



Hamilton

INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	January 16, 2019
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	2017-2018 Our Future Hamilton Annual Report (CM15001(d)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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Council Direction:

The General Issues Committee at its meeting of February 17, 2016 approved the following (CM15001(b)/CES15010(b)):

- (a) That staff continue further engagement with residents and community stakeholders in line with the project, to share Our Future Hamilton, develop tangible actions and establish a community implementation plan; and,
- (b) That staff report back to Council annually on the progress made by community stakeholders and the City of Hamilton in implementing Our Future Hamilton.

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Background

Our Future Hamilton was the largest municipally-led public engagement initiative in Hamilton. Between 2014 and 2015, the initiative engaged nearly 55,000 residents and stakeholders to create a new 25-year Community Vision.

Our Future Hamilton Community Vision was approved by Council on February 17, 2016, with six Community Priorities, 88 Key Directions and 57 Signs of Success ((CM15001(c)/CES15010(c)). Our Future Hamilton Community Vision was also adopted by the City of Hamilton to inform its 10-year Strategic Plan, strategies and performance

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reporting. In addition to the City of Hamilton, over 120 community institutions, organizations and groups have also adopted Our Future Hamilton Community Vision.

2017/2018 Progress Report

1. Partners-led Community Initiatives

Various small and large scale initiatives were reported by some of the over 120 community partners that have adopted Our Future Hamilton Community Vision. Some examples of the initiatives reported include:

- **Chase the Future 2041**

The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board invited students to explore the future through the lens of Our Future Hamilton Community Vision priorities. Over 1,000 students participated and showcased their various school projects at a special event during Education Week. The showcases focused on “How to make Hamilton an even better place to live”. The showcases ranged from arts to environment and science projects.

- **Conversations that Matter Speaker Series**

McMaster University’s Centre for Continuing Education and the Hamilton Public Library teamed up to host a 6-part speaker series that focussed on civic engagement. The speaker series provided an opportunity for attendees to learn about key facts and current issues relating to the six community priorities of Our Future Hamilton. The goal was to use public education and awareness of issues to further increase democratic engagement. Over 250 participants attended, with more than 5,200 watching online.

- **Sustainable Business Initiative**

Sustainable Hamilton Burlington launched the Sustainable Business Initiative (SBI), which supports members in reducing their Green House Gas (GHG) footprint as part of a collaborative effort to fight climate change. Between 2016 and 2017, the SBI members reported reducing their GHG output by 8,022 tonnes, which is equivalent to taking 1,744 cars off the road.

The full 2017/2018 Our Future Hamilton: From Vision to Action Progress Report is attached as Appendix A to Report CM15001(d).

2. Community Vision Scorecard Workshop

In February 2018, over 70 representatives from community organizations and institutions participated in a workshop to develop Our Future Hamilton’s first community scorecard. The scorecard is built on Results-Based Accountability (RBA) framework to help determine metrics, indicators and data that are relevant for Hamilton to track, measure and report back to the community on an annual basis. The scorecard also incorporated

key metrics from various community sources such as Vital Signs, YWCA EXCLerator, Statistics Canada, the school boards and the City of Hamilton.

In total, 17 community measures were selected and tracked across the six community priority areas of Our Future Hamilton. The results indicated some of the following:

- Voter turnout has increased slightly within the past two election years, but there is still a large room for improvements to further increase turnout;
- The combined high school graduation rate has increased at the school boards;
- Tenant households are spending more on shelter costs, which has the potential to increase vulnerability to homelessness;
- Air quality levels are improving, but waste diversion still needs some improvements
- Residential intensification in terms of units constructed within built-up urban area is decreasing, requiring further improvements;
- Hamilton continues to pride itself as an event city, with the number of events held on City properties increasing year after year.

For further details about the Community Vision Scorecard, please refer to the 2017/2018 Our Future Hamilton: From Vision to Action Progress Report attached as Appendix A to Report CM15001(d).

3. Our Future Hamilton Annual Summit

Hamilton's annual public engagement summit is one of the enduring legacies of Our Future Hamilton. The summit has grown within three years to become one of the top public engagement annual events in Canada. The summit explores a topical issue prioritized by residents in the 25-year Community Vision and brings partners and stakeholders together to identify causes and define solutions. The annual summit also features networking, table discussions, keynote speakers and progress reporting.

The 2017 Our Future Hamilton Annual Summit took place on November 14th and explored the topic "Shaping Democracy through Civic Engagement". Over 430 participants attended, including residents, community institutions and other stakeholders. The event identified barriers to democratic engagement in our community and came up with some ideas for improvements. Key findings from the summit are detailed in a report and attached as Appendix B to Report CM15001(d).

The 2018 Our Future Hamilton Annual Summit occurred on November 13th and explored the theme "Public Safety in a Connected World". Over 450 participants attended, with the summit hashtag #OFHSummit2018 trending number two on Twitter in Canada. The summit explored the risks of online digital economy, safe streets and social determinants of health that impact individual and public health outcomes. Some of the key presenters included Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Hamilton's Medical Officer of Health, Ray Boisvert,

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Provincial Security Advisor to the Government of Ontario and Beatrice Ekoko, Project Manager with Environment Hamilton. The summit was hosted by Dr. Gary Warner, a 2015 Order of Canada recipient and retired McMaster University professor. The summit was sponsored by McMaster University's Centre for Continuing Education. The report on the summit is expected in April 2019 and will be shared with City Council.

Appendices and Schedules Attached

Appendix A to Report CM15001(d): 2017/2018 Our Future Hamilton: From Vision to Action Progress Report

Appendix B to Report CM15001(d): Summary Report – Our Future Hamilton 2017 Annual Summit