



Hamilton

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE
MINUTES 16-002**

Thursday, June 16, 2016

9:30 a.m.

**Room 264, 2nd Floor, City Hall
71 Main Street West**

- Present:** Mayor F. Eisenberger (Chair)
Councillors S. Merulla and J. Partridge
- Absent:** Councillor T. Whitehead – City Business, D. Conley - Personal
- Also Present:** Levo Aaron, Hamilton Health Sciences
Kwab Ako-Adjei, City of Hamilton
Patrick Campbell, Stoney Creek Chamber of Commerce
Laura Cattari, Roundtable for Poverty Reduction
Hilary Dawson, Special Advisor to the President of Mohawk College
Arend Kersten, Flamborough Chamber of Commerce
Keanin Loomis, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce
Nick Markettos, McMaster University
Huzaifa Saeed, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

(Partridge/Merulla)

That the agenda for the June 16, 2016 meeting be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) April 1, 2016 (Item 3.1)

(Merulla/Partridge)

That the Minutes of the April 1, 2016 meeting be approved, as presented
CARRIED

(d) PRESENTATION (Item 6)

(i) Synapse Life Sciences Cluster Development Group Update (Item 6.1)

Keanin Loomis, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Committee and introduced David Carter of Innovation Factory. Mr. Carter addressed the Committee respecting the Synapse Life Sciences Cluster Development Group Update, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the public record. Mr. Carter's comments included, but were not limited to the following:

- Clusters are agglomerations of interconnected companies and associated institutions
- Why Hamilton Cluster? Assets and Opportunities
- Report evaluation of Assets:
 - Knowledge & Talent Grade: Excellent
 - Industrial Base Grade: Fair
 - Infrastructure & Funding Grade: Fair/Poor
 - Supportive Ecosystem/ Alignment of Stakeholders
 - Driving Force Grade: Fair
- National and Global Competition
- HES & Life Sciences Cluster Report
- Synapse Partnership
- Terms of Reference
- Roles and Responsibilities of Members
- Current Activities & Next Steps
- Some Other Wins
 - SmartView Project – \$12m project to improve perioperative success of cardiac surgery with a collaboration between HHS and Mohawk
 - Debris - \$800k grant for a video game with St. Josephs' Dr. Susanne Archie
 - Altus Assessments - A Mac technology to assess medical student candidates now independent and selling to US Universities
 - iUGO Health – Acquired by publicly traded Vancouver based company has become a Hamilton based company
- Provincial & Federal Context

(Partridge/Merulla)

That the presentation respecting the Synapse Life Sciences Cluster Development Group Update, be received.

CARRIED

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 7)

(i) Provincial Housing Funding (CM16008) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Kwab Ako-Adjei, Policy and Public Affairs Advisor, addressed the Committee and made himself available for questions on Report CM16008 respecting Provincial Housing Funding. Mr. Ako-Adjei advised that another round of provincial funding will be coming forward, and that the City will again apply for that funding.

(Merulla/Partridge)

That Report CM16008 respecting Provincial Housing Funding, be received.

CARRIED

(f) ADJOURNMENT

(Partridge/Merulla)

That there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor F. Eisenberger, Chair
Government Relations Sub-Committee

Loren Kolar
Legislative Co-ordinator
Office of the City Clerk