



**Hamilton Wentworth District School Board
Liaison Committee
REPORT 16-001
Thursday, April 28, 2016
1:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West**

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger (Co-Chair)
Todd White, Chair, HWDSB (Co-Chair)
Councillors D. Conley and J. Partridge
J. Beattie and P. Deathe, Trustees, HWDSB

Also Present: H. Tobias-Murray, Student Trustee, HWDSB

**THE HAMILTON WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON COMMITTEE
PRESENTS REPORT 16-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

1. Terms of Reference for the HWDSB Liaison Committee and Memorandum of Understanding (Item 8.2)

That the Revised Terms of Reference for the HWDSB Liaison Committee, attached as Appendix A to Report 16-001 of the HWDSB Liaison Committee, be approved.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

(a) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The agenda for the April 28, 2016 meeting of the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board Liaison Committee was approved, as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

Trustee Deathe noted a spelling error on page three of the minutes in the reference to Balaclava Elementary School. The Committee Clerk will correct the error for the official record.

The minutes of the October 1, 2015 meeting of the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board Liaison Committee were approved, as amended.

(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) Minutes of the Joint Property Asset Committee (JPAC) (Item 5.1)

- (a) October 27, 2015
- (b) December 7, 2015
- (c) February 8, 2016

The Minutes of the Property Liaison Committee Items 5.1 (a) through (c) were received.

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(i) Terms of Reference for the Joint Property Asset Committee (Item 8.1)

Discussion on Item 8.1 was considered as part of Item 8.2.

(ii) Terms of Reference for the HWDSB Liaison Committee and Memorandum of Understanding (Item 8.2)

For disposition of this matter refer to Item 1.

(iii) Verbal Update from the HWDSB respecting Accommodation Reviews (Item 8.3)

Trustee Jeff Beattie, Vice-Chair, Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, provided the Committee with an update respecting Accommodation Reviews.

Trustee Beattie stated that the Accommodation Review Process, started in February of 2016, and the Board has been working since that time to clarify various matters. Various proposals have been put forward and they are being reviewed. One of the key issues in site selection is the “walkability” of the neighbourhood and school.

Trustee Beattie stated that the Accommodation Review Process has been a fair, open and transparent process. The Accommodation Review Committee has been very engaged.

Public delegations to the Accommodation Review Committee will take place in May of 2016 and a final decision is expected in June. Trustee Beattie stated that there has been great communication between the City and the Board during the Accommodation Review Process.

The update from the HWDSB respecting Accommodation Reviews, was received.

(iv) Verbal Update from the HWDSB respecting Green Bin/Composting (Item 8.4)

Mr. Manny Figueiredo, Director of Education, HWDSB and Mr. Dave Anderson, Senior Facilities Officer, updated the Committee about the use of Green Bins and Composting in schools.

Mr. Figueiredo stated that Green Bins are being used in Westmount Secondary School on a pilot program basis. The cooperation of teachers, students and staff have been important in the implementation.

Mr. Anderson indicated that there are some challenges with the program including: participation levels, placement of the bins, collective agreements as well as pest control.

Mr. Anderson stated that if the pilot program is successful then it will be expanded to other secondary schools and then elementary schools.

The update respecting Green Bins and Composting in Schools, was received.

(v) Strategic Directions Update (Item 8.5)

Mr. Chris Murray, City Manager, provided the Committee with an update about the City of Hamilton's Strategic Direction exercise.

Mr. Murray stated that the 2016-2025 Strategic Plan was presented to Council in March of 2016. The Strategic Plan has developed the following themes:

- Environment and Health
- Engagement
- Financial Sustainability
- Infrastructure
- Culture

Council has supported the themes and directed staff to consult with citizens and City employees to solicit their feedback. A summary of the feedback will be presented in June with a goal to ratify the Strategic Plan in September.

The City Manager and Mr. Chris Cutler, Community Relations and Advisor to the Mayor, discussed the way in which youth have been consulted in the Strategic Plan process.

The update respecting the 2016-2025 Strategic Plan, was received.

(vi) HWDSB/City of Hamilton Capital Facilities Projects (Item 8.6)

Ms. Robyn Ellis, Manager of Strategic Planning, Capital and Compliance, provided the Committee with an update on Capital Facilities Projects currently underway.

Ms. Ellis stated that there are many on-going projects between the City and the Board. The plans for the Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre and the new North Secondary School are going well. The concept plan has been approved, a detailed design study is going forward and it is ready for tender.

Ms. Ellis also indicated that re-zoning of the land has been obtained and the site plan is close to being approved. A joint civil works tender (for underground work) is being finalized. It is anticipated that the recreation centre will begin construction in the summer and the school will start to be built in the fall.

Ms. Ellis also provided an overview of other projects including: Greensville, Beverly, Dalewood and Ancaster.

The update respecting HWDSB/City of Hamilton Capital Facilities Projects, was received.

(vii) City of Hamilton and HWDSB Property/Facility Agreements (Item 8.7)

Staff were directed to prepare an inventory of all past, current and future facilities agreements between the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board and the City of Hamilton and report back to the HWDSB Liaison Committee at the June 7th, 2016 meeting.

(viii) Verbal Update from the HWDSB respecting their Strategic Direction (Item 8.8)

HWDSB Chair Todd White distributed a handout to the Committee entitled “Reimagine @HWDSB” respecting the Board’s Strategic Direction exercise. A copy of the handout has been retained for the official record.

The document included the following information:

- Mission – Empower students to learn and grow to their full potential in a diverse world
- Commitment – a commitment to learning, equity, engagement and innovation
- Priorities:
 - Positive Culture and Well-Being
 - Student Learning and Achievement
 - Effective Communication
 - School Renewal
 - Partnerships

Trustee Deathe and Student Trustee Tobias-Murray informed the Committee about a session that was recently held with students to develop a “tag line” to accompany the Strategic Direction exercise. The “tag line” will be announced at a later date.

The update from the HWDSB respecting their Strategic Direction, was received.

(ix) Request for the City to make a presentation respecting the City of Hamilton 2016 Budget (Item 8.9)

Chris Cutler, Community Relations and Advisor to the Mayor, was directed to work with the City Manager and the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services to find a date for staff to make a presentation to the HWDSB respecting the City of Hamilton’s 2016 Budget.

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger, Co-Chair,
Hamilton Wentworth District School
Board Liaison Committee

T. White, Co-Chair,
Hamilton Wentworth District School
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