



Hamilton

Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force

Minutes 17-006

1:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 9, 2017

Room 830, City Hall

Present: Councillor J. Farr (Chair)
S. Braithwaite (Vice Chair)
K. Jarvi, J. Maurice and S. Sutherland

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor C. Collins – City Business
S. Mirza – Maternity Leave
T. Potocic

**Also Present
via
telephone:** C. Topp

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE TASK FORCE:

(a) VERBAL UPDATE FROM HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE (Item A)

(i) Social Navigator Program Update (A1)

P.C. Pete Wiesner, Social Navigator with the Hamilton Police Service, provided an overview of the Social Navigator Program and discussed what issues he assists clients with. P.C. Wiesner acts as an advocate and liaison for those in need and works with hospitals, social service agencies and other support organizations in the community to assist individuals in crisis. On average he deals with 45 individuals per week. The Social Navigator program has been a great success but increased resources would assist in helping more people.

(ii) Vandalism by Anti-Gentrification/Anarchist Advocates (A2)

Acting Sergeant Matt Fletcher advised the Task Force that the investigation into the vandalism and crimes committed by anti-gentrification/anarchist advocates is still active and ongoing. He is working

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with the Intelligence Branch on solving the crimes so he is unable to provide further information at this time.

(iii) King Street Beat Officer (A3)

P.C. Pete Wiesner, Social Navigator with the Hamilton Police Service, advised the Task Force that his role also encompasses working as the King Street Beat Officer. He provides a presence for both areas of his portfolio and continues to work with the resources he is provided.

(Braithwaite/Sutherland)

That the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force express their support to the Hamilton Police Service for the expansion of the Social Navigator Program while also maintaining the presence of a Beat Officer on King Street.

CARRIED

(Maurice/Sutherland)

That the update from the Hamilton Police Service, be received.

CARRIED

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

(Sutherland/Braithwaite)

WHEREAS, the *Ontario Municipal Act* and the City of Hamilton's Procedural By-law does not allow for the participation of Committee members at meetings of the City of Hamilton's committees by such means as telephone, Skype, or in any other remote way,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED:

That Cameron Topp be permitted to participate in discussions at the November 9, 2017 meeting of the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force by telephone, however, Cameron Topp cannot count towards quorum or vote on any matters before the Committee.

CARRIED

The Committee Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

(Braithwaite/Maurice)

That the agenda for the November 9, 2017 meeting of the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(d) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) September 14, 2017 (Item 3.1)

(Jarvi/Sutherland)

That the Minutes of the September 14, 2017 meeting of the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(i) International Village Graffiti Report (Item 8.1)

Susie Braithwaite provided an overview of her report about graffiti in the International Village. She noted that graffiti continues to be a major problem. As soon as one area is cleaned up another one is vandalized. She complimented Public Works staff on working to remove the graffiti but noted that more needs to be done.

Peter Wobschall, Supervisor, Program Development, Public Works Department, stated that graffiti clean-up is an inter-departmental effort and work on this matter continues to take place. A Report about the development of a Graffiti Management Strategy is going to the Public Works Committee on November 13, 2017.

(ii) Update on the Cash-for-Cups Initiative (Item 8.2)

Steve Sutherland provided a verbal overview about the Cash-for-Cups Initiative that took place in Corner Brook, Newfoundland earlier this year. He noted that the program was a tremendous success and that over 45,000 cups were collected. It was determined that a program like this may not work in Hamilton as it is too large in scope/scale.

(iii) Littering of Cigarette Butts (Item 8.3)

Strategies to address the issue of the littering of cigarette butts was discussed by the Task Force. Chair Farr will work with the representatives of the Downtown BIA and the International Village BIA to look into ways for funding an education and enforcement campaign. They will come back to a future meeting with the results of their discussion.

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)

(Maurice/Jarvi)

That there being no further business, the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force be adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor J. Farr, Chair
Cleanliness and Security in the
Downtown Core Task Force

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