



## GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 16-011

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

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

#### 1. 2016 Tax Policies and Area Rating (Revised) (FCS16032) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

##### (Farr/Merulla)

(a) That the following optional property classes be continued for the 2016 taxation year:

- New Multi-Residential
- Parking Lot and Vacant Land
- Large Industrial;

(b) That, based on the 2016 final approved Tax Operating Budget, the following final tax ratios be established for the 2016 taxation year:

• Residential	1.0000
• Multi-Residential	2.7400
• New Multi-Residential	1.0000
• Commercial (Residual)	1.9800
• Parking Lot and Vacant Land	1.9800
• Industrial (Residual)	3.0900
• Large Industrial	3.6234
• Pipeline	1.7367
• Farm	0.1767
• Managed Forest	0.2500;

- (c) That the following tax reductions be established for the 2016 taxation year:
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| • Excess Land Subclass (Residual Commercial)               | 30% |
| • Excess Land Subclass (Residual Industrial)               | 30% |
| • Vacant Land Subclass (Residual Industrial)               | 30% |
| • Excess Land Subclass (Large Industrial)                  | 30% |
| • Farmland Awaiting Development (1 <sup>st</sup> Subclass) | 25% |
| • Farmland Awaiting Development (2 <sup>nd</sup> Subclass) | 0%; |
- (d) That the existing Property Tax Relief Deferral Program for low-income seniors and disabled persons be continued for the 2016 taxation year;
- (e) That the existing 40% Tax Rebate for eligible charities and similar organizations be continued for the 2016 taxation year;
- (f) That the existing 30% Vacancy Rebate for eligible commercial and industrial properties be continued for the 2016 taxation year;
- (g) That the existing 100% Tax Rebate for veterans' clubhouses and legion halls be continued for the 2016 taxation year;
- (h) That the existing Seniors' (65+) Tax Rebate Program be continued, with the following criteria updated for the 2016 taxation year:
- (i) Income threshold (150% of GIS couple) increased to \$34,300 (\$33,840 in 2015);
  - (ii) Assessment cap (120% of city-wide average) increased to \$382,000 (\$369,000 in 2015);
  - (iii) Rebate increased by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to \$183 (\$179 in 2015);
- (i) That, for the 2016 taxation year, the tax capping percentage for any assessment-related tax increases in the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential property classes be set at the maximum allowable of 10% of previous year's Current Value Assessment (CVA) level taxes;
- (j) That, for the 2016 taxation year, any capped property in the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential property classes that is within \$500 of its Current Value Assessment (CVA) taxes in 2016, be moved directly to its full Current Value Assessment (CVA) taxes;
- (k) That, for the 2016 taxation year, the minimum percentage of Current Value Assessment (CVA) taxes for properties eligible for the new construction / new to class treatment be set at 100% of Current Value Assessment (CVA) taxes;

- (l) That for the 2016 taxation year, any property in the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential property class which paid full Current Value Assessment (CVA) taxes in 2015, no longer be eligible for capping protection in 2016 and future years;
- (m) That, for the 2016 taxation year, all properties eligible for a tax reduction under the existing capping program receive the full decrease, funded from the approved capping program operating budget;
- (n) That, for the 2016 taxation year, the Area Rated Levies be approved as identified in Appendix "A" to Report FCS16032 "2016 Tax Policies & Area Rating" attached hereto; and,
- (o) 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 tax policies and tax rates for the 2016 taxation year.

**CARRIED**

**2. North End Traffic Management Plan (NETMP) Implementation Update (PW08094(e)) (Ward 2) (Item 5.2)**

**(Farr/Collins)**

That Report PW08094(e), respecting the North End Traffic Management Plan (NETMP) Implementation Update, be received.

**CARRIED**

**3. Hamilton Police Services Board Report PSB 16-046, April 5, 2016 (Item 5.5)**

**(Partridge/Skelly)**

That the Hamilton Police Services Board Report PSB 16-046, dated April 5, 2016, be received.

**CARRIED**

**4. Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual (PED12165(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

**(Collins/Merulla)**

- (a) That the Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual in Appendix "A" to Report PED12165(a), be adopted;
- (b) That staff be directed to use the Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual, outlined in Appendix "A" to Report PED12165(a), as the City of Hamilton Guidelines for review of all land development applications;
- (c) That the Senior Director of Growth Management, or designate, be authorized and directed to revise and update the Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual, outlined in Appendix "A" to Report PED12165(a), on an on-going basis, as technical initiatives, standards, design

criteria, processes and procedures from all City Departments are developed and completed;

- (d) That, where appropriate, the Senior Director of Growth Management, or designate, may approve exceptions to the requirements of the Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual outlined in Appendix “A” to Report PED12165(a);
- (e) ***That for all development applications that have received Draft Plan Approval or are declared a Complete Submission prior to April 27, 2016, the current Engineering Guidelines and design standards shall apply provided the First Engineering Submission is received on or prior to June 1, 2017; and, where possible, revised or new construction specifications and practices shall be accommodated in all development approvals;***
- (f) That where an applicant or proponent requests a change / amendment to a previously approved Consent, Subdivision or Condominium, the City may apply or require any or all of the Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies contained in the Manual, as outlined in Appendix “A” to Report PED12165(a);
- (g) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be directed to conduct an Annual Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Workshop with the development industry, to inform, discuss, review, and relay issues and propose solutions to Development Guidelines and Financial Policy issues; and,
- (h) That the matter respecting the Revised Sidewalk Policy for New Development be considered complete and removed from the Planning Committee’s Outstanding Business List.

**MOTION, AS AMENDED, CARRIED**

**5. Licensing UBER and Like Ride-Sharing Applications (PED16099) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

**(Farr/A. Johnson)**

That Report PED16099, respecting Licensing UBER and Like Ride-Sharing Applications, be received.

**CARRIED**

**6. Radio Tower License Agreement Renewal at 155 Paddy Green Road, Hamilton, with the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure (the “Licensor”) (PED16090) (Ward 12) (Item 8.1)**

**(Pearson/B. Johnson)**

- (a) That a Radio Tower License Agreement renewal with the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure (the “Licensor”) for space

occupied by the Hamilton Fire Division (HFD) at 155 Paddy Green Road, Ancaster, as shown on Appendix "A" attached to Report PED16090, substantially based on the terms and conditions contained in Appendix "B" attached to Report PED16060, and such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development, be approved;

- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents, relating to the Licence with the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure (the "Licensor") for space to be occupied by the City ("City") at 155 Paddy Green Road, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

**CARRIED**

**7. Bayfront Strategy – Phase 2 – Update and Transfer of Funds (PED14117(c)) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

**(Collins/Eisenberger)**

- (a) That the budget for Phase 2 of the Bayfront Strategy be increased by \$135,000 and that this additional funding be appropriated from the Economic Development Initiatives Capital Project 3621308900;
- (b) That staff be directed to submit an application for funding to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Green Municipal Fund under the Community Brownfield Action Plan category and to transfer any funding received through this grant project back to the Economic Development Initiatives Capital Project 3621308900.

**CARRIED**

**8. Fee Reduction or Waiver for Business Improvement Area (BIA) Special Events (PED16079) (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13 and 15) (Outstanding Business List) (Item 8.3)**

**(Green/Whitehead)**

That Report PED16079, respecting Fee Reduction or Waiver for Business Improvement Area (BIA) Special Events, be received.

**CARRIED**

**9. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 16-002, February 9, 2016 (Item 8.4)**

**(Jackson/Whitehead)**

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 16-002, dated February 9, 2016, be referred to staff for a report back to the Planning Committee.

**CARRIED**

**10. Modernizing the City of Hamilton's Livestreaming Capabilities and Experience (CM16006) (City Wide) (Item 8.5)**

**(Collins/Merulla)**

- (a) That the matter, respecting Modernizing the City of Hamilton's Livestreaming Capabilities and Experience; with the exception of the replacement of the current SIRE livestreaming software with new livestreaming and agenda management software, a large presentation monitor (in place of the current screen) and upgraded, voice activated camera(s), in Council Chambers only, be referred to the 2017 Capital budget process, with the following direction:
- To engage with the public between now and the 2017 Capital budget process with respect to what their expectations may be, as it relates to livestreaming City Committee meetings (through a survey on-line, etc.);
  - What would be the specific duties of the FTE; and, any additional cost that may be required to have that FTE also engaging (tweeting) with the public during meetings; and,
  - Equipment capability to meeting future AODA requirements (closed caption, etc. for those who are visually and hearing impaired); and,
- (b) That staff be directed to report to the General Issues Committee, respecting replacement of the current SIRE livestreaming software with new livestreaming and agenda management software, a large presentation monitor (in place of the current screen) and upgraded, voice activated camera(s), in Council Chambers only, through an open, competitive procurement process, prior to the 2017 Capital budget process.

**CARRIED**

**11. Injunction against UBER Operations in the City of Hamilton (Item 9.1)**

**(Merulla/Collins)**

WHEREAS, UBER has agreed to the City of Hamilton's proposal related to Ride Sharing applications;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That, if UBER does not comply with all agreed upon conditions, staff be directed to request an injunction be issued against anyone driving for UBER, or similar corporations, without a license in the City of Hamilton.

**CARRIED**

**12. Insurance Requirements for UBER Drives within the City of Hamilton (Item 9.3)**

**(Merulla/Collins)**

That UBER drivers be advised that they must immediately cease and desist operations within the City of Hamilton until such time as they are able to provide proof, to the Issuer of Licences, that they possess current and appropriate commercial insurance coverage, issued within the Province of Ontario, to cover all paying passengers.

**CARRIED**

**13. Rotary Creekside Parkette, Dundas (Item 9.4)**

**(VanderBeek/Skelly)**

WHEREAS, Project ID 4401456102 for the development of a new park at 2555 Creekside Drive, Dundas, to be funded from fundraising by community groups was approved in the 2014 Capital Budget;

WHEREAS, at its meeting of April 9, 2014, City Council approved Item 4 of General Issues Committee Report 14-008, respecting Report PW14036, 2555 Creekside Drive Park Development – Rotary Club of Dundas Lease for the Purposes of Permitting Construction by the Rotary Club of Dundas, to allow the Rotary Club of Dundas to enter into a lease with the City of Hamilton for the purpose of permitting the Rotary Club (in conjunction with the Condominium Corporations at Creekside Drive and Amica Mature Lifestyles Inc.) to construct and develop the Park in accordance with City standards and practices;

WHEREAS, at its meeting of June 24, 2015, Council approved Item 7.8, which permitted the extension of the construction lease to provide additional time to complete the construction of the park;

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Dundas and its partner community groups have raised \$503,000, which has been spent on the construction of the park; and,

WHEREAS, there was extensive and unexpected underground mechanical and drainage infrastructure required and time lags, which have resulted in unforeseen cost increases to the project, and have escalated the actual cost from \$550,000 to approximately \$750,000;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Ward Councillor be authorized to utilize the Ward 13 Priority Discretionary Infrastructure Funds, if required, to a maximum of \$250,000 for the construction and development of the Rotary Creekside Parkette in Dundas, by December 31, 2016, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That the funds be utilized to complete the Rotary Creekside Parkette in Dundas, in accordance with the plan approved by the City;

- (b) That sufficient funds be released and paid to the Rotary Club of Dundas, on a project-by-project basis related to the Rotary Creekside Parkette in Dundas, subject to approval by the relevant City staff and the Ward 13 Councillor; and,
- (c) That the Rotary Club of Dundas be required to provide proof of each project's completion and dispersal of the funds, to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services and the Ward 13 Councillor.

**CARRIED**

**14. Surplus School Property at 155 East 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Hamilton, formerly known as Eastmount Park Elementary School (PED15127(b)) (Ward 7) (Item 12.2)**

**(Skelly/Jackson)**

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting the Surplus School Property at 155 East 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Hamilton, formerly known as Eastmount Park Elementary School, be approved;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute any necessary documents, respecting surplus school property at 155 East 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Hamilton, formerly known as Eastmount Park School, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (c) That Report PED15027(b), respecting surplus school property at 155 East 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Hamilton, formerly known as Eastmount Park School, remain confidential.

**CARRIED**

**15. Contract Settlement Matter (Item 12.3)**

**(Partridge/A. Johnson)**

That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting the Contract Settlement Matter, be approved.

**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**

**3.1 April 6, 2016**

At the April 13, 2016 meeting of Council, Councillor Farr provided clarification to the General Issues Committee Report 16-010,



respecting the following added item. For consistency, the April 6, 2016 General Issues Committee Minutes have been revised to include this clarification:

**(f)(vi) Tim Bullock, Legal Counsel, Simpson Wigle Law LLP; and, David Premi, Architect/Director of DPAI Architecture Inc., respecting 18-28 King Street East, Hamilton (Gore Park Apartments) (Item 6.7)**

That the presentation, provided by Tim Bullock, Legal Counsel, Simpson Wigle Law LLP; and, David Premi, Architect/Director of DPAI Architecture Inc., respecting **the designation and retention of 18-22 King Street East, Hamilton and redevelopment of 24-28 King Street East, Hamilton** (Gore Park Apartments), was referred to staff for review and a report back to the General Issues Committee on May 18, 2016 on a process for Committee's consideration.

## 2. DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

- 4.3 Kevin Hollingworth, Metropolitan Consulting, respecting Item 7.1 – Report PED12165(a) - Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual; specifically, concerns related to the Transition Period for Enforcing the new Guidelines as well as the Elimination of the 18m Right-of-Way (For April 20, 2016 GIC)
- 4.4 Adi Irani, A. J. Clarke and Associates Ltd., respecting Item 7.1 – Report PED12165(a) - Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual

## 3. CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

- 5.1 2016 Tax Policies and Area Rating (FCS16032)

On April 12, 2016, the Province announced the 2016 Education Tax rates and several updates to other tax policies that effect Report FCS16032, including the recommendations. Therefore, staff have prepared a revised copy, which is before Committee for consideration.

- 5.4(b) Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Workforce Development, January 22, 2016

Staff have advised that these minutes should be dated "**February**" 22, 2016 (rather than January 22, 2016).

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 6)**

- 6.1 John Hall, Hall MCIP, RPP, Coordinator, Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan (RAP), Canada Centre for Inland Waters, to provide an update to the General Issues Committee on the Progress with the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan and to provide some insight into the Coming Year's focus on Storm Water Management

Due to a scheduling conflict, Mr. Hall's delegation has been moved to the May 4, 2016 General Issues Committee agenda.

**5. MOTIONS (Item 9)**

- 9.2 Pad of Land at the Back of City Hall

Item 9.2 has been deleted in its entirety and replaced with a revised, more comprehensive version of the Motion, which is before Committee for consideration.

**6. NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)**

- 10.1 Review and Renegotiation of the John C. Munro International Airport Lease
- 10.2 Rotary Creekside Parkette, Dundas

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

- 12.2 Surplus School Property at 155 East 26<sup>th</sup> Street Known as Eastmount Park Elementary School (PED15127(b)) (Ward 7)

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (c) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (c) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for City purposes.

- 12.3 Contract Settlement Matter (no copy)

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (e) and (f) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to 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.

**(VanderBeek/Pasuta)**

That the agenda for the April 20, 2016 General Issues Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

Councillor L. Ferguson declared an interest to Item 7.2, respecting Report PED16099 – Licensing UBER and Like Ride-Sharing Applications; and, Item 8.4, respecting the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 16-002, as his family has an interest in the taxi industry.

Councillor B. Johnson declared an interest to Item 8.5, respecting Report CM16006 – Modernizing the City of Hamilton’s Livestreaming Capabilities and Experience, as her son works for a company that web streams.

**(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)**

**(i) April 6, 2016 (Item 3.1)**

**(Skelly/Pearson)**

That the revised Minutes of the April 6, 2016 General Issues Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

**(i) Vic Djurdjevic, of the Nikola Tesla Educational Corporation, to present a Ceremonial Cheque to the General Issues Committee for the Renaming of part of Burlington Street to Nikola Tesla Boulevard (For the April 20, 2016 GIC) (Item 4.1)**

**(Whitehead/Partridge)**

That the delegation request submitted by Vic Djurdjevic, of the Nikola Tesla Educational Corporation, to present a Ceremonial Cheque to the General Issues Committee for the Renaming of part of Burlington Street to Nikola Tesla Boulevard to appear at the April 20, 2016 General Issues Committee, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) Ann Lehman-Allison, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, to provide information to the Mayor and Councillors about the 2016 Assessment Update (Item 4.2)**

**(Pasuta/VanderBeek)**

That the delegation request submitted by Ann Lehman-Allison, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, to provide information to the Mayor and

Councillors about the 2016 Assessment Update, be approved to attend at a future meeting of the General Issues Committee.

**CARRIED**

- (iii) Kevin Hollingworth, Metropolitan Consulting, respecting Item 7.1 – Report PED12165(a) - Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual; specifically, concerns related to the Transition Period for Enforcing the new Guidelines as well as the Elimination of the 18m Right-of-Way (Item 4.3)**

**(Partridge/Pearson)**

That the delegation request submitted by Kevin Hollingworth, Metropolitan Consulting, respecting Item 7.1 – Report PED12165(a) - Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual; specifically, concerns related to the Transition Period for Enforcing the new Guidelines as well as the Elimination of the 18m Right-of-Way to appear at the April 20, 2016 General Issues Committee, be approved.

**CARRIED**

- (iv) Adi Irani, A. J. Clarke and Associates Ltd., respecting Item 7.1 – Report PED12165(a) - Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual (Item 4.4)**

**(Pearson/Whitehead)**

That the delegation request submitted by Adi Irani, A. J. Clarke and Associates Ltd., respecting Item 7.1 – Report PED12165(a) - Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual to appear at the April 20, 2016 General Issues Committee, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)**

- (i) City of Hamilton Event Delivery Options (PED16089) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)**

**(Farr/Merulla)**

That, as a component of the ongoing Events Strategy Review, staff be directed to review all City of Hamilton Events Office operated events and provide options for alternate service delivery models and to report back to the General Issues Committee.

**CARRIED**

- (ii) Advisory/Sub-Committee Minutes (Item 5.4)**

**(Partridge/Skelly)**

That the following Sub-Committee meeting Minutes, be received:

- (a) Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Workforce Development, January 11, 2016
- (b) Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Workforce Development, February 22, 2016

**CARRIED**

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

- (i) John Hall, Hall MCIP, RPP, Coordinator, Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan (RAP), Canada Centre for Inland Waters, to provide an update to the General Issues Committee on the Progress with the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan and to provide some insight into the Coming Year's focus on Storm Water Management (Item 6.1)**

At the request of the delegate, the presentation was moved to the May 4, 2016, General Issues Committee.

- (ii) Vic Djurdjevic, of the Nikola Tesla Educational Corporation, to present a Ceremonial Cheque to the General Issues Committee for the Renaming of part of Burlington Street to Nikola Tesla Boulevard (Item 6.2)**

Vic Djurdjevic, of the Nikola Tesla Educational Corporation (NTEC), addressed Committee respecting what has transpired over the last month respecting the Renaming of part of Burlington Street to Nikola Tesla Boulevard. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- NTEC Timelines:
  - September 4, 2014 – NTEC made first approach to GIC
  - March 31, 2015 – Nikola Tesla Innovation Award – BASEF 2015
  - October 5, 2015 – Presentation to Planning Committee
  - October 14, 2015 – Council Approved Nikola Tesla Boulevard
  - February 1, 2016 – NTEC's Official Launch of Fundraising Campaign
  - March 23, 2016 – NTEC appeared before GIC - \$87,350
  - April 2, 2016 – Sold out Fundraiser #1 (530 people)
  - April 5, 2016 – 3 Nikola Tesla Innovation Awards – BASEF 2016
  - April 9, 2016 – Sold out Fundraiser # 2 (330 people)
  - April 10, 2016 – Small Church Lunch – Raises \$7,500.
- Total Cost to replace signs by April 11, 2016 is \$150,000. This goal has been surpassed.

- Requests to the City of Hamilton:
  - Mayor and Councillors requested to provide support via attendance at July 8-10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 festivities, especially the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony; and,
  - To proclaim July 10<sup>th</sup> to be Nikola Tesla Day.

Mr. Djurdjevic presented the City with a ceremonial cheque in the amount of \$150,000 for the Renaming of part of Burlington Street to Nikola Tesla Boulevard.

**(Green/Collins)**

That the presentation provided by Vic Djurdjevic, of the Nikola Tesla Educational Corporation, to present a Ceremonial Cheque to the General Issues Committee for the Renaming of part of Burlington Street to Nikola Tesla Boulevard, be received.

**CARRIED**

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

**(iii) Suzanne Mammel, Hamilton-Halton Home Builders' Association, respecting Item 7.1 – Report PED12165(a), Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual (Item 6.3)**

Suzanne Mammel, Hamilton-Halton Home Builders' Association, addressed Committee respecting Item 7.1 – Report PED12165(a), Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- I would like to take the opportunity to relay our sincere thanks in the process that has been taken to review the document. Because of its magnitude and implications, it was imperative that the industry and professionals affected by it be consulted, and the consultation process has been for the most part very accommodating, affording us the opportunity to review and provide recommendations, comments and changes as may be appropriate.
- It is critical for the City to have a process that is open and transparent, but also understood and consistent in its approach and application. As such, a document such as these guidelines is overdue and needed by the industry as a whole. HHHBA does not agree with everything within the document, but that is expected in a process such as this.

- It is not our intent to discuss the minutia of a design document, however we feel it important to address three aspects of the guidelines with which we have concern, and feel it needs addressing prior to approving the document carte blanche:
  1. 18m Right-of-Way (ROW)
    - Planning Committee has heard from HHHBA on more than one occasion about the use of 18m ROW. Contrary to what is suggested in the staff report, HHHBA members acknowledge and have accepted that it is the City's goal to provide sidewalks on both sides of municipal roadways. However, we maintain that it is not necessary to automatically require 20m ROW to accommodate this.
    - Many neighbouring municipalities have implemented two sidewalks on much smaller road allowances. In a presentation made on October 15, 2015 to Planning Committee, examples provided include: Kitchener, Milton, Markham, Burlington and Oakville, all municipalities the City considers when reviewing policies from a best practices perspective. In fact, some of these municipalities have ROW smaller than 18m in width, while still accommodating two sidewalks. This smaller ROW is in keeping with Places to Grow legislation, and assists with intensification targets the City must reach within the built boundary.
    - The staff report indicates that "It is preferred and strongly recommended that this municipal infrastructure and utility installation occur in a space, which is not under a driving surface or sidewalk because when disturbed for repair, maintenance or future replacement purposes, it is much more costly for the taxpayers of the City."
    - In our presentation to Planning Committee last October, HHHBA provided estimates of annual lost property taxes, economic jobs lost, etc. as a result of moving to an 18m ROW. In meetings we formally requested that the City analyse the costs of increased maintenance and repair, to properly assess this offset. In our final meeting on the topic, attended by Planning staff, Growth Management staff, and Public Works staff, we were advised that such an analysis had not taken place. We were further advised that the fact that it is done in other municipalities is irrelevant, something which flies in the face of many other decisions made by the City of Hamilton when it compares best practises to those of other jurisdictions. We strongly urge this committee to reconsider the 18m ROW.

## 2. Transitional Policies

- During our discussions with City staff, there was no talk about transitional policies. In our last round of comments we specifically requested that we be afforded the opportunity to discuss them. Transition here is not about finances, it is about design, logistics and practicality of process. While we acknowledge that staff have indicated that, in extenuating circumstances, proponents could approach the City to discuss options, we feel this is not enough to address the complexity of engineering design.
- We have submitted the following alternate transitional policy to City staff for consideration:
  - For those projects that have received conditional draft plan approval on or before April 20, 2016, current rules would apply so long as the first submission has been made on or before August 1, 2016 (allowing for a minimum of three months to prepare a submission versus 6 weeks).
  - For those projects that have a draft plan of subdivision application submitted in excess of 180 days prior to April 20, 2016, which is not yet approved, current rules would apply given the proponent could reasonably assume that they would receive approval within this time frame (therefore would qualify for the first point). Given the proponent has no control over when draft plan approval is received after the application is deemed complete, an exact timeframe cannot be established in this instance.
  - For those projects with imminent draft plan approval pending, submitted less than 180 days prior to April 20, 2016, current rules could apply so long as the first submission has been made on or before August 1, 2016.
  - For those projects that are a phased draft plan (i.e. Phase 1 is submitted/approved/constructed, as per the above criteria, etc.) the current rules would apply. (The intent here is that it would allow continuity of standards for sewer design, ROW widths, location of services, etc.).



- That it is recognized that there are circumstances that we cannot anticipate, and in such instances a proponent could approach the Senior Director of Growth Management and ask for his/her discretion in applying standards subject to providing appropriate rationale.
- Where possible in the above instances, changes in construction materials, construction practises, etc. that can be accommodated will be. The intent of the above transitional rules is to allow for consistency in design standards (ROW width, sewer design, etc.) which are impacted much earlier in the process or as a result of changed standards in phasing.
- We would be open to alternative wording, etc. that reaches the same intent as the above.

3. Annual Review of Guidelines Document

- In our discussions with City staff, all agreed that the document is best when considered a living document that is updated from time to time to address changes in design and construction, City policy, etc. Parties generally agreed that an annual review be carried out.
- We would formally request that staff be directed to ensure that the annual review be carried out, working with HHHBA as it did during this process as an effective means to a workable document. Additionally, however, we would further request that staff be directed to limit changes to the document to that annual process and review. As noted above, consistency in process is critical to effective development and design, and changes made unilaterally and without due process of review, notification, etc. can hamper the process and ultimately affect timely review and design, unnecessarily lengthening an already arduous process. In some exception circumstance, staff could approach the industry through the Development Industry Liaison Group should a change be required, but we feel that a comprehensive review of changes, and incorporation of the same into the parent document is critical for engineers and developers alike.

- It is our recommendation that the document be approved, subject to the above changes.

**(Green/Collins)**

That the presentation provided by Suzanne Mammel, Hamilton-Halton Home Builders' Association, respecting Item 7.1 – Report PED12165(a), Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual, be received.

**CARRIED**

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

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

- (iv) Kevin Hollingworth, Metropolitan Consulting, respecting Item 7.1 – Report PED12165(a) - Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual; specifically, concerns related to the Transition Period for Enforcing the new Guidelines as well as the Elimination of the 18m Right-of-Way (Item 4.3)**

Kevin Hollingworth, Metropolitan Consulting, addressed Committee respecting Item 7.1 – Report PED12165(a) - Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual; specifically, concerns related to the Transition Period for Enforcing the new Guidelines as well as the Elimination of the 18m Right-of-Way. Mr. Hollingworth's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- The transition period is stated as June 1, 2016. A development application needs to be made and first submission of engineering drawings needs to be received. We have a number of projects, totalling thousands of units worth of future development, at various planning stages, formal consultation, pending draft plan approval, pending draft plan redline approval, draft approved phased projects without 1<sup>st</sup> engineering submission expected in the immediate future.
- Considerable time and expense has been allocated to these projects with various engineering and ecological studies currently underway with the old policies in mind as directed by City and Conservation Authority staff. Changing the policies mid-way could potentially result in further delays and added expense in order to meet the new Guidelines set forth.

- We understand that it is proposed that the Senior Director of Growth Management, or designate, may approve exemptions to the policies. While we have reached out to City staff with a list of projects in question in order to get a level of understanding on how the new policies and guidelines will affect our current projects, to-date nothing has been received by our office.
- Given the relatively quick transition period (~6 weeks) as proposed, this does not give sufficient time for our office to make the necessary submissions in order to satisfy the requirements. Furthermore, such a short window could overwhelm the Growth Management Division with submissions just to meet the proposed deadline.
- We request that the transition period date be extended such that sufficient time can be granted for the specific cases in which applications have already been received, but are pending City approval. We are in agreement and support the proposed timelines set forth by the HHHBA as previously outlined.
- Regarding the change in minimum ROW to 20m, it is deemed that there is insufficient room in an 18m ROW to accommodate sidewalks on both sides of the street. It is felt that it would create “construction, operational, repair, and replacement difficulties” and ultimately be more costly.
- We have no objection to newly planned communities to have 20m ROW throughout; however, we feel there will be considerable challenges where an existing 18m ROW meets a new 20m ROW. Specifically, we have projects in which over 80% of the neighbourhood has 18m ROWs and it is expected that the remainder be built with 20m ROW.
- Within Appendix “B” of the staff report, it shows an alternate 18m ROW cross section with sidewalks on both sides of street, which has already been approved and constructed within the City. This is similar to a number of neighbouring municipalities, which allow 18m ROW with 2 sidewalks.
- It is of our opinion that any perceived difficulties would be minor and localized. Any risk would be bourn onto the various underground utility services (Bell, gas, cable) and thus the cost to repair future works would be their responsibility and not that of the taxpayer.
- Additionally, we have projects which will not be able to meet the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline that have 18m ROW proposed throughout. While we have reached out to City staff, we have not yet received a definitive response as to how the new guidelines will affect our

clients' projects and whether a complete re-design will be required in order to meet the new 20m ROW criteria. This would have severe cost implications and time delays imposed upon our clients. In some instances, we have been in discussion with City staff for over 3 years with an approved draft plan in place. To potentially be changed this late in the game would be considered unfair and unjust.

**(Farr/Whitehead)**

That the presentation provided by Kevin Hollingworth, Metropolitan Consulting, respecting Item 7.1 – Report PED12165(a) - Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual; specifically, concerns related to the Transition Period for Enforcing the new Guidelines as well as the Elimination of the 18m Right-of-Way, be received.

**CARRIED**

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

**(v) Adi Irani, A. J. Clarke and Associates Ltd., respecting Item 7.1 – Report PED12165(a) - Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual (Item 6.4)**

Adi Irani, Chief Engineer at A. J. Clarke and Associates Ltd., addressed Committee respecting Item 7.1 – Report PED12165(a) - Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual. Mr. Irani's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Mr. Irani thanked staff and commended them for the amount of time and effort they took to get things done; and, for having the industry involved during the 2 to 3 year process.
- This is a fluid document that will change over the years.
- Mr. Irani is supportive of the recommendation in the report that states “where appropriate, the Senior Director of Growth Management, or designate, may approve exceptions to the requirements of the Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual.
- Mr. Irani voiced concern regarding projects that have already obtained Draft Plan approval and how it would affect the phasing of large subdivision projects.
- Mr. Irani also voiced concern regarding the current timelines to comply with the new criteria.

**(Pearson/Skelly)**

That the presentation provided by Adi Irani, A. J. Clarke and Associates Ltd., respecting Item 7.1 – Report PED12165(a) - Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual, be received.

**CARRIED**

A copy of the 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 4.

**(g) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual (PED12165(a)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

Guy Paparella, Director of Growth Planning, addressed Committee respecting Report PED12165(a) - Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Background
  - Direction from Open for Business Subcommittee
  - Significant Opportunity to Effect Public Realm
  - Powerful Lever for Economic Prosperity
  - Major Influence on Community Image / Liveability
- Review Process
  - Retained Consultant
  - Formulated Multi-Departmental Technical Advisory Committee
  - Surveyed Other Municipalities for Best Practices
  - Revised and Updated Technical Standards
  - Obtained Input from the Development Industry Stakeholders Including Line-by-Line Review
- Highlights
  - Current, Customer Focused, User Friendly
  - Minimum 20m ROW Existing Since June 2006
  - Sidewalks on Both Sides, Minimum Clear Width of 1.5m
  - Clarity and Certainty, Saving Time and Expense
  - Defined Consistent Construction Materials (Superpave)

- Bike Rack
  - Perfect Engineering Submission
  - Link to Park and Community Trail Design
  - Link to New Site Plan Guidelines
  - Link to Horizon Utilities Construction Guidelines
  - Lot Grading Policy for Site Plan / Multi-Residential
  - Develop Menu of Stormwater Techniques for Low Impact Development
  - Amend Zoning By-Law to Address Street Parking Requirements for SDUs
  - Review All Financial Policies Prior to the Development Charges By-Law
  - Annual Review Workshop
  
- Development Industry – Consensus
  - Line-by-Line Review
  - Consensus on Vast Majority Content
  - Acceptance of Sidewalks on Both Sides
  - Regularly Scheduled Meetings to Address “Bike Rack” Items
  - Annual Review Workshop
  - Customer Friendly Features (Electronic Access, Hyperlinked Transitions)
  
- Development Industry – Differences of Opinion
  - Right-of-Way widths – 20m vs. 18m
  - To Accommodate Sidewalks on Both Sides
  - Supports the Pedestrian Mobility Master Plan
  - Additional Space for Necessary Municipal Infrastructure (Trees, Hydrants, Streetlights)
  - Additional Space for Various Utilities (Natural Gas, Telephone, Cable, Fibre Wire)
  - Not Under Driving Surface or Sidewalk
  - More Costly to Taxpayer for Repairs, Maintenance and Future Replacement
  
- What’s Next
  - Adoption of the CDG&FP Manual
  - Transition – Draft Approved and Second Submissions + Grandfathered

- The CDG&FP Manual Shall Apply as of June 1, 2016 to:
  - All New Development Applications
  - Major Amendments to Previous Approvals
  - Any First Engineering Submissions
  - Conduct Annual Workshop
  - Ongoing Updates as Required Including Bike Rack Items
  - Approve Exceptions where Appropriate

**(Pearson/VanderBeek)**

That the presentation respecting Report PED12165(a) - Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual, be received.

**CARRIED**

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

For disposition of the above matter, please refer to Item 4.

**(Collins/Merulla)**

That sub-section (e) to Item 7.1 – Report PED12165(a), respecting the Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following in lieu thereof:

**7.1 Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual (PED12165(a)) (City Wide)**

~~(e) That the Comprehensive Development Guidelines and Financial Policies Manual, outlined in Appendix "A" to Report PED12165(a), which includes the sidewalk and municipal road right-of-way policies, shall apply to:~~

~~(i) All development applications received after June 1, 2016; and,~~

~~(ii) Any First Submission of Engineering Drawings received after June 1, 2016;~~

(e) That for all development applications that have received Draft Plan Approval or are declared a Complete Submission prior to April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the current Engineering Guidelines and design standards shall apply provided the First Engineering Submission is received on or prior to June 1, 2017; and, where possible revised or new construction specifications and practices shall be accommodated in all development approvals.

**CARRIED**

For disposition of the above matter, please refer to Item 4.

**(ii) Licensing UBER and Like Ride-Sharing Applications (PED16099) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

Monica Ciriello, Senior Project Manager, Licensing Section, addressed Committee respecting Report PED16099 - Licensing UBER and Like Ride-Sharing Applications. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Shift in the Industry
  - Smartphone App Connects Passengers with Drivers
  - Fare Estimate Provided
  - Driver Information Provided
  
- Background
  - Globally: 61 Countries.
  - Canada: Toronto, Ottawa, Halifax, Montreal, Edmonton, Calgary.
  - Hamilton: launched July 2015:
    - Drivers: 513
    - Riders: 12,066
  
- Comparison: Alberta
  
- Comparison: Ontario
  
- Lessons from other Canadian Municipalities
  - They Are Here To Stay
  - Consumers Want More Choice
  - Separate Schedule
  - Taxi Rule Changes that Allow Competition
  
- Hamilton Proposal
  
- Enforcement
  - Proactive Enforcement



- Spot Checks, Data Auditing, Undercover Work
- Suspend/Cancel Driver's Licence
- Suspend/Cancel PTP Licence
  
- Even the Playing Field
  - Only Taxis Can Perform Street Hails
  - Taxis have Exclusive Access to Taxi Stands
  - No Regulated Rate for Trips Booked In App
  - Training Course Reduction
  
- Next Steps
  - Summer 2016 Public Consultations.
  - Telephone Survey/ City Email
  - Results of Stakeholder Consultations: Fall 2016

**(Pearson/VanderBeek)**

That the presentation respecting Report PED16099, Licensing UBER and Like Ride-Sharing Applications, be received.

**CARRIED**

A copy of the 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 5.

**(h) MOTIONS (Item 9)**

**(i) City Hall Property (Pad of Land at the Back of City Hall) (Item 9.2)**

**(Merulla/Collins)**

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's Strategic Plan supports the development and implementation of neighbourhood and city-wide strategies that will improve the health and well-being of residents;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has interests in real property that could be leveraged for broader community-building initiatives to achieve priorities for the City;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton owns vacant and underutilized properties, which may present opportunities for value maximization through strategic repurposing, consolidation, or disposition;

WHEREAS, the south section of the property on which City Hall is located has infrastructure in place upon which a second tower could be built;

WHEREAS, the City owned building, which previously housed the Football Hall of Fame, is now less than 50% occupied;

WHEREAS, a strategic and focused portfolio review, and identification and development of priority opportunities may positively impact the City's tax base and/or revenue position;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is committed to "the Growth Plan that encourages intensification and transit-supportive, mixed use development to make better use of existing, underutilized infrastructure"<sup>(1)</sup>; and,

WHEREAS, at its meeting of March 9, 2016, Council approved Item 7.3, respecting the establishment of a Land Development Taskforce; and, directed the City Manager to establish a Terms of Reference of subject matter experts, to identify strategic opportunities and to achieve realizable outcomes related to the City's real estate interests;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to investigate the opportunities for the redevelopment of the underutilized City Hall lands, being the south parking lot and structure, and the lands and building of the former Football Hall of Fame and report to the General Issues Committee;
- (b) That staff be directed to include in the investigation into City Hall lands redevelopment opportunities, examination of the following:
  - (i) Market potential for various commercial, entertainment, cultural and other events venues;
  - (ii) City staff office requirements – ownership vs. Leasing; and,
  - (iii) Concepts brought forward by private, not-for-profit and community organizations;
- (c) That staff be directed to seek expressions of interest for potential opportunities and partners that may be considered for incorporation into any redevelopment concept;
- (d) That staff be directed to ensure that any concepts identified for further investigation be subject to testing for market and financial viability; and,
- (e) That the investigation of opportunities for the redevelopment of the underutilized City Hall lands, being the south parking lot and structure,

and the lands and building of the former Football Hall of Fame and related activities, be incorporated as a priority item into the Land Development Task Force work plan to be presented to the General Issues Committee in June 2016.

Item 9.2 CARRIED on the following Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas: Eisenberger, Whitehead, Skelly, Collins, Merulla, Green, Farr, A. Johnson, Conley, Partridge

Total: 10

Nays: Jackson, Pearson, B. Johnson, Ferguson, VanderBeek, Pasuta

Total: 6

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

Councillor Collins introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(i) Review and Renegotiation of the John C. Munro International Airport (Item 10.1)**

WHEREAS, the City's Strategic Plans include goals for Growing the Non-Residential Tax Base (Strategic Objective 1.1); Promoting Economic Opportunities (Strategic Objective 1.3); Improve the City's Transportation System (Strategic Objective 1.4); Enhance Overall Sustainability (Strategic Objective 1.6); and, Valued and Sustainable Services, including validating cost effectiveness; and, it is timely to consider opportunities early in the term of Council;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton owns the valuable asset that is the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport;

WHEREAS, the current Agreement with TradePort International Corporation is intended to benefit the City and its residents directly and indirectly through the payment of rents to the City, by an increase of the commercial tax base provided by the commercial operations of sub-tenants at the Airport and through the general economic activity provided by the operation and development of the Airport and its related businesses;

WHEREAS, the current Lease Agreement with TradePort International Corporation allows the two parties to periodically review the terms of the Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is seeking revenue sources to further reduce pressures on the residential tax levy and additional benefits through the ownership of the Airport to help achieve the goals of Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That City of Hamilton staff be directed to investigate opportunities to increase the revenue and benefits received by the City, under the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport lease with the TradePort International Corporation, with the goal of generating new revenues to help reduce pressures on the tax levy and report to the General Issues Committee by November 16, 2016; and,
- (b) That staff be authorized and directed to investigate and negotiate potential opportunities with TradePort International Corporation's sub-tenants and third parties, and to include those opportunities in the forthcoming staff report for the consideration and approval.

Councillor VanderBeek introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(ii) Rotary Creekside Parkette, Dundas (Item 10.2)**

WHEREAS, Project ID 4401456102 for the development of a new park at 2555 Creekside Drive, Dundas, to be funded from fundraising by community groups was approved in the 2014 Capital Budget;

WHEREAS, at its meeting of April 9, 2014, City Council approved Item 4 of General Issues Committee Report 14-008, respecting Report PW14036, 2555 Creekside Drive Park Development – Rotary Club of Dundas Lease for the Purposes of Permitting Construction by the Rotary Club of Dundas, to allow the Rotary Club of Dundas to enter into a lease with the City of Hamilton for the purpose of permitting the Rotary Club (in conjunction with the Condominium Corporations at Creekside Drive and Amica Mature Lifestyles Inc.) to construct and develop the Park in accordance with City standards and practices;

WHEREAS, at its meeting of June 24, 2015, Council approved Item 7.8, which permitted the extension of the Construction Lease to provide additional time to complete the construction of the park;

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Dundas and its partner community groups have raised \$503,000, which has been spent on the construction of the park; and,

WHEREAS, there was extensive and unexpected underground mechanical and drainage infrastructure required and time lags, which have resulted in unforeseen cost increases to the project, and have escalated the actual cost from \$550,000 to approximately \$750,000;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Ward Councillor be authorized to utilize the Ward 13 Priority Discretionary Infrastructure Funds, if required, to a maximum of \$250,000 for the construction and development of the Rotary Creekside Parkette in Dundas, by December 31, 2016, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That the funds be utilized to complete the Rotary Creekside Parkette in Dundas, in accordance with the plan approved by the City;
- (b) That sufficient funds be released and paid to the Rotary Club of Dundas, on a project-by-project basis related to the Rotary Creekside Parkette in Dundas, subject to approval by the relevant City staff and the Ward 13 Councillor; and,
- (c) That the Rotary Club of Dundas be required to provide proof of each project's completion and dispersal of the funds, to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services and the Ward 13 Councillor.

**(VanderBeek/Pasuta)**

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Rotary Creekside Parkette, Dundas.

**CARRIED**

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 13.

Mayor Eisenberger introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(iii) Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People (Item 10.3)**

WHEREAS, our most important form of capital is human capital, and the most important infrastructure is human infrastructure;

WHEREAS, we are all striving to make Hamilton the best place to raise a child; we want every child in Hamilton to grow up to meet his or her full potential thereby preparing the next generation of adults to be full participants in their own communities;

WHEREAS, the conditions in which people are born, live, grow, and age all effect the overall wellbeing of individuals and communities - low income almost inevitably ensures poor health and significant health inequity; 19% of Hamiltonians live below the Low Income Cut-off and 22% of all Hamilton children live in poverty;

WHEREAS, the lack of stable and quality housing negatively impacts people, families and young people in particular. There are over 5,700 individuals and families on the waiting list for social housing in Hamilton. The deferred

maintenance of the social housing stock in Hamilton would require approximately \$200 million to be brought into a state of good repair;

WHEREAS, CityHousing Hamilton (CHH) has annualized capital requirements of \$16 million and this year received \$8.2 million, resulting in an annualized shortfall of \$8 million; and, further, CHH this year received \$11.4 million for operating maintenance expenses, and requires an additional \$2 million annually to keep all units maintained and available for rent, resulting in about 90 units that are currently unavailable for rent; and,

WHEREAS, Hamilton has a strong history of local collaboration on many initiatives and numerous strategies including the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, Neighbourhood Action Strategy, the Mayor's Youth Strategy, 10 Year Housing & Homelessness Action Plan, and the Hamilton Best Start Network. Hamilton has put in place the right conditions for success and it is time to move forward on the next chapter in reducing poverty in Hamilton;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That \$20 million be allocated to increase affordable housing and improve the state of good repair with funds derived by extending the payback term for existing City loans from the Future Fund from 2031 to 2036;
- (b) That \$3 million a year over 10 years be allocated toward poverty reduction with the funds derived from the dividend uplift to the City resulting from the merger of Horizon Utilities Corporation and several other local utilities into the new entity provisionally called MergeCo;
- (c) That staff be directed to develop a 10 year integrated poverty reduction plan to include:
  - (i) Key components informed by engagement with partners such as the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, Hamilton Community Foundation, Hamilton Best Start Network, Aboriginal Network, and stakeholders from health, education, housing, employment, and those with lived experience of poverty;
  - (ii) Leveraging of existing services and partnerships, as well as augmenting and assisting successful programs in order to maximize their impact;
  - (iii) Appropriate measurement and outcome indicators to track the progress and success of this initiative;
  - (iv) A governance structure that involves engaged community partners and stakeholders. This body would report back to the

Emergency & Community Services Committee on progress made every six months;

- (v) Funding from non-tax and non-rate supported revenues and reserves; and,
  - (vi) Leveraging of funding commitments in the form of loans and grants from senior levels of government, school boards, and foundations as well as other potential contributors from the private sector; and,
- (d) That staff be directed to report to the Emergency & Community Services Committee by October 2016, with a plan to increase affordable housing and reduce poverty by investing in people for consideration and approval by council.

Councillor Merulla introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(iv) Governance of DARTS (Item 10.4)**

That staff be directed to report to the Public Works Committee respecting the governance of DARTS.

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

**(i) Closed Session Minutes, April 6, 2016 (Item 12.1)**

As the General Issues Committee determined that discussion of the Closed Session Minutes of April 6, 2016 was not required, the Minutes were approved in Open Session as shown below:

**(Merulla/Ferguson)**

- (a) That the Closed Session Minutes of the April 6, 2016 General Issues Committee meeting be approved, as presented; and,
- (b) That the Closed Session Minutes of the April 6, 2016 General Issues Committee remain confidential.

**CARRIED**

**(Eisenberger/Pearson)**

That Committee move into Closed Session respecting Item 12.2 – Surplus School Property at 155 East 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Hamilton, known as Eastmount Park Elementary School (PED15127(b)); and, Item 12.3 – Contract Settlement Matter, pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (c), (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (c), (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; 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.

**CARRIED**

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

**(Pearson/B. Johnson)**

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee, be adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

D. Conley, Deputy Mayor  
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk