



CITY OF HAMILTON
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Tourism and Culture Division

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	March 21, 2018
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Restoration of the Cross of Lorraine (PED18076) (Ward 8)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 8
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RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That staff be directed to secure the appropriate permissions from the property owner, to complete engineering and archeological studies to assist in developing a restoration plan for the Cross of Lorraine.
- (b) That these studies are to be financed from the Ward 8 Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve 108058 to an upset limit of \$10,000.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On November 22, 2017, the following motion was passed.

WHEREAS the Cross of Lorraine is a historical symbol for Hamilton's involvement in the fight against tuberculosis;

WHEREAS the Cross of Lorraine is a reflection of our compassion and care as a city for those who were afflicted with tuberculosis;

WHEREAS the Cross of Lorraine is a reminder for the many Inuit and soldier patients that were cared for at this location;

WHEREAS Councillor Whitehead has met with City staff, connected with Inuit tuberculosis survivors and Hamilton Sanatorium researchers;

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WHEREAS Councillor Whitehead intends to continue this dialogue working with staff, the Veterans Committee and Aboriginal Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS it was clear through the preliminary discussions with the groups Councillor Whitehead has connected with to date that the Cross of Lorraine should be lit as a reminder that the fight against tuberculosis is always with us; and,

WHEREAS through these discussions regarding the Cross of Lorraine, an opportunity prevailed to examine how we can provide a commemorative symbol, public art piece or plaquing that can facilitate the rich history of the Hamilton Sanatorium through a variety of lenses;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to develop a plan to determine the costing and scope of work needed to restore the Cross of Lorraine to its former glory; and,
- (b) That the Cross of Lorraine be lit, while discussions are ongoing with the Inuit and Veteran communities, in order to honour the experiences of these two groups.

Until staff has the engineer's design and construction specifications an estimate for the actual stabilization and conservation of the cross cannot be determined. Stage one archaeology is also required.

Also, the Cross is situated on private property, so permission must be obtained from the owner to work on the cross. It is expected that the lands and the Cross of Lorraine will be dedicated as part of the future development approvals.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: Ward 8 Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve 108058 to an upset limit of \$10,000 has been identified as the funding source for the studies.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The 25 foot Cross of Lorraine was erected by the E.L.Ruddy Company in November 1953 as a symbol of hope and humanity for victims of tuberculosis and their families. Over the years it has fallen into disrepair.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

N/A

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Manager, Finance and Administration (Corporate Services, Planning and Economic Development, City Manager's Office), Financial Planning, Administration, and Policy Division, Corporate Services Department

Ward Councillor

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Cross of Lorraine is an iconic and historical symbol for Hamilton's involvement in the fight against tuberculosis and appreciated by the community.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

N/A

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

Culture and Diversity

Hamilton is a thriving, vibrant place for arts, culture, and heritage where diversity and inclusivity are embraced and celebrated.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

N/A

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