



## **GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 16-009**

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Absent  
with Regrets:** Councillors B. Johnson, L. Ferguson – Personal

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

**1. Hamilton Police Services Board Report PSB 16-027 (Item 5.1)**

**(Whitehead/Farr)**

That the Hamilton Police Services Board Report PSB 16-027, be received.

**CARRIED**

**2. Hamilton Business Appreciation Awards (PED16078) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)**

**(Pearson/Pasuta)**

That Report PED16078, respecting the Hamilton Business Appreciation Awards, be received.

**CARRIED**

**3. Status of the Hamilton Downtown Multi-Residential Property Investment Program (HDMRPIP) and Other Urban Renewal Initiatives (PED16074) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)**

**(Conley/Farr)**

That Report PED16074, respecting the Status of the Hamilton Downtown Multi-Residential Property Investment Program (HDMRPIP) and Other Urban Renewal Initiatives, be received.

**CARRIED**

**4. Hamilton Police Services Board Report PSB 16-030 respecting the 2015 Firearms Amnesty Results – Comparison to 2006 and 2014 (Item 5.4)**

**(Whitehead/Green)**

That the Hamilton Police Services Board Report PSB 16-030, respecting the 2015 Firearms Amnesty Results – Comparison to 2006 and 2014, be received.

**CARRIED**

**5. Innovative Strategies related to Housing Initiatives to Assist Our Aging Population (Item 6.1)**

**(Merulla/Green)**

WHEREAS, the demand of healthcare will be subjected to an increase due to an aging population;

WHEREAS, the cost of traditional health care is unsustainable, as a result of the pending demand attributed to the aging population; and,

WHEREAS, innovative strategies related to housing initiatives will assist in mitigating issues of sustainability of health care in Hamilton;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to partner with Hamilton Health Sciences in creating a networking group of stakeholders to establish a mandate and plan of action to mitigate, through housing strategies for seniors, the pending demand of our aging population.

**CARRIED**

**6. Intelligent Community Forum Smart21 Designation (PED16038) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

**(Green/Eisenberger)**

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton was named a Top 21 semi-finalist “Intelligent Community”, based on the criteria of broadband innovation, digital equity, sustainability, advocacy, and knowledge workforce;

WHEREAS, Global Hamilton is in initiative of Hamilton’s Economic Development Division working with community partners such as the Innovation Factory, Clear Cable Network, MIP, McMaster University, Mohawk College and HCE Telecom; and,

WHEREAS, Hamilton was not named as one of the Top 7 finalists;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That an Intelligent Community Task Force be established to include, but not be limited to, two (2) members of Council, City of Hamilton staff across the

organization, as appropriate, interested community partners and private sector experts, to explore and address our weaknesses while leveraging the strengths, as they relate to an Intelligent Community, as outlined in Report PED16038.

**CARRIED**

**7. Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and Community Improvement Project Areas (CIPA) Review (PED16050) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

**(Green/Farr)**

- (a) That Report PED16050 respecting the Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and Community Improvement Project Areas (CIPA) Review be received;
- (b) That staff be directed to bring forward to the Planning Committee for a statutory public meeting, in accordance with Section 17 (15) (d) of the *Planning Act*, the following recommended revisions to the Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and Community Improvement Project Area Mapping (CIPA) (By-laws 11-272 and 11-273):
  - (i) Appendix “A” to Report PED16050, respecting the Downtown and Community Renewal CIP (2016);
  - (ii) Appendix “B” to Report PED16050, respecting the Downtown and Community Renewal CIPA (2016);
  - (iii) Appendix “C” to Report PED16050, respecting the revised Program Description and Terms for the Hamilton Downtown, Barton and Kenilworth Multi-Residential Property Investment Program;
  - (iv) Appendix “D” to Report PED16050, respecting the revised Program Description and Terms for the Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program;
  - (v) Appendix “E” to Report PED16050, respecting the revised Program Description and Terms for the Business Improvement Area Commercial Property Improvement Grant Program;
  - (vi) Appendix “F” to Report PED16050, respecting the revised Program Description and Terms for the Commercial Corridor Housing Loan and Grant Program;
  - (vii) Appendix “G” to Report PED16050, respecting the revised Program Description and Terms for the Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program;
  - (viii) Appendix “H” to Report PED16050, respecting the revised Program Description and Terms for the Office Tenancy Assistance Program;

- (ix) Appendix "I" to Report PED16050, respecting the revised Program Description and Terms for the Commercial Property Improvement Grant Program;
  - (x) Appendix "J" to Report PED16050, respecting the Program Description and Terms for the Barton / Kenilworth Tax Increment Grant Program;
  - (xi) Appendix "K" to Report PED16050, respecting the Program Description and Terms for the Barton / Kenilworth Commercial Corridor Building Improvement Grant Program;
  - (xii) Appendix "L" to Report PED16050, respecting the Program Description and Terms for the Gore Building Improvement Grant Program;
  - (xiii) Appendix "M" to Report PED16050, respecting a Planning and Building Fees Rebate Program for Planning and Building applications issued within the Barton / Kenilworth commercial corridors, as identified in the Downtown and CIPA Area By-law;
- (c) That Corporate Services' staff be directed to report back to the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee with options regarding Development Charge treatment of the Barton / Kenilworth Commercial Corridors and that the said options be implemented through the Development Charges (DC) DC By-law 14-153.

**CARRIED**

**8. Budgeted Complement Control Policy (FCS16024) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

**(VanderBeek/Conley)**

That a revision to the Budgeted Complement Control Policy, attached as Appendix "A" to Report FCS16024, increasing the provision for the hiring of temporary staff up to 24 months (from 18 months) at the discretion of the General Managers, to be consistent with current collective agreements, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**9. Labour Relations Grievance Activity Reporting & Analysis (2011 - 2015) (HUR16005) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

**(A. Johnson/Pearson)**

That Report HUR16005, respecting the Labour Relations Grievance Activity Reporting & Analysis (2011 - 2015), be received.

**CARRIED**

**10. Capital Projects Work-in-Progress Sub-Committee Report 16-001 (Item 8.3)**

**(Pearson/Merulla)**

**(a) Public Works – Capital Projects Status Report as of September 30, 2015 (FCS15070(a)) (City Wide)**

- (i) That the Capital Projects Status Report - Public Works Tax Supported Projects as of September 30, 2015, attached as Appendix “A” to Report FCS15070(a), be received;
- (ii) That the Capital Projects Status Report - Public Works Rate Supported Projects as of September 30, 2015, attached as Appendix “B” to Report FCS15070(a), be received;
- (iii) That the Capital Projects Status Report - Public Works Tax Supported Projects for Review as of September 30, 2015, attached as Appendix “C” to Report FCS15070(a), be received; and
- (iv) That the Capital Projects Status Report - Public Work Rate Supported Projects for Review as of September 30, 2015, attached as Appendix “D” to Report FCS15070(a), be received.

**(b) Capital Projects Closing Report as of September 30, 2015 (FCS15066(a)) (City Wide)**

- (i) That the General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services be authorized to transfer a combined \$28,634.94 from the Unallocated Capital Levy Reserve and from other Program Specific Reserves to the capital projects as outlined in Appendix “A” to CPWIP Report 16-001;
- (ii) That the General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services be directed to close the completed and/or cancelled capital projects listed in Appendix “B” to CPWIP Report 16-001 in accordance with the Capital Closing Policy; and,
- (iii) That Appendix “C” to Report FCS15066(a) detailing the Capital Projects’ Budget Appropriations for the period covering July 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 be received.

**CARRIED**

**11. Downtown Commercial Corridor Task Force Report 16-002 (Item 8.4)**

**(Farr/A. Johnson)**

**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 Corridor Task Force for the remainder of the 2014-2018 Term of Council.

**CARRIED**

**12. Light Rail Transit (LRT) Office and Administration Budget (PED16073) City Wide) (Item 8.5)**

**(Eisenberger/VanderBeek)**

- (a) That the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Office and Administration Budget (Gross Operating Budget of \$2,090,370 and Net Levy Impact of \$0), be approved;
- (b) That the dedicated staffing and support positions listed in Appendix "A" to Report PED16073 for the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Office, be approved; and,
- (c) That the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services, or his designate, be delegated the authority to approve the financial reporting requirements for Metrolinx regarding staffing costs and related expenditures.

**CARRIED**

**13. Main West Esplanade Business Improvement Area (BIA) Proposed 2016 Budget and Schedule of Payment (PED16041) (Wards 1 and 2) (Item 8.6)**

**(A. Johnson/Farr)**

- (a) That the 2016 Operating Budget for the Main West Esplanade Business Improvement Area (BIA), attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED16041, be approved in the amount of \$16,986;
- (b) That the levy portion of the Operating Budget for the Main West Esplanade Business Improvement Area (BIA) in the amount of \$7,848.16, be approved;
- (c) That the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services be hereby authorized and directed to prepare the requisite By-law, pursuant to Section 208, the *Municipal Act*, 2001, to levy the 2016 Budget as referenced in Recommendation (b) to Report PED16041; and,

(d) That the following schedule of payments for 2016 be approved:

April	\$3,924.08
June	\$3,924.08

**CARRIED**

**14. Ottawa Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) Appointment to the 2015 - 2018 Board of Management (PED16062) (Wards 3 and 4) (Item 8.7)**

**(Green/Merulla)**

That the following individuals be appointed to the Ottawa Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Management for the remainder of the 2015 - 2018 term:

- (a) John Weide
- (b) Kerry James
- (c) Amir Ahmadi
- (d) Mike Heddle
- (e) Jennifer Prouse

**CARRIED**

**15. Locke Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) Revised Board of Management (PED16063) (Ward 1) (Item 8.8)**

**(A. Johnson/Farr)**

That the following individual be appointed to the Locke Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Management:

- (a) Susan Greigor

**CARRIED**

**16. Transfer of Hamilton Community Heritage Fund Loan Program Reserve Funding to the Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program and Part IV Designation of Property Capital Project Account (PED16049) (City Wide) (Item 8.9)**

**(Pearson/Conley)**

- (a) That \$400 K be transferred from the Hamilton Community Heritage Fund Loan Program Reserve #102049 to the Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program Capital Project ID #8201541800;
- (b) That \$400 K be transferred from the Hamilton Community Heritage Fund Loan Program Reserve #102049 to the Part IV Designation of Property Capital Project ID #8121255620.

**CARRIED**

**17. Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program (HTIGP) – 220 Cannon Street East, Hamilton (PED16069) (Ward 2) (Item 8.10)**

**(Farr/Merulla)**

- (a) That a Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program (HTIGP) Application submitted by 2452849 Ontario Inc. (Darko Vranich), for the property at 220 Cannon Street East, Hamilton, for a Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program (HTIGP) Grant estimated at \$552,695.56 over a maximum of a five-year period, and based upon the incremental tax increase attributable to the redevelopment of 220 Cannon Street East, Hamilton, be authorized and approved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the HTIGP; and,
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Grant Agreement, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED16069, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

**CARRIED**

**18. Residential Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program (3P Program) (PW11056(h)) (City Wide) (Referred to GIC from AF&A on March 7, 2016) (Item 8.11)**

**(Jackson/Whitehead)**

That Report PW11056(h), respecting the Residential Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program (3P Program), be received.

**CARRIED**

**19. Declaration of Surplus and Sale of 286 Victoria Avenue North, Hamilton (PED16066) (Ward 3) (Item 8.12) (Private & Confidential Appendix “B” to Report PED16066 to be distributed under separate cover.)**

**(Green/Farr)**

- (a) That the lands municipally known as 286 Victoria Avenue North, described as all of Part 3, Registered Plan 33, in the City of Hamilton, more fully shown and described in Appendix “A” attached to Report PED16066, be declared surplus to the requirements of the City of Hamilton in accordance with the “Procedural By-law for the Sale of Land”, being By-law No. 14-204;
- (b) That an Offer to Purchase, executed on February 3, 2016, and scheduled to close on or before May 13, 2016, for the City to sell the land described in Recommendation (a) to Report PED16066, be approved and completed on terms and conditions outlined in Appendix “B” attached to Report PED16066;
- (c) That Appendix “B” to Report PED16066 remains confidential and not be released as a public document until the final completion of the real estate transaction;

- (d) That as a condition of sale, a Heritage Conservation Easement Agreement be registered on title of 286 Victoria Avenue North, as identified in Appendix "A" attached to Report PED16066, to conserve the cultural heritage value and heritage attributes of the property; and,
- (e) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute any necessary documents in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

**CARRIED**

**20. Comprehensive Community Outreach Program respecting the Presence of Lead in Drinking Water (Item 9.1)**

WHEREAS, March 22<sup>nd</sup> was World Water Day and there have been recent events with our sister city, Flint Michigan, regarding serious health issues related to lead in their drinking water; and,

WHEREAS, the old City of Hamilton's housing stock has entire neighbourhoods with the presence of lead in their waterlines;

THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED:

That staff be directed to develop a comprehensive community outreach program to increase the awareness of the adverse health effects of lead in water, with an emphasis on drinking water, living with lead in water and to promote City programs that assist with lead pipe service replacement, including the waterline replacement loan program, and report to the Public Works Committee.

**CARRIED**

**21. Potential Infrastructure Funding (Item 11.2)**

**(Eisenberger/Partridge)**

- (a) That the Mayor be authorized and directed to correspond with the Honourable Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance to request that the Province reflect revenues they receive from any potential infrastructure investments through the Federal Budget announcement of March 22, 2016, and to increase their commitment to infrastructure funding and reduce the pressure on municipalities; and,
- (b) The a copy of the correspondence be forwarded to all local MPP's and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

**CARRIED**

**22. Lease with Outdoor Ball Hockey League Ltd., 680 Van Wagner's Beach Road, Hamilton (PED16052(a)) (Ward 5) (Item 12.2)**

**(Whitehead/Jackson)**

- (a) That a land lease ("Lease") with Outdoor Ball Hockey League Ltd. the ("Tenant") at 680 Van Wagner's Beach Road, Hamilton, as shown in

Appendix "A" attached to Report PED16052(a), substantially based on the terms and conditions contained in Appendix "B" attached to Report PED16052(a), and such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development, be approved;

- (b) That the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development or designate, acting as landlord, be authorized to provide any consents, approvals, notices and notices of termination related to the Lease outlined in Report PED16052(a);
- (c) That the Lease revenue be credited to Confederation Park Account 411-4242-02-0565 P42-OP-REV-ODBH administered by Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) on behalf of the City under a Management Agreement, and the Real Estate and Legal fees of \$5,571 be credited to Account No. 45408-3560150200 net of the rental revenue;
- (d) That Appendices "B" and "C" to Report PED16052(a) remain confidential, and not be released as a public document; and,
- (e) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

**23. White Star Litigation Update (LS15019(a)) (Ward 2) (Item 12.3)**

**(Merulla/Green)**

Report LS15019(a), respecting the White Star Litigation remain confidential.

**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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

3.3 February 19, 2016 - Special

**2. DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)**

- 4.4 Carlos Vasquez, Columbian Refugees Association, respecting Comments regarding the Columbian Community
- 4.5 Glenn Scheels, GSP Group Inc., on behalf of Jeff Paikin of the New Horizon Development Group, respecting Item 7.2 - Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and Community Improvement Project Areas (CIPA) Review (PED16050) (City Wide)
- 4.6 Janice Brown, of the Durand Neighbourhood Association on behalf of Frances Murray, President of the Durand Neighbourhood Association, respecting Item 7.2 - Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and Community Improvement Project Areas (CIPA) Review

**3. CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)**

- 5.4 Hamilton Police Services Board Report PSB 16-030 respecting 2015 Firearms Amnesty Results – Comparison to 2006 and 2014

**4. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)**

- 11.2 Federal Budget Update (no copy)

**5. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)**

- 12.4 Closed Session Minutes – January 29, 2016

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (b) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (b) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City employees.

- 12.5 Closed Session Minutes – February 3, 2016

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (c), (d), (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (c), (d), (e) and (f) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for City purposes; labour relations or employee negotiations; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the City; and, the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

12.6 Closed Session Minutes – February 17, 2016

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (b) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (b) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City employees.

12.7 Ombudsman's Preliminary Report (no copy)

Pursuant to Section 239(3)(b) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, regarding an ongoing investigation respecting the municipality, a local board or a municipally-controlled corporation by the Ombudsman, appointed under the *Ombudsman Act*.

**(Eisenberger/Pasuta)**

That the agenda for the March 23, 2016 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) March 2, 2016 (Item 3.1)**

**(Pearson/Conley)**

That the Minutes of the March 2, 2016 General Issues Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) March 8, 2016 (Item 3.2)**

**(Pearson/Pasuta)**

That the Minutes of the March 8, 2016 General Issues Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(iii) February 19, 2016 – Special (Item 3.3)**

**(Pearson/Pasuta)**

That the Minutes of the February 19, 2016 General Issues Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)**

- (i) Robert Potocic, Resident (Ward 13), respecting Community Mailboxes (Item 4.1)**

**(Green/Merulla)**

That the delegation request submitted by Robert Potocic, Resident (Ward 13), respecting Community Mailboxes, be approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on April 6, 2016.

**CARRIED**

- (ii) Steve Jones, on behalf of the Hamilton Taxi Industry, respecting the Implications of Ride Sharing Services and the Hamilton Taxi Industry (Item 4.2)**

**(Merulla/Jackson)**

That the delegation request submitted by Steve Jones, on behalf of the Hamilton Taxi Industry, respecting the Implications of Ride Sharing Services and the Hamilton Taxi Industry, be approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on April 6, 2016.

**CARRIED**

- (iii) Vic Djurdjevic, Nikola Tesla Educational Corporation, to provide an Update respecting the Fundraising Campaign for Road Signage and the April 6, 2016 Gala (Item 4.3)**

**(Eisenberger/Pearson)**

That the delegation request submitted by Vic Djurdjevic, Nikola Tesla Educational Corporation, to provide an Update respecting the Fundraising Campaign for Road Signage and the April 6, 2016 Gala, be approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on March 23, 2016.

**CARRIED**

- (iv) Carlos Vasquez, Columbian Refugees Association, respecting Comments regarding the Columbian Community (Item 4.4)**

**(Pearson/Eisenberger)**

That the delegation request submitted by Carlos Vasquez, Columbian Refugees Association, respecting Comments regarding the Columbian Community, be approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on April 6, 2016.

**CARRIED**

- (v) **Glenn Scheels, GSP Group Inc., respecting Item 7.2 - Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and Community Improvement Project Areas (CIPA) Review (PED16050) (City Wide) (Item 4.5)**

**(VanderBeek/Pasuta)**

That the delegation request submitted by Glenn Scheels, GSP Group Inc., respecting Item 7.2 - Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and Community Improvement Project Areas (CIPA) Review, be approved to appear before Committee on March 23, 2016.

**CARRIED**

- (vi) **Janice Brown, of the Durand Neighbourhood Association on behalf of Frances Murray, President of the Durand Neighbourhood Association, respecting Item 7.2 - Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and Community Improvement Project Areas (CIPA) Review (Item 4.6)**

**(Farr/A. Johnson)**

That the delegation request submitted by Janice Brown, of the Durand Neighbourhood Association on behalf of Frances Murray, President of the Durand Neighbourhood Association, respecting Item 7.2 - Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and Community Improvement Project Areas (CIPA) Review, be approved to appear before Committee on March 23, 2016.

**CARRIED**

**(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 6)**

- (i) **Rob Maclsaac, President & CEO of Hamilton Health Sciences, respecting Hamilton Health Science's Biggest Planning Process in Decades – Our Healthy Future, Creating a Vision for the Care it Will Provide Over the Coming 20 Years (Item 6.1)**

Mr. Maclsaac, President & CEO of Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS), addressed Committee and provided a presentation respecting Hamilton Health Science's Our Healthy Future, Creating a Vision for the Care and how it will provide quality care over the coming 20 years. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Hamilton Health Sciences is looking to the future and planning for change. The population is aging, needs are shifting and the practice of health care itself is being shaped by new technologies, options and outcomes.
- Planning Our Healthy Future

- A New Relationship with Patents and with the Community
- Patients will Always be the Heart of Our Vision
- HHS are partners in care; creating a clear pathway and a population health approach, which means we build beyond our walls.
- HHS will be implementing a new physically service delivery model with new access points and specialized technology in its place.
- Our Regional Role
- Research, Innovation and Learning

**(Eisenberger/Pearson)**

That the presentation provided by Rob MacIsaac, President & CEO of Hamilton Health Sciences (HHS), respecting Hamilton Health Science's Our Healthy Future, Creating a Vision for the Care, be received.

**CARRIED**

A full copy of the booklet entitled "On the Road to the Future: An Overview of Hamilton Health Sciences' 20-Year Vision; and, the PowerPoint presentation are available on the City's website or through the Office of the City Clerk.

**(Eisenberger/Pearson)**

That the Clerk's Office be directed to work with the Mayor and the appropriate City staff to arrange for a more fulsome session, with Hamilton Health Sciences, to allow for a broader discussion regarding opportunities for partnership and preventive measures to improve our healthcare system.

**CARRIED**

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 5.

**(ii) Vic Djurdjevic, Nikola Tesla Educational Corporation, to provide an Update respecting the Fundraising Campaign for Road Signage and the April 6, 2016 Gala (Item 6.2)**

- On October 14, 2015 Council approved the renaming of a section of Burlington Street after Nikola Tesla.
- Current location of QEW signs to be replaced.

- The Nikola Tesla Educational Corporation would like to put Nikola Tesla on the map. The total Cost to replace the road signs will be \$150,000 and we have already raised \$83,750, as of March 23, 2016.
- City staff is working on the detailed costing for the City signs.
- MTO has provided cost estimates for provincial signage.
- We are in discussions with City staff regarding agreements to be entered into in order to receive the funds; and, the procedures to be followed are being worked out.
- To raise the balance of funds, there will be two full weeks of active solicitation with two major fundraisers; one on April 2, 2016 and one on April 9, 2016.
- There will be one minor fundraiser on April 10, 2016.
- There will also be a Fundraising Gala on April 2, 2016 at Winona Vine Estates; all members of Hamilton City Council, local MPs and MPPs are invited to attend.
- City staff have committed to working on getting the signs up for July 10, 2016 and have noted that the City would need to receive the funds before this work can be done. The funds will be available by the week of April 11, 2016.
- This is an opportunity to teach people about Nikola Tesla and promote Hamilton via tourism, inspiration and innovation, a vision of a progressive city, attract media attention and encourage education, through school curriculum.

**(Conley/Pearson)**

That the presentation by Vic Djurdjevic, Nikola Tesla Educational Corporation, to provide an Update respecting the Fundraising Campaign for Road Signage and the April 6, 2016 Gala, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(iii) Glenn Scheels, GSP Group Inc., on behalf of Jeff Paikin of the New Horizon Development Group, respecting Item 7.2 - Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and Community Improvement Project Areas (CIPA) Review (PED16050) (City Wide) (Item 6.3)**

- Mr. Scheels was in attendance here on behalf of Jeff Paikin of the New Horizon Development Group, regarding the City Square project.
- Requesting to be included in the CIP before it goes forward for Council approval.
- Believes that the City Square project is at a bit of a disadvantage.
- Looking to find a way to get the City Square finished and developed in a more timely way in order to get it up and running to benefit both the development and the City.

**(Green/A. Johnson)**

That the presentation provided by Glenn Scheels, GSP Group Inc., on behalf of Jeff Paikin of the New Horizon Development Group, respecting Item 7.2 - Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and Community Improvement Project Areas (CIPA) Review (PED16050), be received.

**CARRIED**

**(iv) Janice Brown, of the Durand Neighbourhood Association on behalf of Frances Murray, President of the Durand Neighbourhood Association, Item 7.2 - Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and Community Improvement Project Areas (CIPA) Review (PED16050) (Item 6.4)**

- Mr. Paikin and his partners were fully aware of the boundaries of the CIPA when plans were made to develop the parcel of land at the historic Thistle Club site. The attractiveness of the Durand neighbourhood likely played a role in their decision to build multi-residential buildings on this site.
- Financial incentive to build in the Durand neighbourhood is not required.
- The Durand Neighbourhood Association supports the continuation of CIPA within the current boundaries, but does not support expansion of the area into the Durand Neighbourhood.

**(Conley/VanderBeek)**

That the presentation provided by Janice Brown, of the Durand Neighbourhood Association on behalf of Frances Murray, President of the Durand Neighbourhood Association, respecting Item 7.2 - Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and Community Improvement Project Areas (CIPA) Review (PED16050), be received.

**CARRIED**

**(f) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) Intelligent Community Forum Smart21 Designation (PED16038) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

Sarah Wayland, Senior Project Manager; Dave Carter of the Innovation Factory; and, Rob McCann of Clear Cable Network addressed Committee respecting Report PED16038. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Global Hamilton is an initiative of Hamilton's Economic Development Division.
- What is the Intelligent Community Forum?
- Why apply to be an Intelligent Community?
- What are the criteria?
- Contributors
- Hamilton's Results

**(Conley/Pasuta)**

That the presentation respecting Report PED16038 – Intelligent Community Forum Smart21 Designation, be received.

**CARRIED**

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

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

**(ii) Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and Community Improvement Project Areas (CIPA) Review (PED16050) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

Glen Norton, Manager of Urban Renewal; Hazel Milsome, Coordinator of Urban Renewal Incentives; and, Joe Muto, Senior Planner – Urban Renewal, addressed Committee respecting Report PED16050, the Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and Community Improvement Project Areas. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Strategic Objectives
- Process
- Impact of Review
- What is a Community Improvement Plan and Project Area (CIPA)?
- Public Input and Engagement
- What We Heard during that Public Engagement
- Results
- Proposed Boundary Expansion – Upper James Street
- Proposed Boundary Expansion – Dundurn Avenue South
- Proposed Boundary Expansion – Barton and King Streets
- Proposed Boundary Expansion – Barton Street East
- Financial Incentives at Work
- Hamilton Downtown Multi-Residential Property Investment Program
- Proposed Amendments (to the Hamilton Downtown Multi-Residential Investment Program)
- Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program
- Proposed Amendments (to the Hamilton Tax Increment Program)
- Business Improvement Area (BIA) Commercial Property Improvement Grant Program

- Proposed Amendments (to the BIA Commercial Property Improvement Grant Program)
- Commercial Corridor Housing Loan and Grant Program
- Proposed Amendments (to the Commercial Corridor Housing Loan and Grant Program)
- Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program
- Proposed Amendments (to the Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program)
- Office Tenancy Assistance Program
- Proposed Amendments (to the Office Tenancy Assistance Program)
- Commercial Façade Property Improvement Grant Program
- Proposed Amendments (to the Commercial Façade Property Improvement Grant Program)
- Introducing the Barton / Kenilworth Tax Increment Grant Program
- Planning and Building Fee Rebate Program
- Gore Building Improvement Grant Program
- Testimonials
- Summary of Recommendations

**(Pearson/Partridge)**

That the presentation, respecting Report PED16050 – Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and Community Improvement Project Areas (CIPA) Review, be received.

**CARRIED**

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

For disposition of the matter above, please refer to Item 7.

**(g) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)**

**(i) Light Rail Transit (LRT) Office and Administration Budget (PED16073) City Wide) (Item 8.5)**

Councillor Collins wished to be recorded as OPPOSED to this item.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 12.

**(ii) Residential Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program (3P Program) (PW11056(h)) (City Wide) (Referred to GIC from AF&A on March 7, 2016) (Item 8.11)**

**(Jackson/Whitehead)**

That staff be directed to review the feasibility of implementing Option 1 (as outlined in Report PW11056(h) and shown below) with respect to the Residential Protective Plumbing Subsidy Program (3P Program), and report back to the General Issues Committee:

**Option 1 – Contractor Roster Model**

This model includes developing a “Roster” of contractors through the Procurement Request for Pre-Qualification (RFPQ) process who are qualified and agree to perform the necessary works for a price that is at or below an “affordability cap” established by the City. Property owners would still be responsible for selecting and entering into a contract with an approved contractor from the list and be responsible for deciding whether or not they want to have a backwater valve installed. The list would be limited in some way to create competitive tension for bidders to provide best price.

**Price:** This option would allow the City to control the maximum fee that a contractor can charge a homeowner for the fixed price work set out in the RFPQ.

**Quality:** By establishing a roster process staff may be able to create more rigour and oversight respecting workmanship and behaviour through a qualifying process. There would be opportunity to set standards for the work, obtain the contractors acknowledgement and warrantee that they will complete the work to those standards, conduct themselves in a certain manner and ensure that they are appropriately licensed to do the work. This process would also give the City the ability to remove a contractor from the Roster where complaints are received from home owners about their work or their conduct.

Program Promotion: As part of the RFPQ qualification there would be opportunity to set some parameters around contractor conduct with respect to promotion of the program. Currently contractors employ various methods of promotion; these include flyers, direct mail, door to door solicitation, vehicle wrap and websites. While promotion of the program is desired it has become evident that some of tactics currently used by the contracting community appear deceptive and create a negative image of the program. Guidelines and rules could be included as part of the requirements for a contractor to remain on the roster.

Potential Liability Issues: The model would preserve a grant structure where the homeowner remains responsible for choosing one of the contractors on the approved roster list thereby limiting the City's exposure relative to liability for workmanship. Since the City controls who gets on the approved list there could be some implied responsibility for the City and therefore documentation would be developed to minimize the City's exposure.

Work Distribution: Homeowners would choose their preferred contractor from the approved list. Therefore, there is no guarantee of equal distribution of the work among the contractors.

Resourcing: This option may require additional staffing support to manage the roster, carry out performance audits and respond to customer concerns. The amount of effort required for these tasks remains unknown at this time.

**CARRIED**

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 18.

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

Councillor Green introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(i) Comprehensive Community Outreach Program respecting the Presence of Lead in Drinking Water (Item 10.1)**

WHEREAS, March 22<sup>nd</sup> was World Water Day and there have been recent events with our sister city, Flint Michigan, regarding serious health related issues with lead in their drinking water; and,

WHEREAS, the old City of Hamilton's housing stock has entire neighbourhoods with the presence of lead in their waterlines;

THEREFORE BE IT RESLOVED:

That staff be directed to develop a comprehensive community outreach program to increase the awareness of the adverse health effects of lead in water, with an emphasis on drinking water, living with lead in water and to promote City programs that assist with lead pipe service replacement, including the waterline replacement loan program, and report to the Public Works Committee.

**(Farr/Green)**

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting a Comprehensive Community Outreach Program respecting the Presence of Lead in Drinking Water.

**CARRIED**

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 20.

Councillor Green introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(ii) Community Outreach Program respecting Harbour Protection (Item 10.2)**

That staff be directed to report to the Public Works Committee respecting the cost and resource requirements to undertake a program for Harbour Protection that includes:

- (i) A study to identify opportunities for reducing the discharge of medical waste and personal care products into the harbour. This study should endeavour to determine the source of the pollutants and develop strategies for eliminating these events; and,
- (ii) Develop a community outreach program to raise awareness of the adverse effects of sewage overflow into the harbor and the environment, the unique operations of the Hamilton combined sewage system and with an emphasis on the role homeowners can play in reducing these occurrences through their own actions at home.

**(i) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)**

**(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)**

**(Pearson/Conley)**

That the following amendments to the General Issues Committee's Outstanding Business List, be approved:

- (a) Items to be Removed:

- (i) Item “M” – Hamilton’s Engagement Committee  
(Addressed at the February 17, 2016 GIC, Item 7.1 – Report (CM15001(b)/CES15010(b))
- (ii) Item “BB” – LRT Office - Fostering the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project  
(Addressed as Item 8.4 – PED16073)
- (iii) Item “CC” – MOA with Metrolinx - Fostering the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project  
(Addressed as Item 8.10 at the February 10, 2016 GIC – Report PED16042/LS16003)

(b) Proposed New Due Dates:

- (i) Item “EE” - Options - Regulating Firearms and/or Ammunition  
Current Due Date: March 23, 2016  
Proposed New Due Date: May 18, 2016
- (ii) Item “FF” – Walk of Fame  
Current Due Date: March 23, 2016  
Proposed New Due Date: September 7, 2016
- (iii) Item “OO” – Desjardin Canal Bridge at Highway 403 East  
Current Due Date: March 23, 2016  
Proposed New Due Date: April 20, 2016

**CARRIED**

**(ii) Federal Budget (Item 11.2)**

Mayor Eisenberger spoke to the 2016 Government of Canada’s Budget: “Growing the Middle Class.”; followed by Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services; and, Brian McMullen, Director of Financial Planning & Policy, who provided further details regarding the Federal Budget. Their comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

The 2016 Federal Budget focuses on initiatives that will improve the quality of life for Canadian individuals, families, businesses and seniors.

The Government’s plan will be implemented in two phases. In addition to funding flowing through the existing programs that support infrastructure, the Government will implement a short-term Phase 1 plan to immediately invest in the infrastructure Canadians need.

Phase 1 of the Government's infrastructure plan proposes to provide \$11.9 billion over five years, starting right away:

- \$3.4 billion over three years to upgrade and improve public transit systems across Canada.
- \$5.0 billion over five years for investments in water, wastewater and green infrastructure projects across Canada.
- \$3.4 billion across Canada over five years for social infrastructure, including affordable housing, early learning and child care, cultural and recreational infrastructure, and community health care facilities on reserve.

**Public Transit:**

- To improve and expand public transit systems across Canada, Budget 2016 proposes to invest up to \$3.4 billion in public transit over three years, starting in 2016–17. Funding will be provided through a new Public Transit Infrastructure Fund.
- To get projects moving quickly, the Government will fund up to 50 percent of eligible costs for projects.
- Funding under the program will be allocated to municipalities based on ridership with Ontario's allocation to be \$1.48 billion or 44% of the \$3.4 billion fund.

**Green Infrastructure:**

- Budget 2016 proposes to invest \$5.0 billion over the next five years in infrastructure that protects communities and supports Canada's ongoing transition to a clean growth economy.
- The Government is announcing a new Clean Water and Wastewater Fund for provinces, territories and municipalities. Budget 2016 proposes to invest \$2.0 billion over four years, starting in 2016–17, for immediate improvements to water distribution and treatment infrastructure. To get projects moving quickly, the Government will fund up to 50 percent of eligible costs for projects.
- Budget 2016 also proposes to provide \$1.8 billion over five years to address health and safety needs, to ensure proper facility operation and maintenance, and to end long-term boil water advisories on First Nations reserves within five years.

- Government has announced \$75 million in new funding for local governments to address climate change, to be delivered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. This investment will support municipality-led projects to identify and implement greenhouse gas reduction opportunities. It will also support the assessment of local climate risks, and the integration of these impacts into asset management plans.
- Budget 2016 proposes to provide \$125 million over the next two years to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to enhance the Green Municipal Fund, including for projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This Fund, established in partnership with municipalities in 2000, finances and funds innovative, municipal green infrastructure priorities, and has provided over \$700 million to projects across the country since its inception.

Expanding Affordable Housing:

- To give Canadians greater access to more affordable housing, Budget 2016 proposes to invest \$2.3 billion over two years, starting in 2016–17. Of this amount, \$2.2 billion reflects the Government's commitment to invest in social infrastructure, including \$739 million for First Nations, Inuit and northern housing.

Seniors:

- Budget 2016 proposes to increase the Guaranteed Income Supplement top-up benefit by up to \$947 annually for the most vulnerable single seniors starting in July 2016, which will support those seniors who rely almost exclusively on Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement benefits and may be at risk of experiencing financial difficulties. Single seniors with annual income (other than Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement benefits) of about \$4,600 or less will receive the full increase of \$947. Above this income threshold, the amount of the increased benefit will be gradually reduced and will be completely phased out at an income level of about \$8,400.
- Budget 2016 proposes to cancel the provisions in the *Old Age Security Act* that increase the age of eligibility for Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement benefits from 65 to 67 and Allowance benefits from 60 to 62 over the 2023 to 2029 period.
- The Government is looking at how a new Seniors Price Index that reflects the cost of living faced by seniors could be developed.

Canada Child Benefit:

- The Canada Child Benefit will provide a maximum annual benefit of up to \$6,400 per child under the age of 6 and up to \$5,400 per child for those aged 6 through 17. Families with less than \$30,000 in net income will receive the maximum benefit.

**(Jackson/Merulla)**

That Committee move into Closed Session, respecting Item 12.2 – Report PED16052(a), Lease with Outdoor Ball Hockey League Ltd., 680 Van Wagner’s Beach Road, Hamilton; Item 12.3 – Report LS15019(a), White Star Litigation; and, Item 12.7 – Ombudsman’s Preliminary Report, pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (c) and (f) of the City’s Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (c) and (f) and Section 239(3)(b) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for City purposes; the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and, an ongoing investigation respecting the municipality, a local board or a municipally-controlled corporation by the Ombudsman, appointed under the *Ombudsman Act*.

**CARRIED**

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

**(i) Closed Session Minutes, March 2, 2016 (Item 12.1)**

As the General Issues Committee determined that discussion of the Closed Session Minutes of March 2, 2016 was not required, the Minutes were approved in Open Session as shown below:

**(Whitehead/Conley)**

That the Closed Session Minutes of the March 2, 2016 General Issues Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) Closed Session Minutes – January 29, 2016 (Item 12.4)**

As the General Issues Committee determined that discussion of the Closed Session Minutes of January 29, 2016 was not required, the Minutes were approved in Open Session as shown below:

**(Whitehead/Conley)**

That the Closed Session Minutes of the January 29, 2016 General Issues Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(iii) Closed Session Minutes – February 3, 2016 (Item 12.5)**

As the General Issues Committee determined that discussion of the Closed Session Minutes of February 3, 2016 was not required, the Minutes were approved in Open Session as shown below:

**(Whitehead/Conley)**

That the Closed Session Minutes of the February 3, 2016 General Issues Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(iv) Closed Session Minutes – February 17, 2016 (Item 12.6)**

As the General Issues Committee determined that discussion of the Closed Session Minutes of February 17, 2016 was not required, the Minutes were approved in Open Session as shown below:

**(Whitehead/Conley)**

That the Closed Session Minutes of the February 17, 2016 General Issues Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(v) Ombudsman’s Preliminary Report (Item 12.7) (no copy)**

There was nothing to report in Open Session.

**(k) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

**(Farr/Jackson)**

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee, be adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

C. Collins, Deputy Mayor  
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk