



Hamilton

Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force

Minutes 18-001

1:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Room 830, City Hall

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

**Absent with
Regrets:** Councillor C. Collins – City Business
S. Mirza – Maternity Leave
C. Topp, Personal

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE TASK FORCE:

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

A representative from the Hamilton Police Service was not in attendance.

Susie Braithwaite indicated that there isn't enough police presence in the downtown core and the Police Service should be advised that more Street Beat Officers are required in the area.

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Chair advised that Cameron Topp is unable to participate by telephone in today's meeting.

The Committee Clerk advised of the following added Item to the agenda:

11.1 Update from Tim Potocic respecting Safe Injection Sites

(Braithwaite/Sutherland)

That the agenda for the February 8, 2018 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) November 9, 2017 (Item 3.1)

(Braithwaite/Maurice)

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

CARRIED

Chair Farr relinquished the Chair to Vice Chair Braithwaite and left the meeting

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(i) Report from the International Village BIA respecting the Downtown Alleyway Improvement Project (Item 8.1)

Susie Braithwaite addressed the Sub-Committee and copies of "Up Your Alley 2 Project Report" were distributed. Emily Walsh who prepared the report provided a verbal overview and highlighted what has worked and the limitations which were encountered.

It was noted that with the LRT project coming to a close at the end of next month, the alleyway issues need to be addressed.

(ii) Verbal Update from Peter Wobschall, Supervisor of Program Development respecting the Graffiti Management Strategy (Item 8.2)

Peter Wobschall, Supervisor, Program Development, Public Works Department, outlined the coordinated efforts of Public Works staff and Municipal Law Enforcement (MLE) staff. The MLE Division has hired two co-op students to help deal with the graffiti. Staff will present a spring update report to Council.

The Sub-Committee noted that it is hard on the property owners and the main challenge is graffiti prevention. More beat officers are needed in the evening hours.

Chair Farr returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair. He provided a brief update on his efforts to identify a funding source for a one time clean up of graffiti across the entire City and for an awareness campaign.

(iii) Verbal Update from Peter Wobschall, Supervisor of Program Development respecting the Information Kiosk and Poster Sleeve Expansion Pilot (Item 8.3)

Peter Wobschall, Supervisor of Program Development advised that he has continued to work on the information kiosk and poster sleeve expansion. Locations have been established. Staff are engaging a consultant and installer for the pilot. There will be a request for proposals (RFP) to repair the rusted kiosks. He offered to circulate a map indicating the locations of the aluminum kiosks.

(iv) Littering of Cigarette Butts (no copy) (8.4)

Peter Wobschall indicated that the plan is to purchase new litter containers with butt receptacles which will be strategically placed. The first step would be the branding for the public education posters. He estimates the branding would cost \$10,000 and \$40,000 would be needed for the program.

(f) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Update respecting Safe Injection Sites (Added 11.1)

Tim Potocic advised that he has been approached by Jill Wiwcharuk from the Shelter Health Network and Ron Dick of Police Services to put a pop up safe injection site in one of his parking lots in March for six months until a permanent site is in place. The proposal is for a tent to be located on James and Vine and he has agreed to do it.

The Chair indicated that the City's Medical Officer of Health has a plan but it does not include the BIA members or the Shelter Health Network.

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)

(Braithwaite/Maurice)

That there being no further business, the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force be adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ida Bedioui, Legislative Coordinator
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