



## **GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (2017 Tax Capital Budget) MINUTES 16-031**

9:30 a.m.

Friday, November 25, 2016

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Absent**

**with Regrets:** Councillor B. Johnson (Deputy Mayor), A. Johnson – Personal

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

**1. Delineated Bicycle Lane on the Claremont Access (PW16003(a)) (Wards 2, 7 and 8) (Item 5.1)**

**(Eisenberger/Green)**

- (a) That staff be directed to prepare a detailed design for a two-way cycling and multi-use trail facility on the north side of the Claremont Access, at a cost of \$200,000; **with \$100,000** to be funded from the Red Light Camera Reserve Account: 112203, **and \$100,000 be funded through Wards 2, 3, 7 and 8, as negotiated between those wards**, and report back to the General Issues Committee in 2017;
- (b) That staff be directed to include in the report, respecting the design for a two-way cycling and multi-use trail facility on the north side of the Claremont Access, all associated construction costs; and,
- (c) That staff be directed to provide a proposed funding model that would include possible Provincial and/or Federal Grant funding that could offset some or all of the project design and construction costs for the two-way cycling and multi-use trail facility on the north side of the Claremont Access.

**MOTION, AS AMENDED, 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. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

6.6 Address Information Management System Update (FCS16099)  
(City Wide)

6.7 Ward 1 2016 Participatory Capital Budget – Operating Budget  
Impacts (FCS16100) (Ward 1)

**(Pearson/VanderBeek)**

That the agenda for the November 25, 2016 General Issues Committee (2017 Tax Capital Budget) meeting be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

**(i) November 18, 2016 (2017 Rate Budget) (Item 3.1)**

**(Farr/Collins)**

That the Minutes of the November 28, 2016 (2017 Rate Budget) General Issues Committee, be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 5)**

**(i) Delineated Bicycle Lane on the Claremont Access  
(PW16003(a)) (Wards 2, 7 and 8) (Item 5.1)**

Dave Ferguson, Superintendent of Traffic Engineering; and, Daryl Bender, Project Manager of Alternative Transportation, addressed Committee respecting Report PW16003(a) – a Delineated Bicycle Lane on the Claremont Access. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- o Status of the Cycling Infrastructure

- o Overview of the Claremont Access Options
- o Selection of the Preferred Option
- o Preferred Option Details
- o Next Steps Prior to Implementation

**(Jackson/Whitehead)**

That the presentation respecting Report PW16003(a) – a Delineated Bicycle Lane on the Claremont Access, be received.

**CARRIED**

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca) or through the Office of the City Clerk.

**(Partridge/Ferguson)**

That sub-section (a) to Report PW16003(a), respecting a Delineated Bicycle Lane on the Claremont Access, be amended by adding the words "**with \$100,000**" in front of the words "to be funded from"; and, by adding the words "**and \$100,000 be funded through Wards 2, 3, 7 and 8, as negotiated between those wards,**" after the words "Account: 112203" to read as follows:

- (a) That staff be directed to prepare a detailed design for a two-way cycling and multi-use trail facility on the north side of the Claremont Access, at a cost of \$200,000; **with \$100,000** to be funded from the Red Light Camera Reserve Account: 112203, **and \$100,000 be funded through Wards 2, 3, 7 and 8, as negotiated between those wards,** and report back to the General Issues Committee in 2017;

**AMENDMENT CARRIED**

Councillors Jackson and Whitehead wished to be recorded as OPPOSED to the amendment above.

For further disposition of the above matter, please refer to Item 1.

**(ii) 2017 Tax Supported Capital Budget (FCS16089) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)**

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services, addressed Committee respecting Report FCS16089 – 2017 Tax Supported Capital Budget. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- o Tax Capital Budget Objectives
- o 2017 – 2026 Capital Budget
- o Boards and Agencies – Library
- o Reserves
- o Debt
- o Operating Impact
- o Next Steps

**(VanderBeek/Merulla)**

That the presentation respecting Report FCS16089 – 2017 Tax Supported Capital Budget, be received.

**CARRIED**

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca) or through the Office of the City Clerk.

**(Partridge/Farr)**

That Report FCS16089, respecting the 2017 Tax Supported Capital Budget, be TABLED to the December 9, 2016 General Issues Committee Tax Capital Budget meeting.

**CARRIED**

**(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 6)**

**(Merulla/Collins)**

That Items 6.1 to 6.7, as shown below, be TABLED to the December 9, 2016 General Issues Committee Tax Capital Budget meeting:

- (i) Hamilton Police Services Board Report PSB 16-113 respecting the Hamilton Police Services Board's Projected Capital Expenditures for 2017 – 2026 (Item 6.1)
- (ii) Traffic Island Beautification Program (PW16094) (City Wide) (Item 6.2)
- (iii) Additional Traffic Island Beautification Locations (Ward 2) respecting the Traffic Island Beautification Program (Item 6.2(a))
- (iv) Stadium Precinct Park, 43 Lloyd Street - Funding Strategy (PW16106) (Ward 3) (Item 6.3)

- (v) Increasing Employment Land Absorption Through Land Banking (PED16255) (City Wide) (Item 6.4)
- (vi) Supervised Injection Sites Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study Capital Budget Request (BOH16057) (City Wide) (Item 6.5)
- (vii) Address Information Management System Update (FCS16099) (City Wide) (Item 6.6)
- (viii) Ward 1 2016 Participatory Capital Budget – Operating Budget Impacts (FCS16100) (Ward 1) (Item 6.7)

**CARRIED**

**(f) MOTIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) Proposed Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial (Item 7.1)**

**(Merulla/Collins)**

That the Motion, respecting the Proposed Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial, be TABLED to the December 9, 2016 General Issues Committee Tax Capital Budget meeting.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) Sustainable Multi-Year Capital Budget Mitigation Plan (Item 7.2)**

**(Collins/Partridge)**

That the Multi-Year Budget Planning Sub-Committee be directed to work with staff on a sustainable multi-year capital budget mitigation plan that seeks to address:

- (i) Rising debt levels;
- (ii) The reduction of Corporate reserves;
- (iii) Increased operating costs and the number of new FTEs;
- (iv) The accommodation of municipal contributions for Provincial and Federal infrastructure programs;
- (v) General Levy Impacts; and,
- (vi) Other related pressures.

**CARRIED**

**(iii) Lifts for Cyclists on Mountain Accesses and Inclusion of the Claremont Access in the HSR Route Rationalization Study (Item 7.3)**

**(Farr/Merulla)**

- (a) That the appropriate staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee during the 2017 budget process respecting the “obstacles” preventing cyclists from receive “free” lifts up and down the mountain accesses; and,
- (b) That HSR staff be directed to include the Claremont Access in the HSR Route Rationalization Study that will be forthcoming to a future Public Works Committee meeting.

**CARRIED**

**(iv) Licensing of Bicycles and Other Non-Motorized Vehicles (Item 7.4)**

**(Skelly/Ferguson)**

That staff be directed to review what happened in Toronto, with respect to the licensing of bicycles and other unlicensed motorized vehicles and what the Provincial rules and regulations are with respect to the licensing of bicycles and other unlicensed motorized vehicles and report back to the Planning Committee.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Green wished to be recorded as OPPOSED to the motion above.

**(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

**(Pearson/Ferguson)**

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee (2017 Tax Capital Budget), be adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

D. Skelly, Acting Deputy Mayor  
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk