



SPECIAL GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 19-016

9:30 a.m.

Monday, September 9, 2019

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Request for an Amendment to Legislation – Tenant Information for Rental Properties (Item 11.2)

(Clark/Jackson)

That the City Clerk be authorized and directed to draft a letter to the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting the government amend legislation to require rental property owners to provide tenant information, for election purposes only, to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Ninder Nann
CONFLICT - Councillor Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Chad Collins
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Terry Whitehead

NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Judi Partridge
CONFLICT - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brenda Johnson
CONFLICT - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

2. Municipal Voters List – Elections Ontario (CL19009) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Jackson/Danko)

That Report CL19009, respecting the Municipal Voters List – Elections Ontario, be received.

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

(Eisenberger/Pearson)

That the agenda for the September 9, 2019 Special General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as presented.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
YES - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Councillor Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Chad Collins
YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Terry Whitehead
YES - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
YES - Councillor Judi Partridge
YES - Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
YES - Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
YES - Councillor Brenda Johnson
YES - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

Councillor M. Pearson declared an interest to Item 11.2, respecting a Request for an Amendment to Legislation – Tenant Information for Rental Properties, as she is a rental property owner.

Councillor S. Merulla declared an interest to Item 11.2, respecting a Request for an Amendment to Legislation – Tenant Information for Rental Properties, as he is a rental property owner.

Councillor A. VanderBeek declared an interest to Item 11.2, respecting a Request for an Amendment to Legislation – Tenant Information for Rental Properties, as she is a rental property owner.

(c) COMMUNICATION ITEMS (Item 5)

(VanderBeek/Clark)

That Communication items 5.1(a) to 5.1(ss) and 5.2(a), listed as follows, be received:

(i) Correspondence from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Ontario Municipalities in response to Council's Resolution of December 18, 2018 regarding Maintaining the Voters' List for Municipal Elections (Item 5.1)

- (a) The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- (b) City of Vaughan
- (c) County of Huron
- (d) Township of Strong
- (e) Municipality of Killarney
- (f) Township of Front of Young
- (g) Township of Baldwin
- (h) Municipality of Central Elgin
- (i) Municipality of Tweed

- (j) Township of Puslinch
- (k) City of Thorold
- (l) Municipality of Grey Highlands
- (m) Township of North Frontenac
- (n) City of St. Catharines
- (o) Municipality of West Perth
- (p) Township of Black River
- (q) Township of Alberton
- (r) City of Quinte West
- (s) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Government Policy Branch
- (t) Township of Enniskillen
- (u) Township of Opatatika
- (v) Township of Scugog
- (w) Municipality of Morris-Turnberry
- (x) Town of Pelham
- (y) Township of Minden Hills
- (z) Town of Thessalon
- (aa) City of Welland
- (bb) Township of Dubreuilville
- (cc) Municipality of Temagami
- (dd) City of Brantford
- (ee) City of Timmins

- (ff) Municipality of Southwest Middlesex
- (gg) Town of Collingwood
- (hh) Township of Carling
- (ii) Township of South Frontenac
- (jj) Township of Wellesley
- (kk) Municipality of North Perth
- (ll) Municipality of Greenstone
- (mm) Township of South Algonquin
- (nn) Town of Iroquois Falls
- (oo) City of Guelph
- (pp) Town of Goderich
- (qq) Township of Ramara
- (rr) Township of East Hawkesbury
- (ss) Town of Kearney

(ii) Correspondence from Residents respecting the Voters' List for Municipal Elections (Item 5.2)

- (a) Beverley Dworzak (Received and referred to GIC by Council at its meeting of January 23, 2019)

CARRIED

(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)

(i) Municipal Voters List – Elections Ontario (CL19009) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Jackson/Clark)

That Report CL19009, respecting the Municipal Voters List – Elections Ontario, be DEFERRED until after the presentation by the Municipal

Property Assessment Corporation, respecting maintenance of the municipal voters' list.

CARRIED

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

(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 9)

(i) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)

Lou Castellani, Account Manager, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting maintenance of the municipal voters' list.

(Clark/Pearson)

That the presentation provided by Lou Castellani, Account Manager, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, respecting maintenance of the municipal voters' list, be received.

CARRIED

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

For further disposition of this matter, please refer to Items 1 and (f)(i).

(f) MOTIONS (Item 11)

(i) Recommendations to Ensure Tenants Living in Rental Properties are included on the Municipal Elections Voters' List (Item 11.1)

(Clark/Pearson)

That the City Clerk be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee with recommendations from the Multi-Stakeholder Elections Working Group with respect to ensuring that tenants living in rental properties are included on the municipal elections voters' list.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:

YES - Councillor Maureen Wilson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Jason Farr
YES - Councillor Nrinder Nann
CONFLICT - Councillor Sam Merulla
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Chad Collins

YES - Councillor Tom Jackson
NOT PRESENT - Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Councillor John-Paul Danko
YES - Deputy-Mayor Terry Whitehead
NOT PRESENT - Mayor Fred Eisenberger
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NOT PRESENT - Councillor Brenda Johnson
CONFLICT - Councillor Maria Pearson
YES - Councillor Brad Clark

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(Pearson/Danko)

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

T. Whitehead, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator,
Office of the City Clerk