



Hamilton

**Downtown Commercial Corridor Task Force
Report 16-002**

10:00 a.m.

Monday, March 7, 2016

Room 264, City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: R. Braithwaite, S. Braithwaite, J. Castellano, K. Drewitt (Vice Chair),
J. Maurice, S. Sutherland

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor J. Farr (Chair) - Personal
S. Mirza and C. Topp

Absent: L. Hess and C. Hill

**THE DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR TASK FORCE PRESENTS REPORT
16-002 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

- 1. Approval of Revised Terms of Reference (tabled at the January 6, 2016 meeting) (Item 8.3)**
 - (a) That the revised Terms of Reference for the Downtown Commercial Corridor Task Force, attached as Appendix A to Report 16-002 of the Downtown Commercial Corridor Task Force, be approved; and,
 - (b) That Councillor C. Collins be appointed to the Downtown Commercial Core for the remainder of the 2014-2018 Term of Council.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) VERBAL UPDATE FROM HAMILTON POLICE SERVICES (Item A)

Sergeant Gino Ciarmoli with the Hamilton Police Service (HPS) provided the Task Force with an update on policing issues in the Downtown Core.

Sergeant Ciarmoli provided information respecting crime statistics for the month of February. Sergeant Ciarmoli reported that information packages are in the process of being distributed to businesses and various BIAs about Security Audits.

The Verbal Update from Sergeant G. Ciarmoli respecting policing issues in the Downtown Core was received.

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

The agenda for the March 7, 2016 meeting of the Downtown Commercial Corridor Task Force was approved, as presented.

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(d) MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) January 6, 2016 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the January 6, 2016 Downtown Commercial Corridor Task Force meeting were approved, as presented.

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(i) Verbal Update from Kelly Barnett, Community Liaison Coordinator, Municipal Law Enforcement and Kevin McDonald, Program Manager, Tobacco Control Program, respecting the Enforcement of the Smoking By-law in City Parks (Item 8.1)

Ms. Kelly Barnett, Community Liaison Coordinator, Municipal Law Enforcement and Kevin McDonald, Program Manager, Tobacco Control Program, addressed the Task Force respecting the Enforcement of the Smoking By-law in City Parks.

Mr. McDonald provided an overview on how the Smoking By-law was implemented in City Parks and Recreation Properties and what the general experience with the By-law has been. This example was provided so that the Task Force could gain a better understanding of how this By-law may relate to the issue of discarded cigarette butts.

The first step taken for implementing the Smoking by-law in City Parks and Recreation Facilities was to educate people. Individuals were made

aware of the new By-law and told the consequences for breaking it. After the education campaign, Municipal Law Enforcement (MLE) Officers then began to issue warnings to violators. After a period of time, charges then started to be laid.

Public Health Services worked with the Public Works Department to erect signs in parks and recreation centres. Signs are not required by the By-law however it was felt they would be a useful tool.

Mr. McDonald provided the Task Force with information about recent provincial laws respecting smoking that have been made. This includes changes to the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act* to prohibit smoking on patios of restaurants and bars, as well as new rules for prohibiting the sale of e-cigarettes to minors.

Mr. McDonald stated that the only “set-back” requirement for no-smoking areas outside of buildings that is enforceable by MLE Officers are for hospitals and long-term care facilities. “Set-back” rules for private property is determined, and enforced, by the property owner and not MLE officers.

The Verbal Update from Kelly Barnett, Community Liaison Coordinator, Municipal Law Enforcement and Kevin McDonald, Program Manager, Tobacco Control Program respecting the Enforcement of the No-Smoking By-law in City Parks, was received.

(ii) Format and Content for the Annual Presentation from the Downtown Commercial Corridor Task Force to the General Issues Committee (Item 8.2)

The Task Force agreed to delay their Annual Presentation to the General Issues Committee until September of 2016.

(f) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

(i) Graffiti in the International Village BIA (Added Item 11.1)

Ms. S. Braithwaite provided the Task Force with an update about recent acts of graffiti that have taken place in the International Village BIA. The police have charged an individual for committing these acts. The cost of removal is going to be over \$7000 and the BIA and property owners are concerned about how this fee will be paid.

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)

There being no further business, the Downtown Commercial Corridor Task Force adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Drewitt, Vice-Chair
Downtown Commercial Corridor
Task Force

Lauri Leduc
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