



**GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
2016 TAX CAPITAL BUDGET
MINUTES 15-026**

9:30 a.m.

Friday, December 4, 2015

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Absent
with Regrets:** Councillor J. Farr – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Funding Source Alternatives – Hamilton Community Bed Bug Strategy (6.2)

(Ferguson/Collins)

- (a) That the 2016 Capital Budget request for the Hamilton Community Bed Bug Strategy, in the amount of \$415,000, which includes 2 full-time equivalents (FTEs), to be funded from a Work-in-Progress transfer from the Industrial Zone Air Quality Project Account #4030707750, be approved;
- (b) That the 2017 Capital Budget request for the Hamilton Community Bed Bug Strategy, in the amount of \$380,000 to be funded from future Work-in-Progress transfers; to be identified by the Capital Projects Work-in-Progress Sub-Committee, be approved; and,
- (c) That the 2018 Capital Budget request for the Hamilton Community Bed Bug Strategy, in the amount of \$265,000 to be funded from future Work-in-Progress transfers; to be identified by the Capital Projects Work-in-Progress Sub-Committee, be approved.

CARRIED

2. Funding Source Alternatives – Hamilton Plan for an Age Friendly City Initiative (Item 6.3)

(Ferguson/Collins)

That the 2016 Capital Budget request for the Hamilton Plan for an Age Friendly City Initiative, in the amount of \$50,000, be absorbed in the Community Services 2016 Operating Budget for Consulting Services or Tax Stabilization Reserve, in the case of a 2016 Corporate deficit.

CARRIED

3. Insulation for the Provincial Offences Administration Offices and Courtroom Building Envelope, 50 Main Street East, Hamilton

(Ferguson/Collins)

That \$500,000 for the installation of insulation for the Provincial Offences Administration Offices and Courtroom building envelope, located at 50 Main Street East, Hamilton, to be funded from the Red Light Camera Reserve account #112203, be incorporated into the 2016 Capital Budget.

CARRIED

4. Council Member Representative at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (Item 7.3)

(Collins/Merulla)

That, at the appropriate time, the City Clerk be directed to submit Councillor Jason Farr as the nominated Hamilton City Council representative to replace Councillor S. Duvall for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Working Group(s).

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. MOTIONS (Item 7)

- 7.2 This item has been removed from this agenda, as it was referred to the February 1, 2016 (Public Works) Operating Budget process and was included on this agenda in error.

2. NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 8)

- 8.1 Oak Run Bakery – Wastewater System, which will remain a Notice of Motion to be placed as a Motion on the regular GIC agenda of January 13, 2016.

(Collins/Jackson)

That the agenda for the December 4, 2015 General Issues Committee Budget meeting be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (ITEM 3)

(i) November 27, 2015

(Pearson/Partridge)

That the Minutes of the November 27, 2015 meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) PRESENTATIONS (Item 5)

(iii) 2016 Tax Supported Capital Budget (FCS15088) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee respecting Report FCS15088. Mr. Zegarac's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Direction from the General Issues Committee on November 27, 2015:
 - Funding Options for:
 - Hamilton Community Bed Bug Strategy
 - Hamilton Plan for an Age Friendly City Initiative
 - Provincial Offences Administration (POA) Offices – Building Envelope Insulation
- The Hamilton Community Bed Bug Strategy: The cost for 2016 and 2017 will be approximately \$1,060,000 and staff is recommending the following:

- That the Hamilton Community Bed Bug Strategy Capital Budget for 2016 of \$415,000 including 2 full time equivalents (FTE) be funded from a WIP transfer from the Industrial Zone Air Quality Project 4030707750; and,
 - That the Hamilton Community Bed Bug Strategy Capital Budget for 2017 of \$380,000 and 2018 of \$265,000 be funded from future WIP transfers to be identified by the Capital Projects Work-in-Progress Sub-Committee.
- The Hamilton Plan for an Age Friendly City:
 - That the Hamilton Plan for an Age Friendly City 2016 Capital Budget request for \$50,000 be absorbed in the Community Services 2016 Operating Budget for Consulting Services or Tax Stabilization Reserve in the case of a 2016 corporate deficit.
 - Provincial Offences Administration (POA) Building: The cost for the insulation will be approximately \$500,000 and staff is recommending the following:
 - That the insulation of the POA Building envelope for \$500,000 be funded from the Red Light Camera Reserve account #112203 and be incorporated into the 2016 Capital Budget.
 - Amend Recommendation (i) in Report FCS15088 to read:
 - (i) That 2016 capital projects from the Hamilton Police Service, the Hamilton Public Library, and the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA), over and above projects already included in the 2016 Capital Budget, subject to approval of the respective board and Council, be funded from debt.
 - Approval of the Recommendations (a) to (i) of Report FCS15088, as amended.

(Pearson/Conley)

That the presentation provided by Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, respecting Report FCS15088 – 2016 Tax Supported Capital Budget, be received.

CARRIED

(Merulla/Partridge)

That Report FCS15088, respecting the 2016 Tax Supported Capital Budget, be TABLED to the January 19, 2016 General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting.

CARRIED

Mayor Eisenberger and Councillor Ferguson wished to be recorded as OPPOSED to the tabling motion above.

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

(e) MOTIONS (ITEM 7)

(i) Affordable Housing Units for Seniors as Part of the Riverdale Recreation Expansion Project (Item 7.1)

(Collins/Merulla)

WHEREAS, there are currently over 5,000 names on the City of Hamilton's Housing Wait List;

WHEREAS, rising real estate costs in Hamilton present a significant barrier for social housing providers;

WHEREAS, the expansion of the Riverdale Recreation Centre is tentatively scheduled for 2017 and 2018 as part of the City's 10 year capital budget plan;

WHEREAS, the Riverdale Recreation Centre is operated on land owned by the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board;

WHEREAS, City Housing Hamilton may be required to replace or add new units as part of its Asset Renewal Program;

WHEREAS, seniors now represent 30% of those on Ontario's social housing wait lists (up 8% from a decade ago and rising);

WHEREAS, the construction of new affordable housing units on publicly owned land saves substantial resources for affordable housing providers;

WHEREAS, the construction of affordable housing units above a recreation facility provides tremendous health benefits to those residing in such a building; and,

WHEREAS, the construction of new affordable housing units above a City of Hamilton recreation centre is a compact form of sustainable development;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That City of Hamilton Recreation and Facilities staff be directed to convene meetings with CityHousing Hamilton staff, Hamilton District School Board staff, School Board Chair & Ward 5 Trustee, Todd White, and Housing Services staff to discuss the possibility of constructing new affordable housing units for seniors, as part of the Riverdale Recreation Expansion project, and report to the General Issues Committee with a report detailing any opportunities that might exist for a multi-stakeholder development of this kind.

CARRIED

(f) NOTICES OF MOTION (8)

Councillor L. Ferguson introduced the following Notice of Motion, which will be placed as a Motion on the regular General Issues Committee agenda of January 13, 2016:

(i) Oak Run Bakery – Wastewater System (Item 8.1)

WHEREAS, Oak Run Bakery at 58 Carluke Road West is an existing, legally established use;

WHEREAS, City Council approved the expansion of the use and a private water servicing connection in 2005 and 2006;

WHEREAS, Oak Run Bakery has and continues to invest in their manufacturing operations and servicing; and,

WHEREAS, Oak Run Bakery has been working with the Ministry of the Environment to ensure that Oak Run Bakery has a long-term, sustainable wastewater servicing strategy, but the current soil characteristics limit the servicing options available to Oak Run Bakery;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That Oak Run Bakery be permitted to connect to the municipal wastewater system, at their cost, in a manner acceptable to the City of Hamilton.

Councillor C. Collins introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(ii) Council Member Representative at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (Item 7.3)

That, at the appropriate time, the City Clerk be directed to submit Councillor Jason Farr as the nominated Hamilton City Council representative to replace

Councillor S. Duvall on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Working Groups.

(Collins/Merulla)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting a Council Member Representative at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

CARRIED

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 4.

Councillor T. Whitehead introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(iii) Delineated Bicycle Lane on the Claremont Access (Item 8.3)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's Cycling Master Plan is intended to guide the development and operation of its cycling infrastructure for the next twenty years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to review the options and costs associated with providing a delineated bicycle lane up the Claremont Access and report back to the January 19, 2016 General Issues Committee.

(Eisenberger/Whitehead)

That the Rules of Order be waived in order to introduce a motion respecting a Delineated Bicycle Lane on the Claremont Access.

CARRIED

(Whitehead/Eisenberger)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's Cycling Master Plan is intended to guide the development and operation of its cycling infrastructure for the next twenty years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to review the options and costs associated with providing a delineated bicycle lane up the Claremont Access and report back to the January 19, 2016 General Issues Committee.

CARRIED

(g) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 9)

Councillor Whitehead acknowledged the tragic passing of Jay Keddy, Kindergarten teacher at the Prince of Wales School, who; on December 2, 2015,

was fatally wounded when struck by a vehicle while cycling home on the Claremont Access.

Councillor Whitehead offered condolences to Mr. Keddy's family.

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 10)

(Pearson/Ferguson)

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee Budget meeting, be adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor T. Whitehead
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk