



Hamilton

Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force

Report 18-002

1:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Room 830, City Hall

Present: Councillor J. Farr (Chair)
S. Braithwaite (Vice Chair)
Councillor C. Collins, C. Topp, K. Jarvi

**Absent with
Regrets:** J. Maurice, S. Mirza (maternity leave), T. Potocic and
S. Sutherland

THE CLEANLINESS AND SECURITY IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE TASK FORCE PRESENTS REPORT 18-002 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Cigarette Butt Litter Campaign (Item 8.2)

WHEREAS, the littering of cigarette butts is an increasing concern across the City of Hamilton but especially in the Downtown Core; and,

WHEREAS, the littering of cigarette butts is in violation of the City's existing by-laws; and,

WHEREAS, Business Improvement Areas as well as committees such as Keep Hamilton Clean and Green and the BIA Advisory Committee have been making attempts to address the discarding of cigarette butts for several years; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has already begun to develop plans for an educational program to combat the issue of cigarette butt littering,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to investigate and identify potential funding sources, in the approximate amount of \$35,000, to develop an education campaign to address the littering of cigarette butts; and,

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- (b) That, if the education campaign is undertaken and upon its completion, that staff be directed to investigate the feasibility and costs of targeted enforcement measures to address cigarette butt litter and report back to the Planning Committee; and,
- (c) That Task Force member, Cameron Topp, be designated as the spokesperson for this Item when it comes forward at the General Issues Committee.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)

The agenda for the April 5, 2018 meeting of the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force was approved, as presented.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) February 8, 2018 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the February 8, 2018 meeting of the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force were approved, as presented.

(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(i) Update from the Hamilton Police Service respecting Matters of Interest in the Downtown Core (Item 8.1)

Sgt. Jon Murphy, Division 1 Crime Manager, with the Hamilton Police Service, was in attendance to answer questions from the Task Force. He introduced himself as the new Crime Manager for Division 1 and said that he looks forward to working with the Task Force.

Issues raised included, but were not limited to, the following: aggressive panhandling that is extending onto the street/into traffic, graffiti and crime reporting.

- (ii) **Verbal Update from Peter Wobschall, Supervisor of Program Development, Public Works Department, respecting the City's application to the Keep America Beautiful organization for funding for the Cigarette Butt Litter Campaign (Item 8.2)**

Peter Wobschall, Supervisor, Program Development, Public Works Department, provided the Task Force with an update about the City's recent grant submission to the Keep American Beautiful organization. The submission was in the amount of \$20,000 to assist with the purchase of litter containers as well as develop an education program to address cigarette butt litter. Regrettably, the application was not successful. The organization tended to award grants to smaller-sized cities and those places with less staff and resources.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

- (iii) **Verbal Update from Staff on Capital Works Projects on James Street South (Item 8.3)**

Chair Farr advised the Task Force that work on the James Street South area is underway. The road on the west side of James Street at the bridge is being repaired and a new mural is being developed.

There have been challenges with the road because of grading but plans are well underway and on-site meetings have been held to address the various concerns.

- (iv) **Verbal Update from Alissa Mahood and Christine Newbold, Community Planning and Design, respecting the Downtown Secondary Plan (Item 8.4)**

Ms. Mahood and Ms. Newbold were unable to attend the meeting. The Legislative Coordinator will contact them about coming to a future meeting.

Chair Farr provided a brief overview of the Downtown Secondary Plan. He said that the plan is very progressive, that it has welcoming street designs, inclusivity elements and affordable housing options are included.

(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 12)

There being no further business, the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Lauri Leduc, Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk