



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 17-004

9:30 a.m.

February 15, 2017
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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

**Absent
with Regrets:** Councillor R. Pasuta – Sick Leave

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. **City of Hamilton's Open Data Program Update (CM17009) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)**

(Eisenberger/VanderBeek)

That Report CM17009, respecting the City of Hamilton's Open Data Program Update, be received.

CARRIED

2. **Land Development Task Force Work Plan (CM17003) (City Wide) (7.1)**

(Eisenberger/Whitehead)

That the projects outlined in Appendix "A" to Report CM17003, respecting the Land Development Task Force 2017 Work Plan, **as amended**, be approved.

MOTION, AS AMENDED, CARRIED

3. **Hamilton Fire Department "Extraordinary Costs" User Fee (CES1701) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

(Ferguson/B. Johnson)

(a) That a 100% cost recovery fee for extraordinary firefighting costs, as set out in Appendix "A" attached to Report CES17001, be approved; and,

(b) That staff be directed to prepare the required by-law to amend the 2017 User and Fees and Charges By-law to include the 100% cost recovery fee for extraordinary firefighting costs, as set out in Appendix "A" attached to Report CES17001.

CARRIED

4. Vesting of Property at 249 Hess Street North (FCS17025) (Ward 2) (Item 8.2)

(Whitehead/Farr)

- (a) That staff be directed to vest 249 Hess Street North, Hamilton, and;
- (b) That once the property located at 249 Hess Street North, Hamilton, has been sold, the City Treasurer be authorized and directed to write-off taxes under Section 354(3) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, if necessary.

CARRIED

5. City Funding of Business Improvement Area Branding Campaign (PED17029) (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13 and 15) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.3)

(Whitehead/Eisenberger)

That the spending of up to \$33,000, to be funded from Project Number 8201603611 - 2016 Community Downtowns and Business Improvement Areas in the amount of \$32,738, and from Project Number 8201703706 – 2017 Community Downtowns and Business Improvement Areas in the amount of \$262, to pay for a number of activities, as outlined in the Analysis and Rationale for Recommendation Section of Report PED17029, to assist in launching the Business Improvement Advisory Committee “One City. Spend it Here” Branding Campaign, be approved.

CARRIED

6. James Street South Mural Replacement Public Art Project (PED17022) (Ward 2) (Item 8.4)

(Farr/Eisenberger)

That \$7,043 be transferred from the Downtown Public Art Reserve (108049) to Graffiti Management Initiative (8201203500) to fund the James Street South Mural Replacement Public Art Project.

CARRIED

7. King William Art Walk Public Art Project (PED17024) (Ward 2) (Item 8.5)

(Farr/Whitehead)

That \$100,000 be transferred from the Downtown Public Art Reserve (108049) to the King William Art Walk Public Art Project (7101558508).

CARRIED

8. Transfer of Funds from Museum Reserve to Fieldcote Expansion Project (PED17023) (Ward 12) (Item 8.6)

(Ferguson/Whitehead)

That staff be directed to transfer \$130,000 from Account 104080 - Reserve for Various Museums to Capital Project 7201641603 to offset the cost of developing

final design and construction drawings for the Fieldcote Memorial Park and Museum Expansion.

CARRIED

9. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 16-012, December 13, 2016 (Item 8.7)

(Whitehead/Collins)

Formation of a Working Group to Create an Information Source for People with Disabilities Looking for Appropriate Housing

- (a) That a working group be formed to produce a comprehensive information source for people with disabilities looking for appropriate housing for their specific, special needs; and,
- (b) That a staff person from the Housing Division be provided to support the working group to liaise with the various housing and service providers in conjunction with the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

CARRIED

10. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 17-001, January 17, 2017 (Item 8.8)

(Whitehead/Jackson)

(a) Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes – December 16, 2016 (Item 5.2)

That the Built Environment Working Group Meeting Notes of December 16, 2016, be received.

(b) Housing Issues Working Group Update (Item 5.5)

That the draft copy of the Housing Issues Working Group Glossary, be received.

CARRIED

11. Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee Report 17-001, January 30, 2017 (Item 8.9)

(Jackson/Merulla)

Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for 2017 (Item A)

(Jackson/Merulla)

- (i) That Councillor A. Johnson be appointed Chair of the LRT Sub-Committee for 2017; and,
- (ii) That Councillor J. Farr be appointed Vice-Chair of the LRT Sub-Committee for 2017.

CARRIED

12. Facility Naming Sub-Committee Report 17-001, February 1, 2017 (Item 8.10)

Naming of the “Ann Sloat Forecourt” at the Ancaster Old Town Hall (PW17005) (PED17031) (Ward 12) (Added Item 8.2(a)) (Attached hereto as Appendix “A”)

(Ferguson/Whitehead)

That the request to rename the Forecourt of Ancaster Old Town Hall, 310 Wilson Street East, to the “Ann Sloat Forecourt” be approved, as this request meets the guidelines set out in the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy.

CARRIED

13. City Hall Precinct (CM17004) (Ward 2) (Item 8.11)

(Merulla/B. Johnson)

That Report CM17004, respecting the City Hall Precinct, be received.

CARRIED

14. Potential Disposition of City Owned Lands (CM17005) (Ward 15) (Item 12.1)

(Partridge/Merulla)

That the Report CM17005, respecting Potential Disposition of City Owned Lands, and Appendix “A” remain confidential until completion of the real estate transaction.

CARRIED

15. Hamilton Water Procurement Projects (LS17009/FCS17027) (Item 12.2)

That Report LS17009/FCS17027, respecting Hamilton Water Procurement Projects, be referred to the March 6, 2017 Audit, Finance & Administration Committee meeting.

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. DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

4.1 Clare Wagner, Neighbour to Neighbour, reporting back as per Council direction on the outcomes, uptake and budget pressures of the Healthy Living Annual Grant to Neighbour to Neighbour (For February 15, 2017 agenda)

2. STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

7.2 Proposed A-Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Update (PED17048) (City Wide) *(to be distributed)*

3. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

11.1 Correspondence from Karl Andrus respecting his Delegation before the LRT Sub-Committee

4. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)

12.2 Hamilton Water Procurement Projects (LS17009/FCS17027) (City Wide)

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (e) and (f) the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the City; and, the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

(Farr/Merulla)

That Item 7.2 – Report PED17048 – Proposed A-Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Update, be TABLED to the March 2017 Special General Issues Committee meeting.

CARRIED

(Whitehead/Farr)

That the agenda for the February 15, 2017 General Issues Committee 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) February 1, 2017 (Item 3.1)

(A. Johnson/VanderBeek)

That the Minutes of the February 1, 2017 General Issues Committee, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

- (i) Clare Wagner and Denise Arkell, Neighbour to Neighbour, reporting back as per Council direction on the outcomes, uptake and budget pressures of the Healthy Living Annual Grant to Neighbour to Neighbour (Item 4.1)**

(B. Johnson/Conley)

That the delegation request submitted by Clare Wagner and Denise Arkell, Neighbour to Neighbour, reporting back as per Council direction on the outcomes, uptake and budget pressures of the Healthy Living Annual Grant to Neighbour to Neighbour, be approved to appear before Committee on February 15, 2017.

CARRIED

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (ITEM 6)

- (i) Clare Wagner and Denise Arkell, Neighbour to Neighbour, reporting back as per Council direction on the outcomes, uptake and budget pressures of the Healthy Living Annual Grant to Neighbour to Neighbour (Item 6.1)**

Clare Wagner and Denise Arkell, Neighbour to Neighbour, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation to report back as per Council direction on the outcomes, uptake and budget pressures of the Healthy Living Annual Grant to Neighbour to Neighbour.

(A. Johnson/Jackson)

That the presentation provided by Clare Wagner and Denise Arkell, Neighbour to Neighbour, reporting back as per Council direction on the outcomes, uptake and budget pressures of the Healthy Living Annual Grant to Neighbour to Neighbour, be received.

CARRIED

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

(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

- (i) Land Development Task Force Work Plan (CM17003) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

John Hertel, Director, Strategic Partnerships & Revenue Generation, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting Report CM17003 – Land Development Task Force Work Plan.

CARRIED

(Eisenberger/Partridge)

That the presentation respecting Report CM17003 – Land Development Task Force Work Plan, be received.

CARRIED

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

(Collins/Merulla)

That Appendix "A" to Report CM17003, respecting the Land Development Task Force 2017 Work Plan, be amended by adding the following to Project #10 – Golf Course Strategies:

That staff be directed to explore various opportunities for public / private partnership and new developments to generate new revenue at the municipally owned golf clubhouses.

CARRIED

Councillors B. Johnson, Ferguson, VanderBeek, Partridge, Skelly wished to be recorded as OPPOSED to the Main Motion, shown as Item 2 above.

Councillor Partridge wished to be recorded as OPPOSED to Project #2 – FirstOntario Centre, as shown in Appendix "A" to Report CM17003.

For disposition of the matter above, please refer to Item 2.

(ii) Proposed A-Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Update (PED17048) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

During the Changes to the Agenda, Report PED17048 respecting the Proposed A-Line Bus Rapid Transit Update, was TABLED to the March 2017 Special General Issues Committee meeting.

Mayor Eisenberger and Councillor Skelly wished to be recorded as OPPOSED to the TABLING motion above.

(g) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

11. Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee Report 17-001, January 30, 2017 (Item 8.9)

(b) Bay Street Stop Assessment (PED17021) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

- (i) That Report PED17021 (attached as Appendix A to LRT Report 17-001) respecting an Assessment of a Bay Street Stop, be received; and,
- (ii) That LRT implementation staff be directed to work with Metrolinx to add a stop at Bay Street because LRT implementation in Hamilton is at a stage where an added Bay Street stop along the B-line may be permitted.

Sub-section (b) to Item 8.9, as shown above, was DEFEATED on the following Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas: Eisenberger, Whitehead, Merulla, Green, Farr, A. Johnson,
Total: 6
Nays: Skelly, Jackson, Collins, Conley, Pearson, B. Johnson, Ferguson,
VanderBeek, Partridge
Total: 9
Absent: Pasuta
Total: 1

(h) MOTIONS (Item 9)

(i) Monthly Special LRT General Issues Committee Meetings (Item 9.1)

(Skelly/Whitehead)

That the Legislative Coordinator to the General Issues Committee be directed to arrange for a Special monthly GIC meeting, commencing March 2017 to December 2017, to address reports brought forward by the LRT Sub-Committee, and only the Council approved items shown below:

- (i) Any binding agreements between the City of Hamilton, Metrolinx and any other parties related to the LRT project including, but not limited to, the Master Agreement and the Operating and Maintenance Agreement;
- (ii) Any LRT project related items that require funding from the City of Hamilton; and,
- (iii) The final report of the Transit Project Assessment (Environmental) Process (TPAP) and any future amendments to the TPAP, as necessary.

The above Motion CARRIED on the following Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas: Eisenberger, Whitehead, Skelly, Jackson, Merulla, Farr, A. Johnson,
Conley, Pearson, B. Johnson, VanderBeek, Partridge
Total: 12
Nays: Green, Ferguson
Total: 2
Absent: Pasuta, Collins
Total: 2

(i) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

Councillor S. Merulla introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Cost Implications to Hamilton Taxpayers Should Council Discontinue the Light Rail Transit Project (Item 10.1)

That staff be directed to report back to a Special General Issues Committee (LRT) to advise what the cost implications would be to the City of Hamilton taxpayers, should Council decide to discontinue the Light Rail Transit Project.

Councillor T. Whitehead introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(ii) Cost Implications (Item 10.2)

That staff be directed to report back to a Special General Issues Committee (LRT) to advise what the cost implications would be to the City, specific to any potential bidders' claims, should Council decide to discontinue the Light Rail Transit Project.

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

(i) Correspondence from Karl Andrus respecting his Delegation before the LRT Sub-Committee (Item 11.1)

(Green/Skelly)

That the correspondence from Karl Andrus respecting his Delegation before the LRT Sub-Committee, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Amendments to Outstanding Business List (Item 11.2)

(Whitehead/Eisenberger)

That the item respecting City Funding of a Business Improvement Area Branding Campaign be identified as complete and removed from the General Issues Committee Outstanding Business List.

CARRIED

(k) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)

(Skelly/B. Johnson)

That Committee move into Closed Session respecting:

- Item 8.11 - Appendix "A" to Report CM17004, the City Hall Precinct;

- Item 12.1 – Report CM17005, the Potential Disposition of City Owned Lands; and,
- Item 12.2 Hamilton Water Procurement Projects (LS17009/FCS17027) (City Wide)

pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (c), (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (c), (e) and (f) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for City purposes.

CARRIED

(I) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(VanderBeek/Whitehead)

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee, be adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

M. Pearson, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk