following information from staff:

- (i) The cost of insulation and the curtain wall/windows;
- (ii) A breakdown of the \$8M;
- (iii) Energy Efficiency Savings and the energy losses due to the buildings age; and,
- (iv) Costs associated with the heritage factors of the building.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) 2016 Tax Supported User Fees (FCS15076) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

**(B. Johnson/Pearson)**

That page 16 of 54 of Appendix "A" to Report FCS15076, respecting the 2016 Tax Supported User Fees, be amended by deleting the following User Fees/Charges, as per the Council direction of 2014, as follows:

- 1. Tow Truck Business Operator (Mobile); and,
- 2. Tow Truck Driver (Mobile)

**CARRIED**

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 6.

**(g) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)**

Councillor A. Johnson introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(i) Desjardin Canal Bridge at Highway 403 East (Item 10.1)**

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**(A. Johnson/Farr)**

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting the Desjardin Canal Bridge at Highway 403 East.

**CARRIED**

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 10.

Councillor Collins introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(ii) Repairs to Vacant CityHousing Hamilton Units (Item 10.2)**

WHEREAS, there are currently over 5,600 individuals, families and seniors on the Affordable Housing Wait List;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's largest affordable housing service provider, CityHousing Hamilton (CHH) currently has hundreds of vacant units in its inventory that require extensive repairs and renovation;

WHEREAS, there is currently insufficient capacity within CHH's operating and capital budgets to undertake the necessary repairs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the following list of vacant CityHousing Hamilton units be repaired utilizing former City of Hamilton area rating funds, as follows:

- (i) Ward 1      1 Unit at 120 Strathcona Ave. (\$20,000)  
2 Units at 405 York Blvd. (\$3,500 & \$4,500)  
Account # 3301509100
- (ii) Ward 2      3 Units at 226 Rebecca St. (\$7,500, \$7,500 & \$5,000)  
Account # 3301509200
- (iii) Ward 3      10 Units at 350 King St. E. (\$9,400, \$5,000, \$8,600,  
\$9,500, \$10,000, \$12,000, \$3,900, \$3,000, \$3,000 &  
\$2,500)  
Account # 3301509300
- (iv) Ward 4      17 Grimsby Ave. (\$7,500)  
1 Unit at 44 Martha Ave. (\$9,000)  
Account # 3301509400
- (v) Ward 5      3 Units at 245 Kenora Ave. (\$9,800, \$6,300 & \$20,000)  
Account # 3301509500
- (vi) Ward 6      30 Locheed Dr. (\$20,000)  
Account # 3301509600
- (vii) Ward 8      1 Unit at 171 Cranbrook Dr. (\$9,000)  
2 Units at 77 Purnell Dr. (\$20,000 & \$8,100)  
Account # 3301509800

**(Collins/Merulla)**

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting repairs to vacant CityHousing Hamilton units.

**CARRIED**

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 11.

Councillor A. Johnson introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(iii) Full Review of Aberdeen Avenue from Queen Street to Longwood Avenue, respecting the Safety and Operational Characteristics of the Roadway (Item 10.3)**

WHEREAS, concerns have been raised by area residents with respect to pedestrian and bicyclists safety along Aberdeen Avenue from Queen Street to Longwood Avenue;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to undertake a full review of Aberdeen Avenue from Queen Street to Longwood Avenue, respecting the safety and operational characteristics of the roadway; with a focus on improvements to meet the request for a more Complete Street and pedestrian friendly design, including consideration for a road-diet, and the recommendations put forward by the Kirkendall Neighbourhood Association Working Group regarding Aberdeen Safety and Road Improvement, and report to the Public Works Committee.

**(A. Johnson/Farr)**

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting a full Review of Aberdeen Avenue from Queen Street to Longwood Avenue, respecting the safety and operational characteristics of the roadway.

The motion to waive the Rules of Order was DEFEATED on a tie vote of 6 to 6.

**(h) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)**

**(i) Closed Session Minutes – November 4, 2015 (Item 12.1)**

As the General Issues Committee determined that no discussion, respecting the Closed Session Minutes of November 4, 2015, meeting was required, the Minutes were approved in Open Session, as shown below:

**(Eisenberger/Pearson)**

- (a) That the Closed Session Minutes of the November 4, 2015, meeting of the General Issues Committee be approved, as presented; and,
- (b) That the Closed Session Minutes of November 4, 2015, meeting of the General Issues Committee, remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure.

**CARRIED**

**(Eisenberger/Pearson)**

That Committee move into Closed Session, at 12:37 p.m. respecting Items 12.2 – a Personnel Matter; 12.3 – Report LS13003(a)/FCS13009(a) respecting National Steel Car; and, 12.4 – a Litigation Matter, pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (b), (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (b), (e) and (f) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City employees.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) Personnel Matter (Item 12.2)**

**(Pearson/B. Johnson)**

That the information provided in Closed Session respecting the Personnel Matter, be received.

**CARRIED**

There was nothing to report in Open Session.

**(iii) Litigation – National Steel Car (LS13003(a)/FCS13009(a)) (Item 12.3)**

Staff was provided direction in Closed Session. For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 12.

**(iv) Litigation Update (no copy) (Item 12.4)**

Staff was provided with direction in Closed Session with nothing further to report in Open Session.

**CARRIED**

**(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

**(A. Johnson/Collins)**

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee, be adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

D. Conley, Deputy Mayor  
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk