



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	February 17, 2016
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Nikola Tesla Public Art Project (PED16030) (Ward 4)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 4 (Outstanding Business List Item)
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Council Direction:

Council at its meeting of September 10, 2014, approved General Issues Committee Report 14-018 Item 3 as follows: "That the presentation, from the Nikola Tesla Educational Corporation, respecting the appropriate Location to erect a Statue of Nikola Tesla and the Naming of a Road after Mr. Nikola Tesla, be referred to staff for a report."

Information:

Representatives of the Nikola Telsa Educational Corporation met with Tourism and Culture staff on Nov 6, 2015, and indicated that they wanted to change their approach to the proposed statue. Instead of donating an already completed statue they now wish to partner with the City to commission and partially fund a new public artwork unique to Hamilton addressing the theme "Hamilton the Electric City, Tesla, and the Five Johns." The work is proposed to be located along the waterfront trail in the vicinity of the Burlington Street and Q.E.W. interchange.

This project has been included in the current Public Art Master Plan Review and Update. It will be considered among other proposed projects identified in recent public consultation regarding funding, appropriateness, location and overall feasibility for implementation over the next 2- 10 years.

Staff will report to General Issues Committee on this project as part of the report for the Public Art Master Plan Update and Review.

The naming of a road was addressed in Planning Committee Report 15-015 approved by Council on October 14, 2015.

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