



**SPECIAL GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING UPDATE
REPORT 16-019**

9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillors Conley, Farr and VanderBeek – Personal

**THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 16-019 AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

- 1. Government Relations and Infrastructure Funding Update (CM16009) (City Wide) (Item 4.1)**
 - (a) That the following priorities be identified as areas of government relations advocacy efforts:
 - (i) Infrastructure;
 - (ii) Transit/Transportation;
 - (iii) Housing;
 - (iv) U.S. Steel lands; and,
 - (v) Other areas which may also require attention include, but are not limited to, poverty reduction, addressing the additional social services and housing responsibilities managed by the City of Hamilton, economic development opportunities, the City's two long term care

facilities (Macassa Lodge and Wentworth Lodge) and Funding of emergency medical services;

- (b) That staff be directed to continue to pursue all available funding opportunities with other levels of government to maximize investments in Hamilton;
- (c) That the Phase 1 and 2 projects listed in Appendix “A” attached to Report CM16009, be approved for consideration of any transit and infrastructure projects from other levels of government;
- (d) That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee with a priority ranking of the City of Hamilton’s current infrastructure requirements, from urgent onward; and,
- (e) That staff be directed to copy all local MPs and MPPs, as well as Karina Gould, MP for Burlington and Eleanor McMahon, MPP for Burlington, with a copy of the City of Hamilton’s infrastructure priorities.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

There were no changes to the Agenda.

The agenda for the August 23, 2016 Special General Issues Committee meeting was approved, as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) PRESENTATIONS (Item 4)

**(i) Government Relations and Infrastructure Funding Update (CM16009)
(City Wide) (Item 4.1)**

Chris Murray, City Manager, provided an overview of Report CM16009, respecting the Government Relations and Infrastructure Funding. Kwab Ako-Adjei, Policy & Public Affairs Advisor; and, Gerry Davis, Strategic Advisory

continued with the presentation that included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Outline
- Background
- Current Government Relations Priorities
- City of Hamilton Priorities
 - Transit
 - Infrastructure
 - Housing and Poverty Reduction
 - U.S. Steel
- Fiscal Outlook – City of Hamilton
- Key Federal Mandates
 - Alignment with City Priorities
 - Current Status
 - Budget 2016
 - Other Programs / Funding
- Fiscal Outlook – Federal Government
- Fiscal Outlook – Provincial Government
- Next Steps

The presentation respecting Report CM16009 – Government Relations and Infrastructure Funding Update, was received.

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

Report CM16009, respecting Government Relations and Infrastructure Funding Update, was amended by adding the following as sub-section (d):

- (d) That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee with a priority ranking of the City of Hamilton's current infrastructure requirements, from urgent onward.

Report CM16009, respecting Government Relations and Infrastructure Funding Update, was further amended by adding the following as sub-section (e):

- (e) That staff be directed to copy all local MPs and MPPs, as well as Karina Gould, MP for Burlington and Eleanor McMahon, MPP for Burlington, with a copy of the City of Hamilton's infrastructure priorities.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 1.

(d) ADJOURNMENT (Item 7)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Green, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
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