

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

General Issues Committee Date: January 18, 2017

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. MERULLA.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Proposed Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial

WHEREAS, the John Rebecca Park Master Plan incorporated a commemorative space for Emergency Workers, as designed by a stakeholder consultation process;

WHEREAS, the Master Plan for the proposed John Rebecca Park has not been able to proceed, due to related lands for the proposed park being in private ownership;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Professional Firefighters Association in a letter dated January 20, 2015, requested that a Fire Fighters Memorial Committee, comprised of two appointed Members of Council and two fire fighters be formed, to collaborate on the proposed Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial project;

WHEREAS, at its meeting of February 11, 2015, Council approved Item 14 of the General Issues Committee Report 15-005, which appointed Councillors S. Merulla and C. Collins to the Hamilton Professional Fire Fighters Association’s (Local 288) Fire Fighter’s Memorial Committee;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Fire Fighters’ Association’s (Local 288) initial concept for the Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial is proposed to be at Gage Park, with an estimated cost \$1.7 million;

WHEREAS, Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial project is currently unfunded in the 2017 Capital Budget Forecast;

WHEREAS, there are extensive pressures and limited capital resources to fund all priorities across the City of Hamilton; and,

WHEREAS, there may be alternative funding strategies, that may be more cost effective;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That, in order to reduce costs, staff be directed to investigate potential sites on existing City lands to be used for the Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial;
- (b) That staff be directed to communicate with the Hamilton Fire Fighters' Association to determine their ability and willingness to participate as a funding partner in the creation of the Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial site;
- (c) That staff be directed to proceed with the preliminary design and investigative work for the Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial at a cost not to exceed \$125,000, with a funding source to be identified through the 2017 Capital Budget process;
- (d) That staff be directed to collaborate with public stakeholders associated with any of the potential sites being considered for the Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial; and,
- (e) That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee, through a future capital budget process on alternatives for the Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial project location, scope, detailed design, related capital construction costs with identified funding sources.