



## **GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT 19-013**

9:30 a.m.

Monday, July 8, 2019  
Council Chambers  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West

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**Present:** Mayor F. Eisenberger, Deputy Mayor L. Ferguson (Chair)  
Councillors M. Wilson, J. Farr, N. Nann, C. Collins, T. Jackson,  
E. Pauls, J. P. Danko, B. Clark, M. Pearson, B. Johnson,  
A. VanderBeek, J. Partridge

**Absent:** Councillors S. Merulla, T. Whitehead – Personal

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### **THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 19-013 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

**1. Local Impact of the Celebrate Ontario Fund on Festivals in Hamilton  
(PED19147) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

That Report PED19147, respecting the Local Impact of the Celebrate Ontario Fund on Festivals in Hamilton, be referred to the August 2019 Emergency & Community Services Committee meeting.

**2. Recognition for Local Order of Canada Recipients (Item 8.1)**

That the presentation provided by Justin Page, CM, respecting recognition for local Order of Canada Recipients, be received and referred to staff for appropriate action.

**3. Hamilton Urban Indigenous Strategy (HSC19030) (City Wide) (Item 9.1)**

That the direction of the Hamilton Urban Indigenous Strategy, be endorsed, in principle.

- 4. 2020 Budget Guidelines, Outlook and Process (FCS19054) (City Wide) (Item 9.2)**
- (a) That staff be directed to report back on a list of user fees that can be increased towards full cost recovery, or user fee waivers (including marginal cost facility leases) that can be reduced or eliminated over a one to three-year phase in period;
  - (b) That for all other user fees, the fee be increased by a rate of 3.0% and that any user fee increases below the guideline be forwarded for consideration with appropriate explanation;
  - (c) That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee by October 2019 with an updated 2020 Tax Budget Outlook, with that report to provide actions, as it relates to all three (3) of the following scenarios:
    - (i) Options that result in a 2.0% tax increase for City Departments, plus a 1.3% tax increase for Capital and a tax increase for Provincial Funding Shortfalls (currently estimated at 1.3%). This would result in a tax increase of about 4.6% and require \$18.3M in reductions from the current Outlook position;
    - (ii) Options that result in a 1.0% tax increase for City Departments plus a 1.3% tax increase for Capital and a tax increase for Provincial Funding Shortfalls (currently estimated at 1.3%). This would result in a tax increase of about 3.6% and require \$27.0M in reductions from the current Outlook position;
    - (iii) Options that result in a 0.0% tax increase for City Departments, plus a 1.3% tax increase for Capital and a tax increase for Provincial Funding Shortfalls (currently estimated at 1.3%). This would result in a tax increase of about 2.6% and require \$35.7M in reductions from the current Outlook position;
  - (d) That Police, Library and Conservation Authorities target a 2020 tax operating budget guideline based on an increase of 2.0% and that any increase beyond the guideline be forwarded for consideration with explanation;
  - (e) That all other Boards and Agencies including Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit, Royal Botanical Gardens, Farmers' Market and the Community Enrichment Fund target a 0% increase and that any increase beyond the guideline be forwarded for consideration with explanation;

- (f) That the 2020 Tax Capital budget be submitted with a 0.5% tax increase for capital financing of discretionary block funded projects; an additional 0.26% tax increase for capital financing of Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) projects; an additional 0.23% for DC Exemptions; and, an additional 0.14% increase for capital financing of the Downtown Office Accommodation Strategy;
- (g) That staff report back, to the General Issues Committee, with options that include the use of reserves, reducing reliance on debt and reducing operating costs in order to reduce the current projection of a rate 4.5% increase when submitting the 2020 Rate Supported Budget;
- (h) That the matter of a 0.13% increase for capital financing of West Harbour Development (WH) for a total of 1.3% tax increase, be referred to the West Harbour Development Sub-Committee for consideration; and,
- (i) That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee, with an alternative funding strategy that would reflect the commitment to transit by senior levels of government.

**5. Impact of Provincial Policy Changes (FCS19053) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)**

That Report FCS19053, respecting the Impact of Provincial Policy Changes, be received.

**6. Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee Report 19-006, June 11, 2019 (Item 10.2)**

That Item 2 of the Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee Report 19-006, which reads as follows, be referred to the Hamilton Police Services Board for discussion:

**2. Increased Community Policing and Engagement Within the Business Improvement Areas (Item 9.2)**

That the Hamilton Police Services Board be requested to investigate the feasibility of more community policing and engagement within the Business Improvement Area's across the City and respond back to the Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee.

**7. Airport Sub-Committee Report 19-003, June 21, 2019 (Item 10.3)**

**(a) Property Acquisition and Lease Negotiations for the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport (PED19136) (City Wide) (Item 14.3)**

That the contents of Report PED19136, respecting the Property Acquisition and Lease Negotiations for the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport remain confidential.

**(b) Sub-Lease Negotiations for the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport (PED19137) (City Wide) (Item 14.4)**

That the contents of Report PED19137, respecting Sub-Lease Negotiations for the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport including recommendations, remain confidential.

**(c) Consultant Support for Lease Negotiations Between the City of Hamilton and TradePort International Inc. for the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport (PED19135) (City Wide) (Item 14.5)**

That the contents of Report PED19135, respecting Consultant Support for Lease Negotiations between the City of Hamilton and TradePort International Inc. for the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport including recommendations, remain confidential.

**8. Non-Union Compensation Sub-Committee Report 19-001, June 24, 2019 (Item 10.4)**

**(a) Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair (Item A)**

(i) That Councillor L. Ferguson be appointed as Chair of the Non-Union Compensation Sub-Committee for the balance of the 2018-2022 term of Council; and,

(ii) That Councillor M. Pearson be appointed as Vice Chair of the Non-Union Compensation Sub-Committee for the balance of the 2018-2022 term of Council.

**(b) 2019 Non-Union Management & Professional Exempt Group Compensation (HUR19014) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

That the contents of Report HUR19014, respecting the compensation of the Non-Union Management & Professional Exempt Group of employees, remain confidential until approved by Council.

**9. Affordable Housing Site Selection Sub-Committee Report 19-001, June 18, 2019 (Item 10.5)**

**(a) Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair (Item 1)**

- (i) That Councillor C. Collins be appointed Chair of the Affordable Housing Site Selection Sub-Committee, for the 2018-2022 term; and,
- (ii) That Councillor N. Nann be appointed Vice-Chair of the Affordable Housing Site Selection Sub-Committee, for the 2018-2022 term.

**(b) Properties and Process for Disposition of Lands for Affordable Housing (PED17219(a)) (City Wide)**

That Report PED17219(a), respecting Properties and Process for Disposition of Lands for Affordable Housing, be received.

**(c) Affordable Housing Initiative - 191 York Boulevard (PED19133) (Ward 2) (Item 14.1)**

That the entirety of Report PED19133, respecting an Affordable Housing Initiative - 191 York Boulevard, remain confidential.

**(d) Disposition and Transaction Strategies to Achieve Affordable Housing At 60 Caledon Avenue (PED19134) (Ward 8) (Item 14.2)**

That the entirety of Report PED19134, respecting Disposition and Transaction Strategies to Achieve Affordable Housing At 60 Caledon Avenue, remain confidential.

**10. School Board Properties Sub-Committee Report 19-001 - June 24, 2019  
(Item 10.6)**

**(a) Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair (Item 1)**

- (i) That Councillor C. Collins be appointed as Chair of the School Board Properties Sub-Committee, for the 2018-2022 term; and,
- (ii) That Councillor S. Merulla be appointed as Vice-Chair of the School Board Properties Sub-Committee, for the 2018-2022 term.

**(b) Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Property at 155 Macassa Avenue, Hamilton (PED19139) (Ward 7) (Item 10.1)**

- (i) That staff be authorized and directed to advise the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board of the City's interest in the potential acquisition of the lands located at 155 Macassa Avenue, Hamilton, legally described as Part of Lot 7, Concession 5 Barton, Part 2 on Plan 62R19152, City of Hamilton forming all of PIN 17007-0170, as shown on Appendix "A" attached to Report PED19139;
- (ii) That staff be authorized and directed to complete due diligence work, including appraisal, designated substance survey, building condition assessment, and demolition cost estimate work in preparation for the potential acquisition of the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board lands located at 155 Macassa Avenue, Hamilton;
- (iii) That all costs related to the due diligence and feasibility investigation, to an upset amount of \$50 K, for the potential acquisition of the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board lands located at 155 Macassa Avenue, Hamilton, be authorized and funded from Ward 7 Capital Infrastructure Reserve Account No. 108057; and,
- (iv) That staff be directed to report back on an acquisition and funding strategy for the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board lands located at 155 Macassa Avenue, Hamilton.

**(d) Motion respecting the Potential Acquisition of 16 Broughton Avenue East (Broughton East Park) (Item 14.1)**

That the motion respecting the Potential Acquisition of 16 Broughton Avenue East (Broughton East Park), remain confidential.

**11. Facility Naming Sub-Committee Report 19-001, June 25, 2019 (Item 10.7)**

**(a) Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair (Item 1)**

- (i) That Councillor M. Pearson be appointed Chair of the Facility Naming Sub-Committee for the 2018-2022 term; and,
- (ii) That Councillor L. Ferguson be appointed Vice Chair of the Facility Naming Sub-Committee for the 2018-2022 term.

**(b) Naming of Jimmy Howard Park (PW19052) (Ward 5) (Item 10.1)**

That the request to rename Beach Boulevard Park #3, 80 Beach Boulevard, to Jimmy Howard Park be approved, as this request meets the guidelines set out in the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy.

**(c) Municipal Property & Building Naming Application - Rick Burjaw Tennis Courts at the Ancaster Tennis Club (Item 10.3)**

WHEREAS, Rick Burjaw was a member of the Ancaster Tennis Club for over 17 years and President for 8 years;

WHEREAS, Mr. Burjaw voluntarily devoted many years to making improvements at the Tennis Club through expansion and growth of the facility; and

WHEREAS, the tennis courts located at Village Green Park, 291 Lodor Street, Ancaster currently do not have an existing name;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the request to name the tennis courts at Village Green Park, located at 291 Lodor Street, Ancaster to “The Rick Burjaw Tennis Courts”, be approved, as it meets the guidelines set out in the City of Hamilton Municipal Property and Building Naming Policy.

**12. Government Relations Sub-Committee Report 19-001, June 27, 2019 (Item 10.8)**

**(a) Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair (Item 1)**

- (i) That Councillor B. Clark be appointed Chair of the Government Relations Sub-Committee for the 2018-2022 term; and,
- (ii) That Councillor S. Merulla be appointed Vice Chair of the Government Relations Sub-Committee for the 2018-2022 term.

**(b) City of Hamilton Priorities for the 2019 Federal Election (CM19004) (Item 7.1)**

That Report CM19004 respecting City of Hamilton Priorities for the 2019 Federal Election, be received.

**(c) Bill 108 *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019* (PED19150) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

That Report PED19150 respecting Bill 108 *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019*, be received.

**(d) Response to the Proposed Provincial Restructuring of Local Public Health Agencies (HSC19038) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)**

That Report HSC19038 respecting a Response to the Proposed Provincial restructuring of Local Public Health Agencies, be received.

**(e) Reaffirmation of the City of Hamilton's Concerns respecting Proposed Restructuring of Local Public Health Agencies (Item 7.3)**

- (i) That staff be directed to draft correspondence to the Minister of Health to reaffirm the City of Hamilton's concerns with Public Health Service restructuring, and that the correspondence include the following:
  - (1) Requesting that the Province focus on Public Health Units that require improvements;
  - (2) Information respecting preventative health measures to eliminate "hallway medicine";



- (3) Information that underscores the broad mandate of Public Health;
  
- (ii) That letters of support respecting the Reaffirmation of the City of Hamilton's Concerns respecting Proposed Restructuring of Local Public Health Agencies be written by the following Official Advisors to the Government Relations Sub-Committee:
  - (1) McMaster University
  - (2) Hamilton Chamber of Commerce
  - (3) Flamborough Chamber of Commerce
  - (4) Hamilton Health Services
  
- (f) Bill 108 *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019* respecting Development Charges Act Amendments (FCS19061) (City Wide) (Added Item 7.4)**

That Report FCS19061 respecting Bill 108 *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019* Regarding Development Charges Act Amendments, be received.

**13. Hamilton Future Fund Board of Governors Report 19-002 - June 25, 2019 (Item 10.9)**

**Deliberations on the Grant Applications received for the November 1, 2018 - January 14, 2019 Opening of the Hamilton Future Fund (Item 10.1)**

- (a) That the grant application from the Hamilton Malayalee Samajam (Item 10.1.d) for the conversion of a sports field into a cricket field at 1095 Woodburn Road in the amount of \$358,000 be approved;
  
- (b) That the grant application from the 91<sup>st</sup> Highlanders Athletic Association (Item 10.1.a) for the installation of spectator bleachers and an outdoor gazebo structure at the Ray Lewis Track & Field Centre (Mohawk Sports Park) in the amount of \$150,000 be approved;
  
- (c) That the grant application from the Ancaster Tennis Club (Item 10.1.b) for the construction of a Tennis Dome in the amount of \$206,000 be approved;

- (d) That the grant application from the Beach Canal Lighthouse Group (Item 10.1.c) for the Restoration of the Hamilton Beach Strip Canal lighthouse and Keepers house in the amount of \$400,000 be approved conditional on the transfer of ownership from the federal government to the Hamilton Port Authority; and,
- (e) That the grant application from Compass Community Health (formerly North Hamilton Community Health Centre) (Item 10.1.e) be denied.

**14. Hate Related Activities on City of Hamilton Properties (LS19031/PW19068)  
(City Wide) (Item 10.10)**

- (a) That, subsequent to internal and external review, Human Resources staff be directed to report back to General Issues Committee with the Hate Incident Prevention Policy and Procedure, attached in draft form as Appendices “A” and “B” to Report 19-013, respectively, by October 2019;
- (b) That Legal Services staff be directed to prepare a by-law to address the issuance of trespass notices by City Staff for consideration by Council in October 2019;
- (c) That staff be directed to require facilities rental applicants and organizers of assemblies or demonstrations to abide by the Hate Related Incident Prevention Policy;
- (d) That the draft procedure for Notification of Assembly or Demonstration on City of Hamilton Public Spaces, attached as Appendix “C” to Report 19-013, be approved, in principle;
- (e) That the recommendations in Corporate Security Office Report CSOR 19-001, attached as Appendix “D” to Report 19-013, be approved, as follows:
  - (i) That Corporate Security Office in coordination with Facility Management, Human Resources and Corporate Communications, produce and post signage to notify all persons entering the City Hall property of the expectations related to behaviour and conduct while on City property, and the City’s Zero Tolerance approach regarding harassment, discrimination, hate, violence and criminal behaviour, including the collection of evidence to support law enforcement investigations;
  - (ii) That Corporate Security Office create a procedure for all security staff on how to collect, document, analyze and report on surveillance, materials and messaging during public gatherings and

distribute their findings and evidence when required to various City divisions (i.e. Human Resources, Legal Services) and external Law Enforcement partners for further follow-up and investigation related to potential harassment, discrimination, hate, violence and criminal behaviour taking place in the open public spaces on the City Hall property;

- (iii) That Corporate Security Office to procure safety mitigating tools such as portable barriers to support Hamilton Police in the enforcement of safe and peaceful demonstrations that take place in the City Hall outdoor public space;
  - (iv) That Corporate Security Office to procure the enhancement of the City Hall property video surveillance technology to increase its current general surveillance capacity to an evidentiary purpose solution.
  - (v) That Corporate Security Office to research, identify and report on physical environment enhancements to the City Hall exterior open space to promote the safety and security of all persons who are attending the property for peaceful use and enjoyment of the space;
  - (vi) That Corporate Security Office hire and train a Security Investigator for the purpose of providing security related services at City owned properties as required including but not limited to Assemblies and Protests. Corporate Security Office to further identify and report on future security staffing resource enhancements for City Hall to ensure appropriate resource levels are responsive to the needs of Members of Council and its Committee's, City staff, contractors, residents and visitors in the delivery of good government;
- (f) That a capital expenditure not exceeding \$100,000 from the Facilities Security Program Capital Account #3541941631 to implement the recommendations in sub-section (e) above be approved;
- (g) That staff be directed to hire a Security Investigator for a temporary 24 month period using the Budget Complement Control Policy, to be trained and tasked with investigating and documenting Hate Related Activities on City owned properties across the city and that funding for this position be allocated from Operating Budget Dept ID #790017, and that an operating budget enhancement be referred to the 2020 Operating Budget process;

- (h) That the item respecting Means to Mitigate the Use of City Parks and Public Spaces by “Hate Groups” be removed from the General Issues Committee Outstanding Business List; and,
- (i) That Legal staff be directed to contact Police or the Crown Attorney to determine if the City could issue prohibition to attend at municipal properties; specifically, the Hamilton City Hall Forecourt, as part of their condition of release via standard bail conditions or parole conditions, if convicted.

**15. Integrating an Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Framework to the Policies and Procedures of the Selection Committee and Interview Sub-Committees respecting Appointment of Citizens to the City’s Agencies, Boards and Committees (Item 11.3)**

WHEREAS, the City’s Strategic Plan states that diversity and inclusion are to be embraced and celebrated;

WHEREAS, the City’s Strategic Plan also states “Hamilton has an open, transparent and accessible approach to City government that engages with and empowers all citizens to be involve in their community”;

WHEREAS, Council approved establishing an EDI framework and directed staff to prepare a report on the steps that would be required to implement an equity, diversity and inclusion lens framework to City policy and program development, practices, service delivery, budgeting, business planning and prioritization, and report back to General Issues Committee no later than Q3 2019;

WHEREAS, the current City of Hamilton Policy respecting the Appointment of Citizens to the City’s Agencies, Boards, Commissions, Advisory (Volunteer) Committees and Sub-Committees approved by Council on September 12, 2018 does not systematically integrate current and best practices of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) in the recruitment, application, selection and interview processes; and,

WHEREAS, many other Canadian municipalities are also reviewing and improving their selection practices to achieve EDI outcomes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That, as part of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) framework, staff include recommendations for integrating an EDI framework to the City of Hamilton Policy respecting the Appointment of Citizens to the City’s

Agencies, Boards, Commissions, Advisory (Volunteer) Committees and Sub-Committees, including:

- (i) training and orientation of Selection Committee members and supporting staff to implement the revised recruitment, application, selection and interview processes; and,
  - (b) That the final Equity, Diversity and Inclusion policy and procedures for Selection Committee be implemented starting with the 2022-2026 term of Council.
- 16. Amendment to Item 8 of the General Issues Committee Report 18-014, respecting Report PED16253(b) – 18-28 King Street East, Extension of Conditional Approval, Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program and GORE Building Improvement Grant Program (Item 11.4)**

WHEREAS, at its meeting of December 11, 2013, Council approved Item 14 of the General Issues Committee Report 13-026, respecting Report PED13208 - 18-28 King Street East – Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program and GORE Building Improvement Grant Program;

WHEREAS, at its meeting of December 9, 2015, Council approved an amendment to Item 14 of the General Issues Committee Report 13-026, respecting Report PED13208 - 18-28 King Street East – Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program and GORE Building Improvement Grant Program, to extend the submission deadline for completion of the program applications to December 31, 2016;

WHEREAS, at its meeting of January 25, 2017, Council approved Item 4 of the Planning Committee Report 17-001, respecting the Hamilton Municipal Heritage Committee Report 16-010, December 15, 2016 regarding Report PED16193(a) Heritage Permit Application HP2016-028, under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, for the Demolition of the Buildings at 24 and 28 King Street East, Hamilton;

WHEREAS, Hughson Business Space Corporation has advised that they plan to restore all five properties, and conditional site plan approval was issued on November 27, 2017, with an addendum containing further conditions being added on August 2, 2018;

WHEREAS, at its meeting of December 6, 2016, Council approved Item 30 of the General Issues Committee Report 17-025, respecting Report PED13208(a) - 18-28 King Street East – Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program and GORE

Building Improvement Grant Program, which extended the submission deadline for completion of the program applications to June 1, 2018;

WHEREAS, a Heritage Permit for the retention and restoration of the front portion of 24 and 28 King Street East and a fifth storey addition was approved on September 7, 2018;

WHEREAS, at its meeting of June 27, 2018, Council approved Item 8 of the General Issues Committee Report 18-014, which extended the submission deadline for Building Permit Applications to January 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of February 13, 2019, Council approved Item 7.5 an Amendment to Item 8 of the General Issues Committee Report 18-014, which again extended the submission deadline for Building Permit Applications to July 31, 2019 as well as extending the submission deadline for the Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program and GORE Building Improvement Grant Program for the completion of the program applications to January 31, 2020;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That subsections (a) and (b) to Item 8 of the General Issues Committee Report 18-014, respecting Report PED16253(b) – 18-28 King Street East, Extension of Conditional Approval, Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program and GORE Building Improvement Grant Program, be amended by deleting the words “January 31, 2020, and replacing them with the words “July 31, 2020”; and, by deleting the second reference to the word “July 31, 2019” and replacing it with the word “January 31, 2020 ”; to read as follows:

**8. 18-28 King Street East, Extension of Conditional Approval, Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program and GORE Building Improvement Grant Program (PED16253(b)) (Ward 2) (Item 8.1)**

- (a) That the deadline for the submission of a separate, completed Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program (HHPGP) Application for each 18, 20, 22, 24 and 28 King Street East, for the previously approved conditional grant commitment to an upset limit of \$850,000 for the Hughson Business Space Corporation (Linda Barnett, David Blanchard, Ronald Quinn and William Rogan) the registered owners, be extended to no later than ~~January 31, 2020~~ **July 31, 2020**, conditional upon the receipt of a Building Permit Application being submitted to the City for the redevelopment of 18-28 King Street East no later than ~~July 31, 2019~~ **January 31, 2020**;

- (b) That the deadline for the submission of a separate, completed GORE Building Improvement Grant Program (GBIGP) Application for each 18, 20, 22, 24 and 28 King Street East, for the previously approved conditional grant commitment to an upset limit of \$250,000 under the GORE Building Improvement Grant Program (GBIGP) for Hughson Business Space Corporation (Linda Barnett, David Blanchard, Ronald Quinn and William Rogan), the registered owners, be extended to no later than ~~January 31, 2020~~ **July 31, 2020** conditional upon the receipt of a Building Permit Application being submitted to the City for the redevelopment of 18-28 King Street East no later than ~~July 31, 2019~~ **January 31, 2020**; and,
  
  - (b) That subsection (c) to Item 8 of the General Issues Committee Report 18-014, respecting Report PED 16253 (b) – 18-28 King Street East, Extension of Conditional Approval, Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program and GORE Building Improvement Grant Program, be amended by deleting the word “July 31, 2019” and replacing it with the word **“January 31, 2020”**, to read as follows:
    - (a) That, should the Hughson Business Space Corporation (Linda Barnett, David Blanchard, Ronald Quinn and William Rogan) the registered owners of 18, 20, 22, 24 and 28 King Street East not submit a Building Permit Application for the redevelopment of 18-28 King Street East by ~~July 31, 2019~~ **January 31, 2020**, staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee for direction as to whether or not the conditional grant commitments, under the Hamilton Heritage Property Grant Program (HHPGP) and GORE Building Improvement Grant Program (GBIGP), for those properties should continue to be valid.
- 17. Application for Approval to Expropriate Property in Ward 3 (PED19142/LS19028/PW19061) (Ward 3) (Item 14.2)**

That Report PED19142/LS19028/PW19061, respecting an Application for Approval to Expropriate Property in Ward 3, remain confidential save and except for any portions that need to be disclosed for the purposes of completing this expropriation at the discretion of the City Solicitor.

**18. Application for Approval to Expropriate Property in Ward 14 (LS19026/PW19067/PED19141) (Ward 15) (Item 14.3)**

That Report LS19026/PW19067/PED19141, respecting an Application for Approval to Expropriate Property in Ward 15, remain confidential save and except for any portions that need to be disclosed for the purposes of completing this expropriation at the discretion of the City Solicitor.

**19. Waterfront Lease Update (LS18053(c)) (Ward 2) (Item 14.4)**

That Report LS18053, respecting the Waterfront Lease Update, Appendix and the balance of the recommendations remain confidential.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)**

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

**1. COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)**

- 5.6 Correspondence from the Hamilton Status of Women Committee in support of Item 11.3, respecting Integrating an Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Framework to the Policies and Procedures of the Selection Committee and Interview Sub- Committees respecting the Appointment of Citizens to the City's Agencies, Boards and Committees

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 11.3.

- 5.7 Correspondence from Lauren Stephen respecting an Individual Arrested in the Pride Hamilton Disturbance

Recommendation: Be received.

- 5.8 Correspondence from C.A. Klassen respecting an Open Letter to Mayor Eisenberger and Pride Events

Recommendation: Be received.



- 5.9 Hamilton Airport International ASC Update (Climate Change)

Recommendation: Be received.

**6. DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)**

- 6.1 Kristeen Sprague, respecting Item 10.1 Hate Related Activities on City of Hamilton Properties (LS19031/PW19068) (For July 8, 2019) – THIS REQUEST WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA
- 6.2 David Carson, respecting Airport Carbon Accreditation (For July 8, 2019)
- 6.3 Chris McLaughlin, Bay Area Restoration Council, respecting Item 11.2, the City-Wide Stormwater Rate Program Review (For July 8, 2019)
- 6.4 Jen Baker, Hamilton Naturalists' Club, respecting Item 11.2, the City-Wide Stormwater Rate Program Review (For July 8, 2019)
- 6.5 Justin Long, Yellow Vests Protestors, respecting Hate Related Activities on City of Hamilton Properties (For July 8, 2019)
- 6.6 Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton, respecting Item 11.2, City-Wide Stormwater Rate Program Review (For July 8, 2019)
- 6.7 Mike Wood and Elizabeth Ellis, Hamilton ACORN, respecting Item 11.1, Modifications to the Guidelines and Criteria for the Barton/Kenilworth Tax Increment Grant Program (For July 8, 2019)
- 6.8 Giuliana Casimirri, Green Venture, respecting Item 11.2, City-Wide Stormwater Rate (For July 8, 2019)

The agenda for the July 8, 2019 General Issues Committee meeting was approved, as amended.

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

Councillor J. P. Danko declared an interest to Item 10.6 – School Board Properties Sub-Committee Report 19-001, as his wife is the Vice Chair of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board.

Councillor M. Pearson declared an interest to Items 6.7, 8.7 and 11.1, being the delegation request/delegation by Mike Wood and Elizabeth Ellis, Hamilton ACORN, respecting Item 11.1, Modifications to the Guidelines and Criteria for the Barton/Kenilworth Tax Increment Grant Program; and, the Motion respecting the same matter, as she is a rental property landlord.

Councillor A. VanderBeek declared an interest to Items 6.7, 8.7 and 11.1, being the delegation request/delegation by Mike Wood and Elizabeth Ellis, Hamilton ACORN, respecting Item 11.1, Modifications to the Guidelines and Criteria for the Barton/Kenilworth Tax Increment Grant Program; and, the Motion respecting the same matter, as she is a rental property landlord.

Councillor B. Clark declared an interest to Item 14.2, respecting Report PED19142/LS19028/PW19061) - Application for Approval to Expropriate Property in Ward 3.

**(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Item 4)**

**(i) June 19, 2019 (Item 4.1)**

The Minutes of the June 19, 2019 meeting of the General Issues Committee were approved, as presented.

**(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)**

Communication Items 5.1 to 5.9 were approved, as follows:

5.1 Correspondence from Donna Hays, respecting an alternative observation of the Yellow Vests movement.

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 10.10.

5.2 Correspondence from Myke Hutchings respecting the 2SLGBTQIA+ community in Hamilton.

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 10.10.

- 5.3 Correspondence from Associate Professors Margot Francis and Tamara El-Hoss, Brock University, respecting Pride Violence.

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 10.10.

- 5.4 Correspondence from Erin Poole respecting Pride Violence

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 10.10.

- 5.5 Correspondence from Melanie Parish, respecting Pride and Post Pride Happenings in Hamilton

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 10.10.

- 5.6 Correspondence from the Hamilton Status of Women Committee in support of Item 11.3, respecting Integrating an Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Framework to the Policies and Procedures of the Selection Committee and Interview Sub-Committees respecting the Appointment of Citizens to the City's Agencies, Boards and Committees

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5.9 Hamilton Airport International ASC Update (Climate Change)

Recommendation: Be received.

**(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)**

The following delegation requests were approved:

- 6.2 David Carson, respecting Airport Carbon Accreditation (For the July 8, 2019)
- 6.3 Chris McLaughlin, Bay Area Restoration Council, respecting Item 11.2, City-Wide Stormwater Rate Program Review (For the July 8, 2019)
- 6.4 Jen Baker, Hamilton Naturalists' Club, respecting Item 11.2, City-Wide Stormwater Rate Program Review (For the July 8, 2019)
- 6.5 Justin Long, Yellow Vests Protestors, respecting Item 10.10 Hate Related Activities on City of Hamilton Properties (LS19031/PW19068) (City Wide) (For the July 8, 2019)
- 6.6 Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton, respecting Item 11.2, Stormwater Rate (For the July 8, 2019)
- 6.7 Mike Wood and Elizabeth Ellis, Hamilton ACORN, respecting Item 11.1, Modifications to the Guidelines and Criteria for the Barton/Kenilworth Tax Increment Grant Program (For the July 8, 2019)
- 6.8 Giuliana Casimirri, Green Venture, respecting Item 11.2, City-Wide Stormwater Rate (For the July 8, 2019)

**(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 8)**

**(i) Justin Page, CM, respecting Recognition for Local Order of Canada Recipients (Item 8.1)**

Justin Page, CM, addressed Committee respecting recognition for local Order of Canada Recipients.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

**(ii) David Carson, respecting Airport Carbon Accreditation (Item 8.2)**

David Carson, addressed Committee respecting Airport Carbon Accreditation.

The presentation provided by David Carson, respecting Airport Carbon Accreditation, was received.

**(iii) Chris McLaughlin, Bay Area Restoration Council, respecting Item 11.2, City-Wide Stormwater Rate Program Review (Item 8.3)**

Chris McLaughlin, Bay Area Restoration Council, addressed Committee respecting Item 11.2, a City-Wide Stormwater Rate Program Review.

The presentation provided by Chris McLaughlin, Bay Area Restoration Council, respecting Item 11.2, the City-Wide Stormwater Rate Program Review, was received.

**(iv) Jen Baker, Hamilton Naturalists' Club, respecting Item 11.2, City-Wide Stormwater Rate Program Review (Item 8.4)**

Jen Baker, Hamilton Naturalists' Club, addressed Committee respecting Item 11.2, the City-Wide Stormwater Rate Program Review.

The presentation provided by Jen Baker, Hamilton Naturalists' Club, respecting Item 11.2, the City-Wide Stormwater Rate Program Review, was received.

**(v) Justin Long, Yellow Vests Protestors, respecting Hate Related Activities on City of Hamilton Properties (Item 8.5)**

Justin Long, Yellow Vests Protestors, addressed Committee respecting Hate Related Activities on City of Hamilton Properties.

The presentation provided by Justin Long, Yellow Vests Protestors, respecting Hate Related Activities on City of Hamilton Properties, was received.

**(vi) Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton, respecting Item 11.2, Stormwater Rate (Item 8.6)**

Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton, addressed Committee respecting Item 11.2, the City-Wide Stormwater Rate Program Review.

The presentation provided by Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton, respecting Item 11.2, Stormwater Rate, was received.

**(vii) Mike Wood and Elizabeth Ellis, Hamilton ACORN, respecting Item 11.1, Modifications to the Guidelines and Criteria for the Barton/Kenilworth Tax Increment Grant Program (Item 8.7)**

Mike Wood and Elizabeth Ellis, Hamilton ACORN, addressed Committee respecting Item 11.1, Modifications to the Guidelines and Criteria for the Barton/Kenilworth Tax Increment Grant Program.

The presentation provided by Mike Wood and Elizabeth Ellis, Hamilton ACORN, respecting Item 11.1, Modifications to the Guidelines and Criteria for the Barton/Kenilworth Tax Increment Grant Program, was received.

**(viii) Giuliana Casimirri, Green Venture, respecting Item 11.2, a City-Wide Stormwater Rate Program Review (Item 8.8)**

Giuliana Casimirri, Green Venture, addressed Committee respecting Item 11.2, a City-Wide Stormwater Rate Program Review.

The presentation provided by Giuliana Casimirri, Green Venture, respecting Item 11.2, the City-Wide Stormwater Rate Program Review, was received.

**(g) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)**

**(i) Hamilton Urban Indigenous Strategy (HSC19030) (City Wide) (Item 9.1)**

Paul Johnson, General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, introduced Shelly Hill, Senior Project Manager Urban Indigenous Strategy; Nicole Jones, Coordinator, Indigenous Engagement and Initiatives; and, Krystal Summers, Program Manager for the Hamilton Executive Directors' Aboriginal Coalition (HEDAC), who provided an overview of Report HCS19030, respecting the Hamilton Urban Indigenous Strategy.

The presentation respecting Report HCS19030, respecting the Hamilton Urban Indigenous Strategy, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca) or through the Office of the City Clerk.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 3.

**(ii) 2020 Budget Guidelines, Outlook and Process (FCS19054) (City Wide)  
(Item 9.2)**

Mike Zegarac, General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services, provided an overview of Report FCS19054, respecting the 2020 Budget Guidelines, Outlook and Process.

The presentation respecting Report FCS19054, respecting the 2020 Budget Guidelines, Outlook and Process, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca) or through the Office of the City Clerk.

The following Motion was DEFEATED:

That sub-section (d) to Report FCS19054, respecting the 2020 Budget Guidelines, Outlook and Process, be amended by adding the words" which emulates the three (3) scenarios being reviewed by the City, being a 0%, 1% and 2% increase," to read as follows:

- (d) That Police, Library and Conservation Authorities target a 2020 tax operating budget guideline, which emulates the three (3) scenarios being reviewed by the City, being a 0%, 1% and 2% increase, and that any increase beyond the guideline be forwarded for consideration with explanation;
- (a) Sub-section (f) to Report FCS19054, respecting the 2020 Budget Guidelines, Outlook and Process, was amended by deleting the words "a 0.13% increase for capital financing of West Harbour Development (WH) for a total of 1.3% tax increase", to read as follows:
  - (f) That the 2020 Tax Capital budget be submitted with a 0.5% tax increase for capital financing of discretionary block funded projects; an additional 0.26% tax increase for capital

financing of Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) projects; an additional 0.23% for DC Exemptions; and, an additional 0.14% increase for capital financing of the Downtown Office Accommodation Strategy; and, ~~a 0.13% increase for capital financing of West Harbour Development (WH) for a total of 1.3% tax increase;~~

- (b) A new sub-section (h) was added to Report FCS19054, respecting the 2020 Budget Guidelines, Outlook and Process, to read as follows:
  - (h) That the matter of a 0.13% increase for capital financing of West Harbour Development (WH) for a total of 1.3% tax increase, be referred to the West Harbour Development Sub-Committee for consideration;

A new sub-section (i) was added to Report FCS19054, respecting the 2020 Budget Guidelines, Outlook and Process, to read as follows:

- (i) That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee, with an alternative funding strategy that would reflect the commitment to transit by senior levels of government.

**(h) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)**

- (i) **Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee Report 19-006, June 11, 2019 (Item 10.2)**

Item 1 of the Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee Report 19-006, June 11, 2019, was TABLED until such time as the City of Hamilton has a signed agreement with the Hamilton Tiger Cats for the 2021 Grey Cup.

**1. Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee Working Group for the 2021 Grey Cup (Added Item 8.1)**

That a Business Improvement Area working group be established to work with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats Football Club for the 2021 Grey Cup.



**(ii) Airport Sub-Committee Report 19-003, June 21, 2019 (Item 10.3)**

The Airport Sub-Committee Report 19-003 was moved up on the agenda to be addressed immediately after Item 8.2.

The following Motion was DEFEATED:

That Item (e)(i), respecting Vantage Airport Group Climate Change Initiative, be lifted from the Information Section and added as Item 4 to the Airport Sub-Committee Report 19-003:

**(i) Vantage Airport Group Climate Change Initiative (Item 11.1)**

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has declared a climate emergency with a mandate to achieve net zero carbon emissions before 2050;

WHEREAS, TradePort International Corporation as a subsidiary of Vantage Airport Group has a mandate from the City of Hamilton to operate John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport and grow passenger and cargo volumes in order to maximize the economic potential of the airport and surrounding Airport Employment Growth District (AEGD);

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is currently in negotiations to extend the current Head Lease between the City and TradePort (Vantage Airport Group);

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton recognizes that climate action and the low-carbon transition represents a massive opportunity for economic stimulation and growing job opportunities in the new low-carbon economy;

WHEREAS, air travel and air cargo have a significant inherent carbon footprint;

WHEREAS, John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport is ranked as North America's fastest growing airport and is known as Canada's busiest overnight express cargo airport;

WHEREAS, air travel passengers and air cargo consumers are increasingly concerned about the carbon footprint of their consumption choices;

WHEREAS, Greater Moncton Romeo LeBlanc International Airport under management by Vantage Airport Group has achieved Airport

Carbon Accreditation Level 2 – Reduction and is working towards Level 3 – Optimization;

WHEREAS, increased uncertainty, severity and frequency of extreme weather events as a result of climate change have been observed in the Hamilton area and are projected to increase into the future;

WHEREAS, air travel and air cargo operations are vulnerable to unforeseen severe weather events and disruptions caused by such events could result in significant travel disruptions and monetary losses; and,

WHEREAS, London Luton Airport and Cardiff Airport as comparator airports have commissioned climate change studies to identify the resiliency of their operations to future climate change impacts;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton request that Vantage Airport Group commit to the implementation of the four stage Airport Carbon Accreditation program (or agreed alternative) at John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport, with the goal of achieving net-zero carbon emissions before 2050;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton request that Vantage Airport Group commit to an evaluation of the resiliency and preparedness of their operations and assets due to potential climate change impacts and develop a prioritized risk assessment and adaptation plan; and,
- (c) That the City of Hamilton negotiating team include these actions as part of the current negotiations to extend the Head Lease between the City and TradePort (Vantage Airport Group).

**(iii) Affordable Housing Site Selection Sub-Committee Report 19-001, June 18, 2019 (Item 10.5)**

Sub-section (e) to the Affordable Housing Site Selection Sub-Committee Report 19-001, which reads as follows, was deferred to the August 12, 2019 General Issues Committee:

**(e) Disposition Strategy - Portion of Wentworth Lodge Lands (PED19138) (Ward 13) (Item 14.3)**

That the entirety of Report PED19138, respecting Disposition Strategy - Portion of Wentworth Lodge Lands, remain confidential.

**(iv) Hate Related Activities on City of Hamilton Properties (LS19031/PW19068) (City Wide) (Item 10.10)**

A new subsection (i) was added to Report LS19031/PW19068, respecting Hate Related Activities on City of Hamilton Properties, to read as follows:

- (i) That Legal staff be directed to contact Police or the Crown Attorney to determine if the City could issue prohibition to attend at municipal properties; specifically, the Hamilton City Hall Forecourt, as part of their condition of release via standard bail conditions or parole conditions, if convicted.

**(i) MOTIONS (Item 11)**

As there were many delegates present respecting Item 11.1 being the Motion respecting Modifications to the Guidelines and Criteria for the Barton/Kenilworth Tax Increment Grant Program; the Barton/Kenilworth Commercial Corridor Building Improvement Grant Program; the Barton/Kenilworth Commercial Planning and Building Fee Rebate Program; the Commercial Corridor Housing Loan and Grant Program; and, the Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program, Item 11.1 was moved up on the agenda, to be addressed prior to the Discussion Items on the agenda.

**(i) Modifications to the Guidelines and Criteria for the Barton/Kenilworth Tax Increment Grant Program; the Barton/Kenilworth Commercial Corridor Building Improvement Grant Program; the Barton/Kenilworth Commercial Planning and Building Fee Rebate Program; the Commercial Corridor Housing Loan and Grant Program; and, the Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program (Item 11.1)**

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's Strategic Plan recognizes and supports the need for affordable housing units as one of the City's top priorities;

WHEREAS, the City's financial incentive programs delivered through the Economic Development Division, which include: the Barton/Kenilworth Tax

Increment Grant Program; the Barton/Kenilworth Commercial Corridor Building Improvement Grant Program; the Barton/Kenilworth Commercial Planning and Building Fee Rebate Program; the Commercial Corridor Housing Loan and Grant Program; and, the Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program, were created to provide an economic catalyst for developing, redeveloping or renovating residential/commercial lands and buildings within Downtown Hamilton; Community Downtowns; the Mount Hope/Airport Gateway; Business Improvement Areas and “Commercial Corridors”, including the Barton and Kenilworth Commercial Corridors; and, the properties that front onto Barton Street between James Street North and Victoria Avenue North, as identified in the Downtown and Community Renewal Community Improvement Project Area;

WHEREAS, these incentive programs have contributed to the creation of approximately 700 new residential dwelling units and 134 renovated dwelling units since 2002;

WHEREAS, these incentives require that all residential units meet current property standards, fire code standards, and proper zoning as well as building code requirements; thereby, creating safe and legal residential dwelling units;

WHEREAS, these incentive programs continue to provide an important means by which the City is helping to increase housing supply in Hamilton;

WHEREAS, there is community concern that there is the potential that the property improvements supported by these incentive programs could potentially contribute to the displacement of vulnerable tenants;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to consult with any interested Ward Councillors and with any stakeholders who request to meet with staff, and that staff then prepare potential modifications to the guidelines and criteria for the Barton/Kenilworth Tax Increment Grant Program; the Barton/Kenilworth Commercial Corridor Building Improvement Grant Program; the Barton/Kenilworth Commercial Planning and Building Fee Rebate Program; the Commercial Corridor Housing Loan and Grant Program; and, the Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program that would address the following issues:

- (i) That any property improvements funded by these incentive programs do not result in the permanent displacement of an existing tenant, as a result of the improvement;
  - (ii) Tenants are provided full and comprehensive information, verified by, and in consultation with Housing Services staff, regarding their legal rights if any property improvements that are funded by these incentive programs have the potential to disrupt or impact the tenants;
  - (iii) The explicit value and nature of the City's financial contribution to any property improvement is disclosed to the Landlord and Tenant Board in any matter involving an application for an above-guideline rent increase; and,
- (b) That staff be directed to report back to a future General Issues Committee meeting with the potential changes to the guidelines and criteria for the Barton/Kenilworth Tax Increment Grant Program; the Barton/Kenilworth Commercial Corridor Building Improvement Grant Program; the Barton/Kenilworth Commercial Planning and Building Fee Rebate Program; the Commercial Corridor Housing Loan and Grant Program; and, the Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program, for Committee's consideration.

**(ii) City-Wide Stormwater Rate Program Review (Item 11.2)**

Item 11.2, being a Motion respecting a City-Wide Stormwater Rate Program Review, was moved up on the agenda to be addressed prior to the Discussion Items on the agenda.

WHEREAS, stormwater charges are currently based on usage volume of potable water consumed and are not sufficient to fund the full cost of Hamilton's stormwater infrastructure;

WHEREAS, stormwater management infrastructure is critical to control the quantity and quality of runoff, reduce flood damage and improve local water quality,

WHEREAS, climate change is resulting in more frequent, high intensity storms and elevated Lake Ontario water levels, which impact infrastructure and create challenges for residents;

WHEREAS, the City currently operates 123 stormwater management facilities and is anticipating an additional 43 to be incorporated into the inventory within the next 5 years;

WHEREAS, in 2019, the City is responding to elevated Lake Ontario water levels with temporary controls and pumping at an estimated cost \$2.5M - \$3M to minimize flooding and protect the Woodward Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant;

WHEREAS, stormwater rates provide a dedicated, stable and fair funding source for stormwater management infrastructure and related costs and provide incentive for better private property management of stormwater runoff and pollution; and,

WHEREAS, many other municipalities in Ontario have implemented a dedicated stormwater rate to fund stormwater programs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to review a Stormwater Rate Program for the City of Hamilton and report back to the General Issues Committee with a framework and options for implementation.

The Motion respecting a City-Wide Stormwater Rate Program Review was amended by adding a new sub-section (b) to read as follows:

- (b) That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee on what the City is requiring now and to bring forward other options or incentives that can be advanced that will reduce stormwater flows.

WHEREAS, stormwater charges are currently based on usage volume of potable water consumed and are not sufficient to fund the full cost of Hamilton's stormwater infrastructure;

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WHEREAS, stormwater rates provide a dedicated, stable and fair funding source for stormwater management infrastructure and related costs and provide incentive for better private property management of stormwater runoff and pollution; and,

WHEREAS, many other municipalities in Ontario have implemented a dedicated stormwater rate to fund stormwater programs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to review a Stormwater Rate Program for the City of Hamilton and report back to the General Issues Committee on the feasibility and financial implications of a framework and options for implementation; and,
- (b) That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee on what the City is requiring now and to bring forward other options or incentives that can be advanced that will reduce stormwater flows.

**(j) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)**

The following amendments to the General Issues Committee's Outstanding Business List were approved as follows:

**13.1 Proposed New Due Dates:**

- 13.1.a Art in Public Places Policy  
Current Due Date: August 12, 2019  
Proposed New Due Date: January 15, 2020
- 13.1.b Community Benefits Protocol Advisory Committee –  
Terms of Reference  
Current Due Date: July 8, 2019  
Proposed New Due Date: October 16, 2019

- 13.1.c MOU with Hamilton 100 confirming their Commitment to Lead the 2030 Commonwealth Games Hosting Proposal  
Current Due Date: July 8, 2019  
Proposed New Due Date: August 12, 2019
  - 13.1.d Code of Conduct for Council-Appointed Member of External Boards and Agencies  
Current Due Date: July 8, 2019  
Proposed New Due Date: September 18, 2019
  - 13.1.e Pending Litigation Matters and Associated Liabilities  
Current Due Date: June 19, 2019  
Proposed New Due Date: August 12, 2019
  - 13.1.f Pier 8 Development Opportunity RFP – Summary of the 4 Proposals  
Current Due Date: July 8, 2019  
Proposed New Due Date: November 20, 2019
- 13.2 Items to be removed:
- 13.2.a Audit and Accountability Fund – Expression of Interest (Addressed at the June 19, 2019 GIC (FCS19059))
  - 13.2.b Celebrate Ontario 2019 Results (Addressed on today's agenda (PED19147))

**(k) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)**

**(i) Closed Session Minutes – June 19, 2019 (Item 14.1)**

- (a) The Closed Session Minutes of the June 19, 2019 General Issues Committee meeting were approved; and,
- (b) The Closed Session Minutes of the June 19, 2019 General Issues Committee meeting shall remain confidential.

Committee moved into Closed Session respecting Items 14.2 to 14.4, pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (c), (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (c), (e) and (f) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land; litigation or potential litigation, including matters



before administrative tribunals, affecting the City; and, the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

**(I) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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L. Ferguson, Deputy Mayor  
Chair, General Issues Committee

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Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Coordinator,  
Office of the City Clerk

