



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT 16-012

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor M. Green, B. Johnson – Personal
Councillor J. Partridge – Other City Business

THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 16-012 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

**1. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 16-004, April 14, 2016
(Item 5.1)**

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 16-004, dated April 14, 2016, be received.

2. City Manager 2015 Performance Report (CM16005) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

That Report CM16005, respecting the City Manager's 2015 Performance Report, be received.

**3. Radio Tower License Agreement Renewal at 155 Paddy Green Road, Hamilton
with the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services (the Licensor)
(PED16106) (Ward 14) (Item 8.1)**

(a) That a Radio Tower License Agreement renewal with the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services (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 PED16106,

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substantially based on the terms and conditions contained in Appendix “B” attached to Report PED16106, and such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development, be approved; and,

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

4. Canadian Country Music Week 2018 (PED16117) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

- (a) That the proposal for the City of Hamilton to host the annual Canadian Country Music Week on September 6 to 9, 2018, be endorsed;
- (b) That support for the Canadian Country Music Week event, in the form of a cash contribution to an upset limit of \$250,000, to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (#110046), be approved;
- (c) That staff be directed to work with the Canadian Country Music Association (CCMA) to coordinate the Country Music Week event logistics, and ensure all established guidelines and policies are adhered to; and,
- (d) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the 2018 Canadian Country Music Week Host Contract, between Canadian Country Music Association and the City of Hamilton.

5. Lease Agreement - Hamilton Tiger Cats; Addition to 2016 Tim Horton’s Field User Fees - 64 Melrose Avenue North, Hamilton (Ward 3) (PW16035) (Item 8.3)

- (a) That a Lease Agreement between the City of Hamilton (Landlord) and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats (Tenant) for the use of additional space at Tim Horton’s Field, 64 Melrose Avenue North, substantially based on the terms and conditions contained in Appendix A attached to Report PW16035, and such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager of Public Works, be approved;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents, relating to the Lease with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats (the “Lessee”) for space to be leased to the Lessee at Tim Horton’s Field, 64 Melrose Avenue North, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (c) That Room 1E-501, as shown in Appendix D attached to Report PW16035 comprised of 1800 sq.ft, on the ground floor of the East Building, be added as

a new fee to the proposed 2016 User Fees and Charges By-law in Appendix C to Report PW16035.

6. Public Works Organizational Structure Review (CM16004) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

That Report CM16004, respecting the Public Works Department Organizational Structure, be received.

7. Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People (Item 9.2)

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;
 - (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 **General Issues Committee** by October 2016 with a Plan to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People for consideration and approval by Council.
- (e) That, upon Council approval of the forthcoming Plan to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People (the "Plan"), the General Manager of Emergency & Community Services and the Medical Officer of Health be delegated the authority to execute the Plan.

8. Governance of DARTS (Item 9.3)

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

9. Communication respecting the State of Hamilton Harbour (Item 9.4)

That John Hall, Hall MCIP, RPP, Coordinator, Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan (RAP), Canada Centre for Inland Waters, be requested to work with the City Manager and the Director of Communications to formulate a communication regarding the state of Hamilton Harbour.

10. City Manager's Performance Report (CM16005) (City Wide) (Item 12.2)

That Report CM16005, respecting the City Manager's Performance Report, remain confidential.

11. City Manager Remuneration (HUR16010) (City Wide) (Item 12.3)

- (a) That the matter respecting the Budgeted Complement Control Policy and Organizational Restructuring Policy, be referred to the Governance Sub-Committee; and,
- (b) That Report HUR16010, respecting the City Manager's Remuneration, remain confidential.

12. CUPE Lodges Bargaining Ratification (HUR16007) (City Wide) (Item 12.4)

- (a) That the Tentative Agreement between the City of Hamilton and CUPE Local 5167, representing the City's Long Term Care Homes (Macassa and Wentworth Lodge), be ratified; and,
- (b) That Report HUR16007, respecting CUPE Lodges Bargaining Ratification, remain confidential.

13. Asphalt Damages (HUR16002(a)) (City Wide) (Item 12.5)

That Report HUR16002(a), respecting Asphalt Damages, remain confidential.

14. Occupational Health and Safety Act Matter Update (LS16004) (City Wide) (Item 12.6)

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, be approved; and,
- (b) That Report LS16004, respecting the Occupational Health and Safety Act Matter Update, remain confidential.

15. Cash Handling Investigation Update (Item 12.7)

- (a) That the update provide in Closed Session respecting the Cash Handling Investigation, be received; and,
- (b) That staff be directed to issue media release, respecting the Cash Handling Investigation, as soon as appropriately possible.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

1. DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

- 4.1 Steve Selinger, Oasis Pools Ltd., respecting the Proposed Pool Enclosure By-Law (For the June 15, 2016 GIC)
- 4.2 Keanin Loomis, President & CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, to provide Updates regarding: the Bay Area Economic Summit; Magnet Job Board Initiative; Other Advocacy Priorities; and, to Present the New Mission and Vision Statement for the Chamber (For the May 18, 2016 GIC)
- 4.3 Ken Stone, Independent Jewish Voices, respecting the Annual Negev Dinner in Hamilton (For the May 4, 2016 GIC)
- 4.4 Howard Elliott, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People (For the May 4, 2016 GIC)
- 4.5 Arend Kersten, Flamborough Chamber of Commerce, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People (For the May 4, 2016 GIC)

- 4.6 Don Jaffray, Social Planning and Research Council, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People (For the May 4, 2016 GIC)
- 4.7 Deirdre Pike and Katherine Kalinowski, Women’s Homelessness Planning Collaborative, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People (For the May 4, 2016 GIC)

2. MOTIONS

- 9.2 REVISED Motion respecting an Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People
 - 9.2(a) Written Submission from Sandi Bell, Chair, Hamilton Community Clinic, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People
 - 9.2(b) Written Submission from Brian H. Sibley, Executive Director, Hamilton East Kiwanis Non-Profit Homes Inc., respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People
 - 9.2(c) Written Submission from Daljit Garry, Executive Director, Wesley Urban Ministries, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People
 - 9.2(d) Ron McKerlie, President, Mohawk College, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People
 - 9.2(e) Patricia Reid, Resident, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People
 - 9.2(f) Christopher J. Longo, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Health Policy and Management and Director of Health Services Management, DeGroote School of Business, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People
 - 9.2(g) Rachel Braithwaite, Executive Director for Barton Village BIA, on behalf of the Barton Village BIA, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People
 - 9.2(h) Robert (Guangwei) Zhou, President of the Hamilton Chinese Community Services Centre, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People

- 9.2(i) Deirdre Pike, Chair, Hamilton Organizing for Poverty Elimination (HOPE), respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People
- 9.2(j) Alan J. Whittle, Director, Community Relations and Planning Administration, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People
- 9.2(k) Dr. Stephanie Baker Collins, Co-Chair and Carol Wood, Co-Chair, on behalf of the McMaster Community Poverty Initiative
- 9.3 The mover on the Motion, respecting the Governance of DARTS, shows as Councillor C. Collins, but should read Councillor S. Merulla

3. NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

- 10.1 Opportunities to Celebrate Pride Month
- 10.2 Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's Order to Clean up PCB Contamination at Barton and Strathearne

4. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)

12.5 Asphalt Damages (HUR16002(a)) (City Wide)

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (d) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239, Sub-section (d) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to labour relations or employee negotiations.

12.6 Occupational Health and Safety Act Matter Update (LS16004) (City Wide)

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239, 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 municipality or local board; and, the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

12.7 Cash Handling Investigation Update

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (b) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239, 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.

The agenda for the May 4, 2016 General Issues Committee meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interests.

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

(i) April 20, 2016 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the April 20, 2016 General Issues Committee meeting were approved, as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Steve Selinger, Oasis Pools Ltd., respecting the Proposed Pool Enclosure By-Law (For the June 15, 2016 GIC) (Item 4.1)

The delegation request submitted by Steve Selinger, Oasis Pools Ltd., respecting the Proposed Pool Enclosure By-Law, was approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on June 15, 2016.

(ii) Keanin Loomis, President & CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, to provide Updates regarding: the Bay Area Economic Summit; Magnet Job Board Initiative; Other Advocacy Priorities; and, to Present the New Mission and Vision Statement for the Chamber (For the May 18, 2016 GIC) (Item 4.2)

The delegation request submitted by Keanin Loomis, President & CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, to provide Updates regarding: the Bay Area Economic Summit; Magnet Job Board Initiative; Other Advocacy Priorities; and, to Present the New Mission and Vision Statement for the Chamber, was approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on May 18, 2016.

(iii) Ken Stone, Independent Jewish Voices, respecting the Annual Negev Dinner in Hamilton (For the May 4, 2016 GIC) (Item 4.3)

The delegation request submitted by Ken Stone, Independent Jewish Voices, respecting the Annual Negev Dinner in Hamilton, was approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on May 4, 2016.

- (iv) **Howard Elliott and Salema James, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People (For the May 4, 2016 GIC) (Item 4.4)**

The delegation request submitted by Howard Elliott, and Salema James, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People, was approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on May 4, 2016.

- (v) **Arend Kersten, Flamborough Chamber of Commerce, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People (For the May 4, 2016 GIC) (Item 4.5)**

The delegation request submitted by Arend Kersten, Flamborough Chamber of Commerce, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People, was approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on May 4, 2016.

- (vi) **Don Jaffray, Social Planning and Research Council, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People (For the May 4, 2016 GIC) (Item 4.6)**

The delegation request submitted by Don Jaffray, Social Planning and Research Council, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People, was approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on May 4, 2016.

- (vii) **Deirdre Pike and Katherine Kalinowski, Women’s Homelessness Planning Collaborative, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People (For the May 4, 2016 GIC) (Item 4.7)**

The delegation request submitted by Deirdre Pike and Katherine Kalinowski, Women’s Homelessness Planning Collaborative, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People, was approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on May 4, 2016.

(e) 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**

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Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan and to provide some insight into the Coming Year's focus on Storm Water Management (Item 6.1)

John Hall, Hall MCIP, RPP, Coordinator, Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan (RAP), Canada Centre for Inland Waters, addressed Committee respecting the Progress with the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan and provided some insight into the Coming Year's focus on Storm Water Management. Mr. Hall's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Just how bad was it?
 - 1850s City of Hamilton drinking water supply sourced from Lake Ontario to avoid untreated sewage in the Harbour.
 - 1958 "the world's largest and most beautiful septic tank"
 - 1969 "a stinking rotten quagmire of filth and poisonous waste"
- Status of the Harbour
 - Water Quality
 - Toxic Substances
 - Fish and Wildlife
- Toxic Substances and Sediment Remediation
 - Priority Actions: Randle Reef Remediation (2016-2022); ArcelorMittal Dofasco Boat Slip (2017-2019); and, PCBs in Strathearne Slip (Ongoing)
- Fish and Wildlife Priority Actions
 - Cootes Paradise Restoration (2020...); Windermere Basin (2016...); and, Research and Monitoring (Ongoing)
- Three Wastewater Treatment Plants
- Watershed Challenges
 - Climate Change
 - Phosphorus Pulses from Storms

- Water Quality Priority Actions
 - Skyway Wastewater Treatment Plant (2016)
 - Woodward Wastewater Treatment Plant (2016-2021)
 - Dundas Wastewater Treatment Plant (2016-2021)
 - Watershed Runoff Improvements (Ongoing)
 - Watershed Task Group Reports (Fall 2016)

- Hamilton Harbour: A Vibrant Centerpiece in Our Community's Life

The presentation provided by 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, were received.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 9.

Item 9.2, a motion respecting an Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People, was moved up on the agenda to be considered after the last delegation (Item 6.6).

(ii) Ken Stone, Independent Jewish Voices, respecting the Annual Negev Dinner in Hamilton (For the May 4, 2016 GIC) (Item 6.2)

Ken Stone, Independent Jewish Voices, addressed Committee respecting the Annual Negev Dinner in Hamilton. Mr. Stone's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- In the past, Hamilton Mayors and members of Council have attended the annual Negev Dinner, sponsored by the Jewish National Fund of Canada. I'm here to ask you not to attend that dinner this year.

- The Jewish National Foundation (JNF) raises funds in Canada to ethnically cleanse Palestinians from their homes and farms in Israel/Palestine. The JNF was responsible, for example, for the building of Canada Park with donations from Canada, over the ruins of three Palestinian villages in the West Bank in the 1970s; 10,000 Palestinians were permanently displaced. Canada Park is ostensibly a reforestation project. However, in reality, it is an attempt to block the right of return of the Palestinian villagers, a right guaranteed under international law and United Nations Resolution 242.

- The Jewish National Fund is also currently ethnically cleansing the Israeli Negev (South) of Bedouins, “concentrating” them, in their term in five Bedouin towns while their traditional lands are turned into Jewish-only settlements in the Israeli South that would be accessible only by Jewish settlers, and definitely for the use of the indigenous Bedouins who have lived in that area for hundreds of years. The photo on the postcard (available on the City’s website) shows a JNF bulldozer attacking the village of Al-Arakib, which has been demolished 97 times now, only to be stubbornly rebuilt by the Bedouin inhabitants and their allies.
- It is a century-old pillar of the Zionist colonial project in Palestine, which seeks to impose a western-oriented, essentially apartheid state over the indigenous agrarian society that Palestinians enjoyed for many hundreds of years.
- Finally, the JNF demolishes Palestinian homes in East Jerusalem and turns over those parcels of land to Jews as part of the Israeli government’s program to Judaize that traditionally Palestinian part of the city.
- On May 16, Hamiltonians will gather at the Liuna Station for a black-tie fundraising dinner for the JNF. Part of their ticket price and all of their donations to the JNF will be eligible for a tax deduction because the JNF has charitable status in Canada. It means that all Canadians are subsidizing their dinner as well as the activities of the JNF in Israel/Palestine. What the Jewish National Fund does in Israel/Palestine would be illegal in Canada if it meant dispossessing an identifiable group of people, such as Native Canadians.
- For this reason, Independent Jewish Voices has raised the demand that the federal Minister of Revenue, Diane Leboutiller, immediately remove the charitable status of the Jewish National Foundation in Canada.
- We think it would be unbecoming of any member of Council to attend that function and we ask that you refrain from participating in Hamilton’s Annual Negev Dinner.

The presentation provided by Ken Stone, Independent Jewish Voices, respecting the Annual Negev Dinner in Hamilton, was received.

- (iii) Howard Elliott and Salema James, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People (For the May 4, 2016 GIC (Item 6.3))**

Howard Jones and Salema James, of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction (HRPR), addressed Committee respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People. Their presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- HRPR is strongly in favour of the motion being brought forward by the Mayor and Councillor Collins around poverty reduction in the City of Hamilton.
- We believe that there is a long way to go, but it is a very logical extension of the next needed priorities in terms of tackling this issue in Hamilton.
- When I speak about these issues all over western Canada and here locally one of the things that often comes up is the role of governments in anti-poverty work in communities, and to be honest, the role of governments has not been satisfactory. Certainly not at the federal level over the past decade, and although the province has done some things but we would argue not nearly enough. What we also tell people is that our local government here in Hamilton have been extremely supportive and progressive in these matters, and has stepped up in areas where the province has dropped the ball and made unnecessary and on harmful changes so we are very proud of the part our local government plays in fighting poverty in our community.
- The HRPR stands ready to play any role that is deemed appropriate in developing the strategy, the detailed plan and helping in areas of community consultation.
- Mr. Jones introduced Salema James, a member of the Roundtable Speaks Group called Speak Now regarding her experiences and feelings on this matter.
- Ms. James spoke very passionately about her experiences and feelings as a single mother and sole provider for her young son and how important it is to have inclusionary zoning for affordable housing.

The presentation provided by Howard Jones and Salema James, of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty reduction, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People, was received.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 7.

(iv) **Arend Kersten, Executive Director of the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People (For the May 4, 2016 GIC) (Item 6.4)**

Arend Kersten, Executive Director of the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce (FCC), addressed Committee respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People. Mr. Kersten’s presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Began by reaffirming the FCC’s support of two fundamental principles:
 1. The FCC believes that the best way to define the very soul of a community is to examine how it treats its least fortunate and most vulnerable members.
 2. Along with you, the FCC shares a passion for making the new Hamilton the best place to raise a child.
- The FCC provided the following points for Committee’s consideration:
 1. Hamilton’s approach to poverty reduction should be reflective of time-limited “hand up” strategy (opposed to a limitless hand-out strategy).
 2. The pockets of many taxpayers are not bottomless.
 3. The FCC urges Council and staff to continue its commitment to creating greater municipal effectiveness, including especially the processing of development applications.
 4. We would be much more comfortable with a detailed and cost strategy before approving any expenditures. It reminds us of signing a blank-cheque.
 5. The FCC believes very strongly that any strategy that is ultimately adopted must be detailed and well-defined complete with anticipated outcomes or goals that are measurable. In keeping with Hamilton’s commitment to accountability, there must also be regular reports to the community that measures up-to-date results.
 6. It is the FCCs understanding that the \$50 million will be spent over 10 years. That works out to \$5 million a year or less than \$10 annually for every man, woman and child in Hamilton. In our opinion, that’s a very modest amount. If it results in making

Hamilton a better place to raise a child, then it is money well spent.

The presentation provided by Arend Kersten, Executive Director of the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People, was received.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 7.

(v) Don Jaffray and Marvin Caplan, Social Planning and Research Council, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People (For the May 4, 2016 GIC) (Item 6.5)

Don Jaffray and Marvin Caplan, Social Planning and Research Council, addressed Committee respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People. Mr. Jaffray's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- We encourage all members of Council to add their support and endorsement to this proposal.
- Poverty remains a persistent and significant problem in Hamilton that continues to undermine the health and well-being of those individuals and families struggling under these conditions.
- Given that the overall poverty rate for the City of Hamilton did not improve at all over the 2001 to 2013 time period, this new investment is needed both to improve prospects for change as well as some encouragement for those members of our community who are committed to this matter.
- We know that persistent high rates of poverty in our community will limit our potential to create viable, sustainable and health communities well into the future. In the interests of current residents and generations to come, we encourage Committee to seize the opportunity to assemble the funds needed to support his initiative.

The presentation provided by Don Jaffray, Social Planning and Research Council, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People, was received.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 7.

(vi) Deirdre Pike and Katherine Kalinowski, Women's Homelessness Planning Collaborative, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People (For the May 4, 2016 GIC) (Item 6.6)

Deirdre Pike and Katherine Kalinowski, Women's Homelessness Planning Collaborative, addressed Committee respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- It's just a drop in the bucket and it won't be enough to solve the poverty issue in this community, but please say yes to the money. We may also be able to leverage it to obtain funding from other sources.
- Need to set some bold, new, definitive strategies to shift the needle in a very important way. Discard the things that don't work

The presentation provided by Deirdre Pike and Katherine Kalinowski, Women's Homelessness Planning Collaborative, respecting Item 9.2 – Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People, was received.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 7.

(f) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) City Manager 2015 Performance Report (CM16005) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Chris Murray, City Manager, addressed Committee respecting Report CM16005, the City Manager's 2015 Performance Report. Mr. Murray's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Goals / Core Job Responsibilities
- Support Mayor and Council's Strategic Initiatives
- Efficient and Effecting Delivery of Services
- Efficient and Effective Administration of All Departments
- Short Term Goals
- Long Term Goals
- Building Relationships

The presentation respecting Report CM16005, the City Manager's 2015 Performance Report, was received.

(g) MOTIONS (Item 9)

Councillor Collins did not introduce his motion below, respecting the Review and Renegotiation of the John C. Munro International Airport, at the May 4, 2016 meeting:

(i) Review and Renegotiation of the John C. Munro International Airport (Item 9.1)

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.

(ii) Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People (Item 9.2)

The following amendment was approved:

That sub-section (d) of the motion respecting an Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People, be amended by deleting the words “Emergency & Community Services Committee” and replacing them with “General Issues Committee”, to read as follows:

- (d) That staff be directed to report to the **General Issues Committee** by October 2016, with a plan to increase affordable housing and reduce poverty by investing in people for consideration and approval by Council.

The main motion, as amended, respecting Initiative to Increase Affordable Housing and Reduce Poverty by Investing in People, CARRIED on the following Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas: Eisenberger, Whitehead, Jackson, Collins, Merulla, Farr, A. Johnson, Conley, Pearson, VanderBeek, Pasuta
Total: 11
Nays: Ferguson, Skelly
Total: 2
Absent: Green, B. Johnson, J. Partridge
Total: 3

Councillor A. Johnson turned the Chair over to Councillor Conley in order to introduce his Notice of Motion.

(h) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

Councillor A. Johnson introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Opportunities to Celebrate Pride Month (Item 10.1)

WHEREAS, PRIDE is synonymous with the positive stance against discrimination and violence toward Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) citizens to promote their self-affirmation, dignity, equality rights, increase their visibility as a social group, build community, and celebrate sexual diversity and gender variance;

WHEREAS, the month of June is traditionally LGBTQ Pride Month when many pride events are held to recognize the impact LGBTQ people have had in the world; and,

WHEREAS, Hamilton-based Pride events can provide an opportunity to boost tourism, while providing both positive economic and social benefits;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That Tourism & Culture staff be directed to convene a meeting with representatives of the LGBTQ community with a goal of discussing opportunities to celebrate, through Hamilton Pride Week, and provide an information report back to GIC summarizing the outcomes of the discussion.

Councillor A. Johnson assumed the Chair.

Councillor Merulla introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(ii) Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's Order to Clean up PCB Contamination at Barton and Strathearne (Item 10.2)

That staff be directed to review the matter of the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's Order to clean up PCB contamination at Barton and Strathearne and report to the General Issues Committee.

The Rules of Order were waived in order to introduce a motion respecting a Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's Order to Clean up PCB Contamination at Barton and Strathearne.

The following motion was approved:

That staff be directed to review the matter of the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's Order to clean up PCB contamination at Barton and Strathearne and report to the General Issues Committee.

(i) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)

(i) Closed Session Minutes, April 20, 2016 (Item 12.1)

As the General Issues Committee determined that discussion of the Closed Session Minutes of April 20, 2016 was not required, the Minutes were approved in Open Session as shown below:

- (a) The Closed Session Minutes of the April 20, 2016 General Issues Committee meeting were approved, as presented; and,
- (b) The Closed Session Minutes of the April 20, 2016 General Issues Committee are to remain confidential.

Committee moved into Closed Session respecting:

- Item 12.2 – City Manager’s Performance Report (CM16005) (City Wide);
- Item 12.3 – City Manager Remuneration (HUR16010) (City Wide);
- Item 12.4 – CUPE Lodges Bargaining Ratification (HUR16007) (City Wide);
- Item 12.5 – Asphalt Damages (HUR16002(a)) (City Wide);
- Item 12.6 – *Occupational Health and Safety Act* Matter Update (LS16004) (City Wide); and,
- Item 12.7 – Cash Handling Investigation Update,

pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (b), (c), (d) (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City employees; 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.

(ii) City Manager’s Performance Report (CM16005) (City Wide) (Item 12.2)

Staff was provided with direction in Closed Session.

For disposition of this matter, please see Item 10.

(iii) City Manager Remuneration (HUR16010) (City Wide) (Item 12.3)

Staff was provided with direction in Closed Session.

For disposition of this matter, please see Item 11.

(k) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee, was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

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