



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 18-005

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillors D. Conley, T. Whitehead, J. Partridge – Personal

**1. Capital Projects Work-in-Progress Review Sub-Committee, Report 18-001,
January 29, 2018 (Item 5.1)**

(Farr/Skelly)

**Public Works - Capital Projects Status Report as of September 30, 2017
(FCS17076(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

- (a) That the Capital Projects Status Report, Public Works Tax Supported Projects, as of September 30, 2017, attached as Appendix “A” to Report FCS17076(a), be received; and,
- (b) That the Capital Project Status Report, Public Works Rate Supported Projects, as of September 30, 2017, attached as Appendix “B” to Report FCS17076(a), be received.

CARRIED

**2. Concession Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) Revised Board of
Management (PED14242(f)) (Wards 6 and 7) (Item 5.2)**

(Skelly/Ferguson)

That the following individual be appointed to the Concession Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Management:

- (i) James Knott

CARRIED

**3. Transit (HSR) Passenger Information Technology (PW18018) (City Wide)
(Item 5.3)**

(Eisenberger/Skelly)

That Report PW18018, respecting the Transit (HSR) Passenger Information Technology, be received.

CARRIED

4. Vic Djurdjevic, Nikola Tesla Educational Corporation, respecting the 120th Anniversary of Hamilton's "Power Turned On" (Item 6.1)

(Eisenberger/Pearson)

(a) That the presentation, respecting the 120th Anniversary of Hamilton's "Power Turned On", be referred to the Director of Culture & Tourism to assist in the promotion of the event and to offset the costs from within the existing 2018 operating budget; and,

(b) That the fees for the event being held at the Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology and the reception at City Hall, by the Nikola Tesla Educational Corporation, respecting the 120th Anniversary of Hamilton's "Power Turned On" be waived.

CARRIED

5. Amendments to the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Community Improvement Plan (CIP) (PED18030) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Farr/Collins)

(a) That Report PED18030, respecting the proposed amendments to the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Community Improvement Plan (CIP), be received;

(b) That staff be directed to bring forward to the Planning Committee for a statutory public meeting, in accordance with Section 17 (15) (d) of the *Planning Act*, the following recommended revisions to the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Community Improvement Plan (CIP);

(i) That the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Community Improvement Project Area, as set out in Report PED18030, and that the By-law attached to Report PED18030 to amend the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Community Improvement Project Area as Appendix "A" be enacted;

(ii) That the City's maximum contribution as part of the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Study Grant

Program be increased from \$25K to \$35K for two studies per property / project be approved;

- (iii) That the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Study Grant Program date, for maximum of two studies per property, be reset to July 1, 2011;
- (iv) That additional administrative requirements regarding submission and enactment of Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Study Grant applications, be approved;
- (v) That additional eligible costs be added to the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Study Grant and Redevelopment Grant Program to cover Designated Substances and Hazardous Material Survey and Industrial / Office Reuse Feasibility Study and their removal and abatement in the Older Industrial Area, be approved;
- (vi) That additional eligible costs be added to the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Study Grant and Redevelopment Grant Program to cover Designated Substances and Hazardous Material Survey and their removal and abatement applicable to current / closed Institutional uses as an eligible cost across the Community Improvement Project Area (CIPA), be approved;
- (vii) That additional eligible costs be added to the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Study Grant and Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant Program to cover Designated Substances and Hazardous Material Survey and their removal and abatement applicable to designated Heritage Buildings as an eligible cost across the Community Improvement Project Area (CIPA), be approved;
- (viii) That staff be authorized to implement and administer the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant Program, including the additional eligible costs, once the amendment has come into force and effect;
- (ix) That the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Tax Assistance Program includes Environmental Insurance Premiums as an eligible cost, be approved;
- (x) That the interest rate for the Downtown Hamilton / West Harbourfront Remediation Loan Program (RLP) be decreased from

prime minus 1% to 0% and the loan repayment period be reduced from ten years to five years;

- (xi) That the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) titled Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Community Improvement Plan (October 2017), as amended, and attached as Appendix “B” to Report PED18030 be approved; and,
- (xii) That any changes to the program description and terms be by way of Council resolution.

CARRIED

6. Business Improvement Area Commercial Property Improvement Grant Program and Commercial Property Improvement Grant Program - Amendment to Program Descriptions and Terms (PED18044) (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 15) (Item 8.1)

(Green/Farr)

- (a) That Appendix “C” to the Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan, being the Program Description and Terms of the Business Improvement Area Commercial Property Improvement Grant Program, be deleted and replaced with the Program Description and Terms attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED18044; and,
- (b) That Appendix “G” to the Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Plan, being the Program Description and Terms of the Commercial Property Improvement Grant Program, be deleted and replaced with the Program Description and Terms, attached as Appendix “B” to Report PED18044.

CARRIED

7. Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board Liaison Committee Report 18-001, January 29, 2018 (Item 8.2)

(Eisenberger/Green)

(a) Location of Cannabis Retail Outlets (Item 8.1)

That the “Declaration from Canadian School Boards regarding the Impact of Cannabis Legalization on Schools”, attached as Appendix “A” to the HWCDSB Liaison Committee Report 18-001, be received.

(b) West Harbour Growth Accommodation in Schools (Item 8.2)

That the General Issues Committee be advised that the HWCDSB Liaison Committee has considered the matter respecting West Harbour Growth Accommodation in Schools (as referred from the General Issues

Committee at the November 2, 2016 meeting), and both the City and HWCDSB are aware of future needs.

CARRIED

8. Corporate Strategic Growth Initiatives – Long Term Sustainability (CM16013(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(Pearson/Eisenberger)

That Report CM16013(b), respecting the Corporate Strategic Growth Initiatives – Long Term Sustainability, be received.

CARRIED

9. Canadian Country Music Week 2019 (PED18058) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

(Pearson/Eisenberger)

(a) That staff be directed to secure the 2019 Canadian County Music Week event and within a project budget of \$850,000;

(b) That the \$550,000, previously approved by Council to host the 2019 JUNO Awards, be reallocated to support the 2019 Canadian Country Music Week event;

(c) That staff be directed to secure the balance of \$300,000 from other levels of government and the private sector to support the 2019 Canadian Country Music Week event and, if staff is successful in raising in excess of the project budget, any excess funds be used to reduce the municipal contribution; and,

(d) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the 2019 Canadian Country Music Association (CCMA) Contract, between the CCMA and the City of Hamilton, together with all necessary ancillary documents, with the content acceptable to the Director of Tourism, Culture and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

10. Affordable Housing Site Selection Sub-Committee Report 18-001, February 15, 2018 (Item 8.5)

(Collins/Farr)

Transfer of City of Hamilton Sites to CityHousing Hamilton for Development (Item 9.1)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's Strategic Plan recognizes and supports the need for new affordable housing units as one of the City's top priorities;

WHEREAS, the Access to Housing waitlist continues to grow at an alarming rate with an estimated 6,200 families, seniors and individuals currently on the list;

WHEREAS, the City's Housing and Homelessness Action Plan targets an aggressive 50% reduction in the Access to Housing Waitlist by 2023;

WHEREAS, the City's Housing and Homelessness Action Plan emphasizes the need to provide new affordable housing units;

WHEREAS, the rising cost of real estate presents a significant challenge to social housing providers;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has an inventory of properties that could facilitate the construction of new affordable housing units;

WHEREAS, City of Hamilton staff has met with CityHousing staff and Board representatives to discuss opportunities related to utilizing underperforming City of Hamilton parking lots: Park Lot #66 located at 106 Bay Street Northland Park; and, Lot #73 located at 253 King William Street (see attached map), as a means to support the construction of new affordable housing units;

WHEREAS, City of Hamilton staff has also identified an unused portion of 701 Upper Sherman Ave., which interlocks with an existing CityHousing Hamilton Corporation site on Macassa Ave. (see attached map), as a potential City owned site for building new affordable housing units;

WHEREAS, CityHousing Hamilton Corporation has begun a revitalization process that requires the acquisition of land for the rebuilding of 100 units of social housing, following an approved sale of poor performing single and semi-detached housing units, as well as for the possible relocation of residents from the Jamesville social housing community in the West Harbour during its redevelopment; and,

WHEREAS, CityHousing Hamilton Corporation has completed financial modelling for the utilization of the above mentioned three sites as part of its revitalization process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Real Estate Section of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to sell, at nominal price of \$2.00, Car Park Lot #66 (106-104 Bay Street North) to CityHousing Hamilton Corporation on such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development;
- (b) That the Real Estate Section of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to sell, at nominal price of \$2.00 Car Park Lot #73 (253-257 King William Street) to CityHousing Hamilton Corporation on such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development;

- (c) That the Real Estate Section of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to sell, at nominal price of \$2.00, the unused portion of 701 Upper Sherman Avenue that interlocks with an existing CityHousing Hamilton Corporation owned site on Macassa Avenue to CityHousing Hamilton Corporation on such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development;
- (d) That the transfer of Car Park Lot #66, Car Park Lot#73, and the unused portion of 701 Upper Sherman Avenue be subject to any requisite requirements to protect for servicing, utilities and road widenings, as determined by new reference plans to be completed by Geomatics and Corridor Management Section of the Public Works Department;
- (e) That the City Solicitor complete the transfers of Car Park Lot #66, Car Park Lot #73, and the unused portion of 701 Upper Sherman Avenue pursuant to the terms and conditions of the agreement negotiated by the Planning and Economic Development Department and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (f) That the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development be authorized and directed to execute all required documents on behalf of the City of Hamilton to transfer Car Park Lot #66, Car Park Lot #73, and the unused portion of 701 Upper Sherman Avenue, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (g) That \$4,500 be charged to Account No. 500005-22018 (City of Hamilton Payable) and credited to Account No. 45408-3560150200 (Property Purchases and Sales) for Legal and Real Estate fees;
- (h) That all other expenses associated with the transfer of Car Park Lot #66, Car Park Lot #73, and the unused portion of 701 Upper Sherman Avenue be charged to Account No. 500005-220; and,
- (i) That Car Park Lots #66 (106-104 Bay Street North) and #73 (253-257 King William Street) be permitted to continue operations until new development begins.

CARRIED

11. Funding to Complete the Renovations and Accessibility Features at the Hamilton Public Library - Locke Branch (Item 9.2)

(A. Johnson/Farr)

- (a) That \$30,000, to be funded through 2018 Ward 1 area rating fund be provided to the Hamilton Public Library to complete the renovations and accessibility features at the Locke Branch; and,

- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, respecting the funding to complete the renovations and accessibility features at the Hamilton Public Library - Locke Branch, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

12. Legal Services Staffing (LS18011) (City Wide) (Item 12.2)

(Collins/Skelly)

- (a) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to extend the current temporary contracts, for the positions shown below, beyond the completed 24 months, with no impact to the levy, as the positions are currently funded through the 2018 Legal Services operating budget:
 - (i) Two (2) Solicitors – to be extended from August 2018 to project completion;
 - (ii) One (1) Law Clerk – to be extended from August 2018 to project completion; and,
 - (iii) One (1) Legal Assistant – to be extended from August 2018 to project completion; and,
- (b) That Report LS18011, respecting Legal Services Staffing, remain confidential until approved by Council.

CARRIED

13. Hamilton Street Railway TransCab Service (HUR18004) (City Wide) (Item 12.3)

(B. Johnson/Pearson)

That Report HUR18004, respecting the Hamilton Street Railway TransCab Service, be referred to the February 28, 2018 meeting of Council for consideration.

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

1. DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

- 4.3 Barry Conway, CUPE Local 5167, respecting Report CM18003/PW18010 – Stadium Event Booking Function (Pilot) (For March 21, 2018)
- 4.4 Anthony Marco, Hamilton District Labour Council, respecting Report CM18003/PW18010 – Stadium Event Booking Function (Pilot) (For March 21, 2018)
- 4.5 Mary Love, Council of Canadians, Hamilton Chapter, to Appear before Committee on March 21st, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, to ask City Council to take a Formal Stand Indicating its Intention to Deny the Use of City Parks and Public Places to Hate Groups (For March 21, 2018)

2. DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

- 6.1 Vic Djurdjevic, Nikola Tesla Educational Corporation, respecting the 120th Anniversary of Hamilton's "Power Turned On" (no copy)

Although the delegate had previously requested to be moved to the March 21, 2018 General Issues Committee agenda, Mr. Djurdjevic has since requested to appear on February 21st instead.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

- 8.5 Affordable Housing Site Selection Sub-Committee Report 18-001, February 15, 2018

4. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)

- 12.2 Legal Services Staffing (LS18011) (City Wide)

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (b) and (d) of the City's Procedural By-law 14-300, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (b) and (d) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City employees; and, labour relations or employee negotiations.

- 12.3 Hamilton Street Railway TransCab Service (HUR18004) (City Wide)

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.

(Pearson/Pasuta)

That the agenda for the February 21, 2018 General Issues Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

Councillor Ferguson asked staff if Item 12.3, Report HUR18004, respecting Hamilton Street Railway TransCab Service involved the taxi industry to determine whether or not he may have a conflict. Staff advised that the matter was not related to the taxi industry.

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

(i) February 7, 2018 (Item 3.1)

(Merulla/Green)

That the Minutes of the February 7, 2018 General Issues Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Ken Stone, Community Coalition Against Racism, to Appear before Committee on March 21st, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, to ask City Council to take a Formal Stand Indicating its Intention to Deny the Use of City Parks and Public Places to Hate Groups (For the March 21st GIC) (Item 4.1)

(Eisenberger/Green)

That the delegation request, submitted by Ken Stone, Community Coalition Against Racism, to appear before Committee on March 21st, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, to ask City Council to take a formal stand indicating its intention to deny the use of City parks and public places to hate groups, be approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on March 21, 2018.

CARRIED

- (ii) **Evelyn Myrie, Afro Canadian Caribbean, to Appear before Committee on March 21st, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, to ask City Council to take a Formal Stand Indicating its Intention to Deny the Use of City Parks and Public Places to Hate Groups (For the March 21st GIC) (Item 4.2)**

(Farr/A. Johnson)

That the delegation request, submitted by Evelyn Myrie, Afro Canadian Caribbean, to appear before Committee on March 21st, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, to ask City Council to take a formal stand indicating its intention to deny the use of City parks and public places to hate groups, be approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on March 21, 2018.

CARRIED

- (iii) **Barry Conway, CUPE Local 5167, respecting Report CM18003/PW18010 – Stadium Event Booking Function (Pilot) (For March 21, 2018) (Item 4.3)**

(Green/B. Johnson)

That the delegation request, submitted by Barry Conway, CUPE Local 5167, respecting Report CM18003/PW18010 – Stadium Event Booking Function, be approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on March 21, 2018.

CARRIED

- (iv) **Anthony Marco, Hamilton District Labour Council, respecting Report CM18003/PW18010 – Stadium Event Booking Function (Pilot) (For March 21, 2018) (Item 4.4)**

(Green/B. Johnson)

That the delegation request, submitted by Anthony Marco, Hamilton District Labour Council, respecting Report CM18003/PW18010 – Stadium Event Booking Function (Pilot), be approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on March 21, 2018.

CARRIED

- (v) **Mary Love, Council of Canadians, Hamilton Chapter, to Appear before Committee on March 21st, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, to ask City Council to take a Formal Stand Indicating its Intention to Deny the Use of City Parks and Public Places to Hate Groups (For March 21, 2018) (Item 4.5)**

(Green/Skelly)

That the delegation request, submitted by Mary Love, Council of Canadians, Hamilton Chapter, to appear before Committee on March 21st, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, to ask City

Council to take a formal stand indicating its intention to deny the use of City parks and public places to hate groups, be approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on March 21, 2018.

CARRIED

(e) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

- (i) Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board Liaison Committee Minutes 17-001, June 29, 2017 (Item 5.4)**

(Skelly/VanderBeek)

That the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board Liaison Committee Minutes 17-001, June 29, 2017, be received.

CARRIED

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

- (i) Vic Djurdjevic, Nikola Tesla Educational Corporation, respecting the 120th Anniversary of Hamilton's "Power Turned On" (Item 6.1)**

Vic Djurdjevic, Nikola Tesla Educational Corporation, addressed Committee respecting the 120th Anniversary of Hamilton's "Power Turned On".

(Eisenberger/Pearson)

That the presentation provided by Vic Djurdjevic, Nikola Tesla Educational Corporation, respecting the 120th Anniversary of Hamilton's "Power Turned On", be received.

CARRIED

A copy of 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 4.

(g) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

- (i) Amendments to the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Community Improvement Plan (CIP) (PED18030) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

Edward John, Senior Project Manager, Urban Renewal Section, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint respecting Report PED18030, Amendments to the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Community Improvement Plan (CIP).

(Collins/Farr)

That the presentation, respecting Report PED18030 – Amendments to the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Community Improvement Plan (CIP), be received.

CARRIED

A copy of 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 5.

(h) MOTIONS (Item 9)

(i) Inventory of Brownfield Lands (Item 9.1)

(Ferguson/VanderBeek)

That staff be directed to report back with an inventory of the brownfields areas, over the past ten years, factoring in the Province backstopping the clean-up of the Stelco lands.

CARRIED

(i) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

(i) Funding to Complete the Renovations and Accessibility Features at the Hamilton Public Library - Locke Branch (Item 10.1)

Councillor A. Johnson introduced a Notice of Motion respecting funding to complete the renovations and accessibility features the Hamilton Public Library – Locke Branch.

(A. Johnson/Farr)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting funding to complete the renovations and accessibility features at Hamilton Public Library – Locke Branch.

CARRIED

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

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

(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

(Farr/Green)

That the following Items be considered complete and removed from the General Issues Committee's Outstanding Business List:

- (i) Expression of Interest for a Professional Soccer League at the City's Tim Horton's Field (No longer required by the Councillor)
- (ii) State of the City Comparative Study – Amalgamation to Now (Addressed at the January 19, 2018 GIC Budget meeting, Report CM18001)
- (iii) Corporate Strategic Growth Initiatives – Long Term Sustainability (Addressed on today's agenda as Item 5.2 – Report CM16013(b))

CARRIED

(j) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)

As Committee determined that discussion of Items 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3 was not required in Closed Session; those items were addressed in Open Session, as follows:

(i) February 7, 2018 – Closed Session Minutes (Item 12.1)

(Collins/VanderBeek)

- (a) That the Closed Session Minutes of the February 7, 2018 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved; and,
- (b) That the Closed Session Minutes of the February 7, 2018 General Issues Committee meeting remain confidential.

CARRIED

(ii) Legal Services Staffing (LS18011) (City Wide) (Item 12.2)

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

(iii) Hamilton Street Railway TransCab Service (HUR18004) (City Wide) (Item 12.3)

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 13.

(k) ADJOURNMENT (Item 9)

(Eisenberger/Pasuta)

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee, be adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

T Jackson, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk