



Hamilton

**Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core
Task Force**

Report 16-004

10:00 a.m.

Monday, September 12, 2016

Room 830, City Hall

Present: Councillor J. Farr (Chair)
Councillor C. Collins
S. Braithwaite, K. Drewitt (Vice Chair), L. Hess, J. Maurice,
S. Sutherland, C. Topp

Absent with B. Chug and S. Mirza
Regrets:
Absent: C. Hill

**THE CLEANLINESS AND SECURITY IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE TASK FORCE
PRESENTS REPORT 16-004 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

1. **Review of Items noted at the July 11, 2016 meeting (Walking Tour of the Downtown Core) and Follow-up as required (Item 8.1)**
 - (a) That staff be directed to investigate the issue of the illegal dumping of residential garbage on King Street (in the Downtown Core) and report back to the Task Force on how to address this matter;
 - (b) That the investigation include an examination of the best practices used by other cities to deal with the illegal dumping of residential garbage including the possibility of sending letters to residential tenants telling them to not put garbage out on the street; and,
 - (c) That staff identify an area where potential locked-up garbage bins can be located as part of the Cleanliness Program Improvements.

2. Street Furniture for the Gore Park Promenade (Added Item 11.1)

That staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of ensuring that the table and chairs used by the Downtown BIA for the Gore Park Promenade are safely secured and/or checked to ensure secure storage each evening.

3. Garbage Receptacle at MacNab and Duke Streets (Added Item 11.3)

That staff be directed to investigate the garbage receptacle at McNab and Duke Streets; and if there are any issues found with it, that staff looks at the feasibility of removing the receptacle.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

(a) VERBAL UPDATE FROM HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE (Item A)

Sgt. Gino Ciarmoli with the Hamilton Police Service provided the Task Force with an update on policing initiatives in the Downtown Core. The topics covered included, but were not limited to, the following: the need for increased patrols in the International Village BIA, concerns about store-front thefts, the stealing of building materials from construction sites, graffiti, cyclists riding on sidewalks, bicycles parking on sidewalks and vacation coverage when officers are on summer vacation. Sgt. Ciarmoli noted the concerns and will forward them to the ACTION team and patrol officers for follow-up as appropriate.

The Verbal Update from the Hamilton Police Service, was received.

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

The agenda for the September 12, 2016 meeting of the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force was approved, as presented.

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(d) MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) July 11, 2016 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the July 11, 2016 Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force meeting were approved, as presented.

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(i) Review of Items noted at the July 11, 2016 meeting (Walking Tour of the Downtown Core) and Follow-up as required (Item 8.1)

Peter Wobschall, Supervisor, Policy and Programs, Public Works Department and Deirdre Connell, Program Coordinator, Policy and Programs, Public Works Department distributed a document that outlined follow-up the Public Works Department has, or are in the process of, completing as a result of the Walking Tour of the Downtown Core conducted in July. A copy of the document has been retained for the official record and is attached as Appendix A. Mr. Wobschall and Ms. Connell then answered questions from the Task Force about the document.

Mr. Wobschall provided the Task Force with an update about the fountain that is part of the sidewalk on Ferguson Street. The fountain was turned off because it was making pedestrians wet as they walked by. He will be working with Landscape and Architectural Services to investigate if anything can be done to resolve this situation.

Ms. Drewitt noted that 2017 marks Canada's 150th celebration. She feels this is a good opportunity to plant red and white flowers to mark this special occasion. The Committee Clerk was directed to contact Horticulture staff about this suggestion.

Ms. Kelly Barnett, Community Liaison Coordinator, Municipal Law Enforcement (MLE), updated the Task Force on matters identified by MLE during the Walking Tour in July. Ms. Barnett stated that 37 incidents were noted and that 34 of them involved graffiti. Twelve property owners complied with orders immediately. In some cases contractors were brought in to remove the graffiti. There were two violations for garbage and debris and one of illegal dumping. Ms. Barnett reported that proactive work is taking place on James Street South.

Informal direction was provided to Ms. Barnett to look into how utility companies and the City address graffiti on their utility boxes.

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 1.

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(ii) Susie Braithwaite, Executive Director, International Village BIA, respecting Policing in the International Village BIA Office (Item 8.2)

Ms. Braithwaite's concerns were addressed during discussion of Item A – an update from the Hamilton Police Service so no further discussion was required.

(f) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

(i) Street Furniture for the Gore Park Promenade (Added Item 11.1)

Ms. Drewitt reported that the Gore Park Promenade was very successful this summer. She is concerned however about securing the street furniture used for the Promenade.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

(ii) Preserving the Character of the James Street South Neighbourhood (Added Item 11.2)

Cameron Topp raised the issue of how to ensure that the character of a neighbourhood is preserved when the Downtown is being revitalized and developed. Mr. Topp noted that some new establishments are bringing forward concerns such as noise, and residential and commercial occupants are being impacted. He feels it is important to ensure that the attributes of various neighbourhoods are preserved and that zoning issues are kept in mind during redevelopment.

(iii) Garbage Receptacle at MacNab and Duke Streets (Added Item 11.3)

Cameron Topp noted concerns about the overflowing garbage at a receptacle at MacNab and Duke Streets.

For disposition of this matter refer to Item 3.

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)

There being no further business, the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor J. Farr, Chair
Cleanliness and Security in the
Downtown Core Task Force

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