



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT 20-010

9:30 a.m.

Monday, July 6, 2020

Due to COVID 19 this meeting was Livestreamed only.

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

THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 20-010, AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Alectra Renewal Agreement (FCS19095(a)/LS19048(a)) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

That Report FCS19095(a)/LS19048(a), respecting the Alectra Renewal Agreement, be received.

2. Commonwealth Games 2030 (PED19108(e)) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)

That Report PED19108(e), respecting the Commonwealth Games 2030, be received.

3. Placemaking Grant Pilot Program (PED20048) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

- (a) That the proposed Placemaking Grant Pilot Program, as outlined in Appendix "A" attached to Report 20-010, be approved; and,
- (b) That the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development Department, and his authorized designates, be authorized and directed to initiate, negotiate and execute all agreements and documents, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, necessary to:

- (i) Secure funding from The Patrick J. McNally Charitable Foundation (Foundation) for the Placemaking Grant Pilot Program; and,
- (ii) Finalize grant agreements with the individuals and organizations funded to conduct the activities contemplated by the Pilot Program.

4. CityLAB Annual Report (CM20006) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

That Report CM20006, respecting the CityLAB Annual Report, be received.

5. Hamilton Tax Increment Program – 121 / 125 King Street East, Hamilton (PED20123) (Ward 2) (Item 8.1)

- (a) That a Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program application submitted by Gore Park Lofts Development Corp. (Tyler Ross and David Horwood), for the property at 121/125 King Street East, Hamilton, estimated at \$275,512.68 over a maximum of a five-year period, and based upon the incremental tax increase attributable to the development of 121/125 King Street East, Hamilton, be authorized and approved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute a Grant Agreement together with any ancillary documentation required, to effect recommendation (a) of Report PED20123, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (c) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized to approve and execute any Grant Amending Agreements, together with any ancillary amending documentation, if required, provided that the terms and conditions of the Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program, as approved by City Council, are maintained.

6. Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update (LS19036(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

- (a) That Report LS19036(b), respecting the Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update, be received;
- (b) That the direction provided to staff in Confidential Appendix “A” attached to Report LS19036(a), be approved; and,

- (c) That the entirety of Confidential Appendix “A” to Report LS19036(a), respecting the Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update, remain confidential.

7. Commonwealth Games 2026 (Item 9.1)

WHEREAS, a local community consortium known as Commonwealth100 has come together to lead the development of a bid proposal to host the Commonwealth Games in Hamilton in 2030;

WHEREAS, Hamilton City Council has endorsed, in principle, to participate in a bid proposal for Hamilton to host the Commonwealth Games in 2030; and,

WHEREAS, the local consortium, Commonwealth100 now known as Hamilton2026 has worked with Commonwealth Sport Canada and the Commonwealth Games Federation on a potential pivot for Hamilton from hosting the 2030 Commonwealth Games to the 2026 Commonwealth Games;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the representatives from Hamilton2026, Commonwealth Sport Canada and the Commonwealth Games Federation be invited to attend the August 10, 2020 General Issues Committee to answer questions and provide additional information on a potential 2026 Hamilton proposal and next steps.

8. Stadium Update – Legal Issues (LS20015/PW20039) (City Wide) (Item 12.3)

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting Report LS20015/PW20039, Stadium Update – Legal Issues, be approved; and,
- (b) That Report LS20015/PW20039, respecting Stadium Update – Legal Issues and its Appendix “A”, remain confidential.

9. Application for Approval to Expropriate Property in Ward 15 (LS19026(a)) (Ward 15) (Item 12.4)

- (a) That the inquiry officer’s report, attached as Confidential Appendix “B” to Report LS19026(a), as required by s. 8(1) of the *Expropriations Act*, be received;
- (b) That the Expropriation By-law, to Expropriate a Property in Ward 15, attached as Appendix “C” to Report LS19026(a), be enacted;

- (c) That, upon approval by Council, Report LS19026(a), respecting the Expropriation of a Property in Ward 15, and its appendices be made public; and,
- (d) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting Report LS19026(a), respecting the Expropriation of a Property in Ward 15, be approved.

**10. Downtown Entertainment Precinct Status Update (PED18168(e)) (City Wide)
(Item 12.5)**

- (a) That the Memorandum of Understanding for the Downtown Entertainment Precinct assets, based substantially on the terms and conditions, outlined in Appendix “A” attached to Report PED18168(e), and such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development Department, in consultation with the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services Department, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be approved;
- (b) That the City owned properties and interests related to the properties identified in Appendix “K” attached to Report PED18168(e) be declared surplus to the needs of the City for the purpose of disposition by way of sale, lease, easement or other instrument, on terms to be set out in the Master Agreement, and as provided in the Memorandum of Understanding for the Downtown Entertainment Precinct assets;
- (c) That the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development Department or their designate, acting on behalf of the City, be authorized and directed to provide any requisite consents, approvals and notices related to the administration of any leases or any other agreements including those necessary for any applications for land use approvals or works contemplated in the Memorandum of Understanding for the Downtown Entertainment Precinct assets;
- (d) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to complete the Memorandum of Understanding, the Master Agreement, and any other agreements required to fulfil the objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Downtown Entertainment Precinct assets, including, without limitation, paying any necessary expenses, amending closing and other dates, conducting appropriate due diligence, and amending and waiving terms and conditions as she considers reasonable;

- (e) That the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Memorandum of Understanding, the Master Agreement, and any related agreements and ancillary documents for the Downtown Entertainment Precinct assets, all in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor;
- (f) That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee, as part of the 2021 budget process, on any operating budget, capital budget, and organizational changes required as a result of the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding, the Master Agreement and any related agreements or documents;
- (g) That staff be authorized and directed to develop and carry out a communications strategy to appropriately advise the public on pertinent aspects of the Memorandum of Understanding and the Master Agreement;
- (h) That Report PED18168(e), respecting the Downtown Entertainment Precinct Status Update, and its appendices remain confidential and not be released as public documents;
- (i) That the presentation provided in Closed Session, respecting Report PED18168(e), respecting the Downtown Entertainment Precinct Status Update, be received and remain confidential; and,
- (j) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting Report PED18168(e), regarding the Downtown Entertainment Precinct Status Update, be approved.

11. RHVP Litigation Update (LS20014) (City Wide) (Item 12.6)

- (a) That direction provided to staff in Closed Session, as outlined in Confidential Appendix “A” to Report LS20014, respecting the RHVP Litigation Update, be approved; and,
- (b) That Report LS20014, respecting the RHVP Litigation Update, and its Appendix “A” remain confidential.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)

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

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.2 Correspondence from Kojo Dampsey and Karl Andrus, HCCI respecting the Commonwealth Games

Recommendation: Be received.

- 4.3 Correspondence from Elizabeth Seidl, respecting the Commonwealth Games (Item 4.3)

Recommendation: Be received.

- 4.4 Correspondence from Erin Shacklette respecting the Commonwealth Games

Recommendation: Be received.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 10.1 Commonwealth Games 2026

The agenda for the July 6, 2020 General Issues Committee meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

Councillor Wilson declared an interest to Item 12.5, Downtown Entertainment Precinct Status Update (PED18168(e)), as she has a spousal relationship with one of the parties.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Item 3)

(i) March 20, 2020 and June 15, 2020 (Items 3.1 and 3.2)

The minutes of the March 20, 2020 and June 15, 2020 General Issues Committee meetings were approved, as presented.

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 4)

Communication Items 4.1 to 4.4 were approved, as follows:

(i) Correspondence from P. J. Mercanti, President, Hamilton2026 respecting the Commonwealth Games (Item 4.1)

Be received and referred to staff for appropriate action.

(ii) Correspondence from Kojo Dampsey and Karl Andrus, HCCI respecting the Commonwealth Games (Item 4.2)

Be received.

(iii) Correspondence from Elizabeth Seidl, respecting the Commonwealth Games (Item 4.3)

Be received.

(iv) Correspondence from Erin Shacklette respecting the Commonwealth Games (Item 4.4)

Be received.

(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Placemaking Grant Pilot Program (PED20048) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Carrie Brooks-Joiner, Director, Tourism and Culture, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation overview of Report PED20048, respecting the Placemaking Grant Pilot Program.

The presentation, respecting the Placemaking Grant Pilot Program, was received.

For disposition of this matter, please see Item 3.

(ii) CityLAB Annual Report (CM20006) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

Patrick Byrne, Project Manager, CityLab Hamilton, addressed Committee and provided a PowerPoint presentation overview of Report CM20006, respecting the CityLab Annual Report.

The presentation, respecting Report CM20006, respecting the CityLab Annual Report, was received.

For disposition of this matter, please see Item 4.

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(i) Tim Hortons Field - End Guard Anchor Repair-Replacement (PW20039) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

Consideration of Report PW20039, respecting Tim Hortons Field - End Guard Anchor Repair-Replacement, was DEFERRED until after Committee reconvened in Open Session.

Consideration of Report PW20039, respecting Tim Hortons Field - End Guard Anchor Repair-Replacement, was DEFERRED to the August 10, 2020 General Issues Committee meeting.

(ii) Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update (LS19036(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

Consideration of Report LS19036(b), respecting the Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update, was DEFERRED until after discussion of Appendix "A" to Report LS19036(b) had taken place in Closed Session.

(g) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

(i) Commonwealth Games 2026 (Item 10.1)

Councillor J. Partridge introduced a Notice of Motion respecting the Commonwealth Games 2026.

That the Rules of Order were waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting the Commonwealth Games 2026.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 7.

(h) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 11.1)

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

(a) Items to be removed:

- (i) Alectra Renewal Agreement (FCS19095(a) - LS19048(a) (City Wide) (Addressed as Item 5.1 on this agenda - Report FCS19095(a)/LS19048(a))**
- (ii) Commonwealth Games 2030 (PED19108(e)) (City Wide) (Addressed on this agenda as Item 5.2 - PED19108(e))**

(i) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 12)

(i) Closed Session Minutes – March 20, 2020 and June 15, 2020 (Items 12.1 and 12.2)

- (a) The Closed Session Minutes of the March 20, 2020 and June 15, 2020 General Issues Committee meetings were approved, as presented; and,**
- (b) The Closed Session Minutes of the of the March 20, 2020 and June 15, 2020 General Issues Committee meetings shall remain confidential.**

Committee moved into Closed Session respecting Items 12.3 to 12.7, pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-sections (c), (e), (f) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, as amended; and, Section 239(2), Sub-sections (c), (e), (f), and (k) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and, a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

(ii) Appendix “A” to Report LS19036(b) - Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update (City Wide) (Item 12.7)

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 6.

(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Esther Pauls
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator,
Office of the City Clerk

Placemaking Grant Pilot Program

Funding purpose:

- Funding will support community-led projects that propose new ways of interacting with public spaces¹ to address issues or realize opportunities. Projects may be imaginative and playful or address larger, more serious issues. Applicants are encouraged to reimagine every day public spaces and propose place-based temporary projects that are creative and experimental.

Timeline:

- Launch in the fourth quarter of 2020; funding awarded in 2021 to 2022; projects taking place in 2021 to 2023.

Total program budget:

- \$100 K

Funding source:

- The Patrick J. McNally Charitable Foundation

Eligibility:

- Funding is available to local non-profit organizations and groups of residents. Projects must be new or a project that is being tested at a different scale.

Funding available to applicants:

- Up to \$2,000 per project to fund place-based projects that are low-cost that result in meaningful impact on a place/community. Projects are temporary (up to one year) and may include a physical change to the place (signage, sculpture, garden planters, etc.) or may reimagine a space through repeated action (performances, gatherings, etc.). Approximately 20 grants may be awarded during the two-year grant program.
- \$5,000 to \$20 K per project to fund place-based projects that have a larger physical impact on the place/community with meaningful results. Projects are temporary (up to three years) and will include a physical change to the place (seating, sculpture, etc.). Approximately two to four grants may be awarded during the two-year grant program.

Assessment:

- All eligible applications will be reviewed and scored by an adjudication team made up of City staff and community members using the following assessment criteria:

1) Proposed project demonstrates a place-based experience. What the assessors will be looking for in the application:

- Project and place are described
- Project designed specifically for the place
- Project has the potential for meaningful impact on a place/community

¹ Public Spaces are places publicly owned or of public use, accessible and enjoyable, by all for free. Public spaces are a key element of individual and social well-being, the places of a community's collective life, expressions of the diversity of their common natural and cultural richness and a foundation of their identity. (Adapted from The Charter of Public Space)

- 2) Project encourages collaboration and interaction. What the assessors will be looking for in the application:
 - Individuals and/or organizations involved in the project are identified and their roles described
 - Those involved with the project are diverse and represent more than one point of view
 - Project has the potential to increase community interaction
- 3) Project demonstrates a creative or experimental approach to create change. What the assessors will be looking for in the application:
 - Reason why project is needed is described
 - Project demonstrates a creative or experimental approach
 - Project changes how people can experience the place
- 4) Applicants demonstrate they have the resources to complete the project. What the assessors will be looking for in the application:
 - Budget is reasonable and suited to the proposed project
 - Major steps required to coordinate the project are identified
 - Plan to maintain the project through its lifecycle and retire it upon completion identified
 - Resources and capacity required to coordinate project demonstrated

Feasibility:

- Projects will be reviewed to ensure that they are technically feasible before funding is awarded. Any terms and conditions will be outlined in a funding agreement.