



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT 17-008

9:30 a.m. and 11:20 a.m.

April 5 & 6, 2017
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

April 5, 2017:

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

**Absent
with Regrets:** Councillors R. Pasuta – Sick Leave
Councillor B. Johnson – Personal

April 6, 2017:

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

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with Regrets:** Councillors R. Pasuta – Sick Leave
Councillor B. Johnson – Personal
Councillor M. Green – Other City Business

**THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 17-008 AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

1. FirstOntario Centre (CM17008) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

- (a) That the BBB Architects (BBB) FirstOntario Centre Arena Renovation Study, attached as Appendix "A" to Report CM17008, be received;

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- (b) That staff be directed to manage the lifecycle renewal of the FirstOntario Centre with the funds in the Council approved capital budget and report back to the General Issues Committee if any critical unfunded capital needs arise in the future;
- (c) That staff be directed to prepare a Terms of Reference to further investigate the future requirements of a sports and entertainment venue in the city by engaging community stakeholders, industry experts and comparator municipalities to develop and report back to the General Issues Committee; and,
- (d) That staff be directed to conduct the appropriate due diligence in the event that staff receives an unsolicited proposal outlining an opportunity to secure private investment in a FirstOntario Centre upgrade or replacement within the framework of the Procurement Policy, and report back to the General Issues Committee.

2. Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (BOH16034/CES16043) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

That Report BOH16034/CES16043, respecting the Poverty Reduction Investment Plan, be received.

3. Status of the Hamilton Downtown, Barton / Kenilworth Multi-Residential Property Investment Program and Other Urban Renewal Initiatives (PED17036) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

That Report PED17036, respecting the Status of the Hamilton Downtown, Barton / Kenilworth Multi-Residential Property Investment Program and Other Urban Renewal Initiatives, be received.

4. Extension of Contract for Restoration of Stone Walls at Auchmar Estate (PED17073) (Ward 8) (Item 8.2)

- (a) That the single source procurement, pursuant to Procurement Policy #11 Non-competitive Procurements, for the Extension of the Contract for the Restoration of the Stone Walls at Auchmar Estate be approved;
- (b) That the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development be authorized and directed to negotiate with Robertson Restoration Limited to carry out masonry conservation on a portion of the Coach House Stone Garden Wall at the Auchmar Estate; and,

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- (c) That, should an acceptable price be negotiated for the Auchmar Estate Stone Walls restoration, the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development be authorized and directed to enter into and execute any required contract and any ancillary documents required to give effect thereto with Robertson Restoration Limited in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

5. Clean and Green - Hamilton Strategy 2016 Year-End Update (PW11052(k)) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

That progress updates on the Clean and Green Strategy be revised to annual from semi-annual reporting to General Issues Committee for their information.

6. New Municipal Flexibility for Vacant Unit Rebates and Vacant/Excess Land Subclasses (FCS17021) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

That Report FCS17021, respecting the New Municipal Flexibility for Vacant Unit Rebates and Vacant/Excess Land Subclasses, be received.

7. Integrity Commissioner / Lobbyist Registrar Contract Renewal (CL17003/LS17012) (City Wide) (Item 8.5)

- (a) That George Rust-D'Eye be appointed Integrity Commissioner and Lobbyist Registrar for a two year term ending April 30, 2019; and,
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to sign all necessary documents in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

8. Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (Item 9.1)

- (a) That a reserve to be established with \$50 million in planned funding and planned spending from 2017 to 2027:
 - (i) With \$20 million derived by extending the payback term for existing City loans from the Future Fund from 2031 to 2036; and,
 - (ii) With \$30 million at \$3 million per year for 10 years derived from the dividend uplift to the City resulting from the merger of Horizon Utilities Corporation and several other local utilities into the new entity known as Alectra over 10 years;

- (b) That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee with an investment strategy that equally addresses the supply and quality of affordable housing, in keeping with recommendations contained in the approved 'Housing and Homelessness Plan (2013)';
- (c) That the financial recommendations that seek to improve the quality of local affordable and social housing units be committed to local housing providers based on the proportion of total housing units supported through service manager, utilizing unit counts, building condition assessment reports and other relevant information;
- (d) That the financial recommendations that seek to increase the supply of affordable housing units be contingent upon an application process that mirrors past housing programs and emphasizes the importance of public-private partnerships and the leveraging of resources provided by the Provincial and Federal Governments; and,
- (e) That staff be directed to include in the report back to the General Issues Committee, referenced in sub-section (b) above, the \$10 million to be invested over 10 years (\$1 million/year) toward Indigenous-led poverty reduction and affordable housing, to be allocated to and directed by Hamilton Executive Directors Aboriginal Coalition, to address disproportionate rates of poverty, housing insecurity, and homelessness.

10. Investigation of Negative Impacts to the Greensville and Dundas Neighbourhoods Associated with the Increase in Visitors to Webster and Tess Falls and the Dundas Peak (Item 10.1)

WHEREAS, Hamilton has been promoted as "The Waterfall Capital of the World" and annual visitors to Webster and Tews Falls and the Dundas Peak continue to increase (84,000 in 2016 not including annual pass holders or unpaid visitors);

WHEREAS, the increased visitors to Webster and Tews Falls and the Dundas Peak are wreaking havoc on Greensville and Dundas neighbourhoods with serious negative impacts including, but not limited to:

- traffic and parking issues for local residents such as gridlock on local streets, visitors blocking roadways and blocking resident's driveways; and,
- nuisance issues such as littering and picnicking on resident's lawns;
- emergency vehicle access impacts for residents

WHEREAS, measures to combat overcrowding such as the installation of “No Parking” signs, extra staff and proactive by-law enforcement on weekends, and the implementation of fees for visitors to Webster and Tews Falls and the Dundas Peak have had no deterrent effect whatsoever;

WHEREAS, increased visitors to Webster and Tews Falls and the Dundas Peak are also having negative effects on the environment including damage from littering and trampled ecosystems, as well as safety issues for people on the narrow trails; and,

WHEREAS, regular rescue calls for “risk takers” at Webster and Tews Falls and the Dundas Peak is a concern for emergency service providers (i.e. fire, police and paramedics);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That City staff be directed to form a multi-disciplinary working group to conduct a comprehensive, multi-faceted investigation of public safety and the negative impacts to the Greensville and Dundas neighbourhoods associated with the increase in visitors to Webster and Tews Falls and the Dundas Peak;
- (b) That the Hamilton Conservation Authority, the Hamilton Police Service, EMS, Traffic, Parking, By-law, and CN Railway and any other required staff/agency be requested to participate in the review;
- (c) That staff be directed to report back to the 3 area Councillors and the General Issues Committee no later than September 2017 with potential solutions to the problems associated with the increase in visitors to Webster and Tews Falls and the Dundas Peak.

11. Bargaining Update (Item 12.2)

That the update provided in Closed Session respecting Bargaining, be received.

12. Stadium Litigation Update (Item 12.3)

That the update Closed Session respecting the Stadium Litigation, be received.

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 Barry R. Betzner, respecting Light Rail Transit (LRT) (For April 19, 2017 GIC)
- 4.2 Keanin Loomis, President & CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting Light Rail Transit (LRT) (For April 19, 2017 GIC)
- 4.3 Lachlan Holmes, respecting Light Rail Transit (LRT) (For April 19, 2017 GIC)
- 4.4 Craig Burley, respecting Light Rail Transit (LRT) (For April 19, 2017 GIC)
- 4.5 Anna Davey, Hamilton Women's March, respecting Light Rail Transit (LRT) (For April 19, 2017 GIC)
- 4.6 Tej Sandhu, MERIT Brewing Company, respecting Light Rail Transit (LRT) (For April 19, 2017 GIC)
- 4.7 Mary Long, United Way of Hamilton-Burlington; and, Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOC16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC)
- 4.8 S. Jaspar Kujavsky, Golden Horseshoe Enterprises Inc., respecting Item 7.1 – Report CM17008, FirstOntario Centre (For April 5, 2017 GIC)
- 4.9 Blake Oliver, Vice President of Education, McMaster Students Union, respecting Light Rail Transit (LRT) (For April 19, 2017 GIC)
- 4.10 Joey Coleman, respecting Light Rail Transit (LRT) (For April 19, 2017 GIC)
- 4.11 Eric Gillis, respecting Light Rail Transit (LRT) (For April 19, 2017 GIC)
- 4.12 Sarah Warry-Poljanski, respecting Light Rail Transit (LRT) (For April 19, 2017 GIC)

- 4.13 Don Jaffray and Sara Mayo, Social Planning & Research Council, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC)
- 4.14 Stephanie Cox, Lawyer, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC)
- 4.15 David Premi, DPAI Architecture Inc., respecting the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Assessment (For April 19, 2017 GIC)
- 4.16 Katrina Gervais, Speak Now Hamilton, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC)
- 4.17 Tyler Henderson, Street Youth Planning Collaborative – Youth Leaders Committee, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC)
- 4.18 Alain H. Bureau, respecting Report FCS17021, New Municipal Flexibility for Vacant Unit Rebates and Vacant/Excess Land Subclasses (For April 5, 2017 GIC)
- 4.19 Kojo Dampsey, KAD Education, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC)
- 4.20 Joanne Santucci, Hamilton Food Share, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC)
- 4.21 Reverend Sue Nicolls, Anglican Diocese of Niagara, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC)
- 4.22 John McGreal, respecting the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Assessment (For April 19, 2017 GIC)
- 4.23 Dr. Deborah Sloboda, McMaster University, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC)
- 4.24 Ted Gill, respecting the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Assessment (For April 19, 2017 GIC)

- 4.25 Joan MacNeil, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC)
- 4.26 Wayne Baker, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC)
- 4.27 Elske de Visch Eybergen, Shalem Mental Health Network WrapAround, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC)

2. DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

- 6.1 Shekar Chandrashekar, respecting the Water and Sewer Surcharges as they related to the Hamilton Police Service Budget (For the April 5, 2017 GIC)

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

- 8.5 Integrity Commissioner / Lobbyist Registrar Contract Renewal (CL17003/LS17012) (City Wide)

4. NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 9)

- 10.1 Investigation of Negative Impacts to the Greensville and Dundas Neighbourhoods Associated with the Increase in Visitors to Webster and Tews Falls and the Dundas Peak

5. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)

- 12.2 Bargaining Update (no copy)

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (d) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (d) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to labour relations or employee negotiations.

- 12.3 Stadium Litigation Update (no copy)

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) of 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.

The agenda for the April 5, 2017 General Issues Committee meeting, as further amended, was approved.

The Agenda for the April 5, 2017 General Issues Committee meeting was further amended by adding the following:

- 4.28 Delegation Request submitted by Monique LaVallee, Board President, Hamilton Executive Directors Aboriginal Coalition, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC)

The Agenda for the April 5 General Issues Committee meeting was further amended by adding the following:

- 11.2 Correspondence from The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton, Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC).

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

Councillor A. VanderBeek declared an interest to Item 12.2 – Bargaining Update, as her son works for the City of Hamilton and is a CUPE 5167 member.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) March 22, 2017

The Minutes of the March 22, 2017 meeting of the General Issues Committee were approved, as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

The following delegation requests were approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on the dates indicated:

- (i) Barry R. Betzner, respecting Light Rail Transit (LRT) (For April 19, 2017 GIC) (Item 4.1)
- (ii) Keanin Loomis, President & CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting Light Rail Transit (LRT) (For April 19, 2017 GIC) (Item 4.2)
- (iii) Lachlan Holmes, respecting Light Rail Transit (LRT) (For April 19, 2017 GIC) (Item 4.3)
- (iv) Craig Burley, respecting Light Rail Transit (LRT) (For April 19, 2017 GIC) (Item 4.4)
- (v) Anna Davey, Hamilton Women's March, respecting Light Rail Transit (LRT) (For April 19, 2017 GIC) (Item 4.5)
- (vi) Tej Sandhu, MERIT Brewing Company, respecting Light Rail Transit (LRT) (For April 19, 2017 GIC) (Item 4.6)
- (vii) Mary Long, United Way of Hamilton-Burlington; and, Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOC16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC) (Item 4.7)
- (viii) S. Jaspar Kujavsky, Golden Horseshoe Enterprises Inc., respecting Item 7.1 – Report CM17008, FirstOntario Centre (For April 5, 2017 GIC) (Item 4.8)
- (ix) Blake Oliver, Vice President of Education, McMaster Students Union, respecting Light Rail Transit (LRT) (For April 19, 2017 GIC) (Item 4.9)
- (x) Joey Coleman, respecting Light Rail Transit (LRT) (For April 19, 2017 GIC) (Item 4.10)
- (xi) Eric Gillis, respecting Light Rail Transit (LRT) (For April 19, 2017 GIC) (Item 4.11)
- (xii) Sarah Warry-Poljanski, respecting Light Rail Transit (LRT) (For April 19, 2017 GIC) (Item 4.12)
- (xiii) Don Jaffray and Sara Mayo, Social Planning & Research Council, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC) (Item 4.13)
- (xiv) Marla Brown in place of Stephanie Cox, Lawyer, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC) (Item 4.14)

- (xv) David Premi, DPAI Architecture Inc., respecting the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Assessment (For April 19, 2017 GIC) (Item 4.15)
- (xvi) Katrina Gervais, Speak Now Hamilton, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC) (Item 4.16)
- (xvii) Tyler Henderson, Street Youth Planning Collaborative – Youth Leaders Committee, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC) (Item 4.17)
- (xviii) Alain H. Bureau, respecting Report FCS17021, New Municipal Flexibility for Vacant Unit Rebates and Vacant/Excess Land Subclasses (For April 5, 2017 GIC) (Item 4.18)
- (xix) Kojo Dampsey, KAD Education, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC) (Item 4.19)
- (xx) Joanne Santucci, Hamilton Food Share, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC) (Item 4.20)
- (xxi) Reverend Sue Nicolls, Anglican Diocese of Niagara, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC) (Item 4.21)
- (xxii) John McGreal, respecting the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Assessment (For April 19, 2017 GIC)
- (xxiii) Dr. Deborah Sloboda, McMaster University, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC)
- (xxiv) Ted Gill, respecting the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Assessment (For April 19, 2017 GIC)
- (xxv) Joan MacNeil, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC)
- (xxvi) Wayne Baker, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC)

- (xxvi) Elske de Visch Eybergen, Shalem Mental Health Network WrapAround, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC)

(d) DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Shekar Chandrashekar, respecting the Water and Sewer Surcharges as they related to the Hamilton Police Service Budget (Item 6.1))

Shekar Chandrashekar, addressed Committee respecting the Water and Sewer Surcharges as they related to the Hamilton Police Service Budget.

The presentation provided by Shekar Chandrashekar, respecting the Water and Sewer Surcharges as they related to the Hamilton Police Service Budget, was received.

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

(ii) Mary Long, United Way of Hamilton-Burlington; and, Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOC16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (Item 6.2)

Mary Long, United Way of Hamilton-Burlington; and, Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, addressed Committee respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOC16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan.

The presentation provided by Mary Long, United Way of Hamilton-Burlington; and, Tom Cooper, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOC16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan, was received.

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For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

(iii) S. Jaspar Kujavsky, Golden Horseshoe Enterprises Inc., respecting Item 7.1 – Report CM17008, FirstOntario Centre (Item 6.3)

S. Jaspar Kujavsky, Golden Horseshoe Enterprises Inc., addressed Committee respecting Item 7.1 – Report CM17008, FirstOntario Centre.

The presentation provided by S. Jaspar Kujavsky, Golden Horseshoe Enterprises Inc., respecting Item 7.1 – Report CM17008, FirstOntario Centre, was received.

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

(iv) Don Jaffray and Sara Mayo, Social Planning & Research Council, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (Item 6.4)

Don Jaffray and Sara Mayo, Social Planning & Research Council, addressed Committee respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan.

The presentation provided by Don Jaffray and Sara Mayo, Social Planning & Research Council, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan, was received.

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For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

(v) Marla Brown, Lawyer, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (Item 6.5)

Marla Brown, Lawyer, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic, addressed Committee respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan.

The presentation provided by Marla Brown, Lawyer, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan, was received.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

(vi) Katrina Gervais, Speak Now Hamilton, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (Item 6.6)

Katrina Gervais, Speak Now Hamilton, addressed Committee respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan.

The presentation provided by Katrina Gervais, Speak Now Hamilton, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan, was received.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

(vii) Tyler Henderson, Street Youth Planning Collaborative – Youth Leaders Committee, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (Item 6.7)

Tyler Henderson, Street Youth Planning Collaborative – Youth Leaders Committee, addressed Committee respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan.

The presentation provided by Tyler Henderson, Street Youth Planning Collaborative – Youth Leaders Committee, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan, was received.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

(viii) Alain H. Bureau, respecting Report FCS17021, New Municipal Flexibility for Vacant Unit Rebates and Vacant/Excess Land Subclasses (Item 6.8)

Alain H. Bureau, addressed Committee respecting Report FCS17021, New Municipal Flexibility for Vacant Unit Rebates and Vacant/Excess Land Subclasses.

The presentation provided by Alain H. Bureau, respecting Report FCS17021, New Municipal Flexibility for Vacant Unit Rebates and Vacant/Excess Land Subclasses, was received.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

(ix) Kojo Damphey, KAD Education, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (Item 6.9)

Kojo Damphey, KAD Education, addressed Committee respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan.

The presentation provided by Kojo Damphey, KAD Education, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan, was received.

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

(x) Joanne Santucci, Hamilton Food Share, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (Item 6.10)

Joanne Santucci, Hamilton Food Share, addressed Committee respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan.

The presentation provided by Joanne Santucci, Hamilton Food Share, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan, were received.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

(xi) Reverend Sue Nicolls, Anglican Diocese of Niagara, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (Item 6.11)

Reverend Sue Nicolls, Anglican Diocese of Niagara, addressed Committee respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan.

The presentation provided by Reverend Sue Nicolls, Anglican Diocese of Niagara, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan, was received.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

(xii) Dr. Deborah Sloboda, McMaster University, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (Item 6.12)

Dr. Deborah Sloboda, McMaster University, addressed Committee respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan.

The presentation provided by Dr. Deborah Sloboda, McMaster University, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan, be received.

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

(xiii) Joan MacNeil, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (Item 6.13)

Joan MacNeil addressed Committee respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan.

The presentation provided by Joan MacNeil, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan, was received.

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

(xiv) Wayne Baker, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (Item 6.14)

Mr. Baker did not present.

(xv) Elske de Visch Eybergen, Shalem Mental Health Network WrapAround, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (Item 6.15)

Elske de Visch Eybergen, Shalem Mental Health Network WrapAround, addressed Committee respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan.

The presentation provided by Elske de Visch Eybergen, Shalem Mental Health Network WrapAround, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan, was received.

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

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

(xvi) Monique LaVallee, Board President, Hamilton Executive Directors Aboriginal Coalition, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (Item 6.16)

Monique LaVallee, Board President, Hamilton Executive Directors Aboriginal Coalition, addressed Committee respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan.

The presentation provided by Monique LaVallee, Board President, Hamilton Executive Directors Aboriginal Coalition, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan, was received.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

(e) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) FirstOntario Centre (CM17008) (Item 7.1)

Chris Murray, City Manager introduced the presentation respecting Report CM17008, respecting FirstOntario Centre. John Hertel, Director, Strategic Partnerships & Revenue Generation, continued with the balance of the presentation.

The presentation respecting Report CM17008, FirstOntario Centre, was received.

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

- (a) Sub-section (c) to Report CM17008, respecting the FirstOntario Centre, was amended by adding the words “**to prepare a Terms of Reference**”, to read as follows:
 - (c) That staff be directed **to prepare a Terms of Reference** to further investigate the future requirements of a sports and entertainment venue in the city by engaging community stakeholders, industry experts and comparator municipalities to develop and report back to the General Issues Committee; and,
- (b) Sub-section (d) to Report CM17008, respecting the FirstOntario Centre, was amended by adding the words “**and report back to the General Issues Committee**” to read as follows:
 - (d) That staff be directed to conduct the appropriate due diligence in the event that staff receives an unsolicited proposal outlining an opportunity to secure private investment in a FirstOntario Centre upgrade or replacement within the framework of the Procurement Policy, **and report back to the General Issues Committee.**

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

Councillors Collins, Green, Merulla and Partridge wished to be recorded as OPPOSED to sub-sections (c) and (d) of the Main Motion, as amended.

(ii) Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (BOH16034/CES16043) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting Report BOH16034/CES16043, the Poverty Reduction Investment Plan.

The presentation respecting Report BOH16034/CES16043, the Poverty Reduction Investment Plan, was received.

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

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

(f) MOTIONS (Item 9)

(i) Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (Item 9.1)

The Motion respecting the Poverty Reduction Investment Plan, was amended by adding a new sub-section (e) to read as follows:

- (e) *That staff be directed to include in the report back to the General Issues Committee, referenced in sub-section (b) above, the \$10 million to be invested over 10 years (\$1 million/year) toward Indigenous-led poverty reduction and affordable housing, to be allocated to and directed by Hamilton Executive Directors Aboriginal Coalition, to address disproportionate rates of poverty, housing insecurity, and homelessness.***

The Main Motion, as amended, CARRIED unanimously on the following Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas: Eisenberger, Skelly, Whitehead, Jackson, Collins, Merulla, Green, Farr, A. Johnson, Conley, Pearson, Ferguson, VanderBeek, Partridge
Total: 14
Absent: B. Johnson, R. Pasuta
Total: 2

For disposition of the matter above, please refer to Item 8.

(g) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

Councillor Partridge introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Investigation of Negative Impacts to the Greensville and Dundas Neighbourhoods Associated with the Increase in Visitors to Webster and Tess Falls and the Dundas Peak (Item 10.1)

WHEREAS, Hamilton has been promoted as “The Waterfall Capital of the World” and annual visitors to Webster and Tews Falls and the Dundas Peak continue to increase (84,000 in 2016 not including annual pass holders or unpaid visitors);

WHEREAS, the increased visitors to Webster and Tews Falls and the Dundas Peak are wreaking havoc on Greensville and Dundas neighbourhoods with serious negative impacts including, but not limited to:

- traffic and parking issues for local residents such as gridlock on local streets, visitors blocking roadways and blocking resident’s driveways; and,
- nuisance issues such as littering and picnicking on resident’s lawns;
- emergency vehicle access impacts for residents

WHEREAS, measures to combat overcrowding such as the installation of “No Parking” signs, extra staff and proactive by-law enforcement on weekends, and the implementation of fees for visitors to Webster and Tews Falls and the Dundas Peak have had no deterrent effect whatsoever;

WHEREAS, increased visitors to Webster and Tews Falls and the Dundas Peak are also having negative effects on the environment including damage

from littering and trampled ecosystems, as well as safety issues for people on the narrow trails; and,

WHEREAS, regular rescue calls for “risk takers” at Webster and Tews Falls and the Dundas Peak is a concern for emergency service providers (i.e. fire, police and paramedics);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That City staff be directed to form a multi-disciplinary working group to conduct a comprehensive, multi-faceted investigation of public safety and the negative impacts to the Greensville and Dundas neighbourhoods associated with the increase in visitors to Webster and Tews Falls and the Dundas Peak;
- (b) That the Hamilton Conservation Authority, the Hamilton Police Service, EMS, Traffic, Parking, By-law, and CN Railway and any other required staff/agency be requested to participate in the review;
- (c) That staff be directed to report back to the 3 area Councillors and the General Issues Committee no later than September 2017 with potential solutions to the problems associated with the increase in visitors to Webster and Tews Falls and the Dundas Peak.

The Rules of Order were waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting the Investigation of Negative Impacts to the Greensville and Dundas Neighbourhoods Associated with the Increase in Visitors to Webster and Tess Falls and the Dundas Peak.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 10.

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

The following amendment to the General Issues Committee’s Outstanding Business List, were approved:

11.1 Amendments to the Outstanding Business List:

- (a) Items to be Referred to the Appropriate Standing Committee:
 - (i) Public Works Committee:
 - (1) Annual Clean and Green Update
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- 11.2 That the correspondence from The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton, Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton, respecting Item 7.2 – Report BOH16034/CES16043, Poverty Reduction Investment Plan (For April 5, 2017 GIC), be received.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

(i) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)

(i) Closed Session Minutes – March 22, 2017 (Item 12.1)

- (a) The Closed Session Minutes of the March 22, 2017 General Issues Committee meeting, were approved; and,
- (b) The Closed Session Minutes of the March 22, 2017 General Issues Committee meeting will remain confidential.

Committee moved into Closed Session respecting Items 12.2 and 12.3, pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (d), (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (d), (e) and (f) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to:

- Labour relations or employee negotiations;
- 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.

(ii) Bargaining Update (Item 12.2)

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 11.

(iii) Stadium Litigation Update (Item 12.3)

Staff was provided with direction in Closed Session.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 12.

(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Skelly, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator,
Office of the City Clerk