



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 20-015

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 7, 2020
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger, Deputy Mayor L. Ferguson (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

Absent: Councillors J. Partridge - Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Investigating the Feasibility of a City of Hamilton Museum (PED20172) (City Wide) (Item 9.1)

(Clark/Collins)

That Report PED20172, respecting Investigating the Feasibility of a City of Hamilton Museum, be received.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson

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Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

2. Virtual Commemoration of 175 Years of Hamilton's History (Item 10.1)

(Eisenberger/Collins)

WHEREAS, 2021 will mark 175 years since the City of Hamilton was founded in 1846;

WHEREAS, the citizens of Hamilton have expressed support for the idea of a Museum of Hamilton; and,

WHEREAS, a virtual museum approach offers significant and cost-effective potential for offering public content and experiences within COVID-19 restrictions and will complement and expand in-person programs at the existing civic museums;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Tourism and Culture Division staff be directed to develop a proposal to create and deliver an online commemoration of the 175 years of Hamilton's history in 2021, as a first phase of a virtual Museum of Hamilton, and report back to General Issues Committee.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
No	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)

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

5. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 5.1 Hamilton2026 Commonwealth Games Bid Corporation, respecting the Commonwealth Games 2026 Hosting Opportunity – This item has been withdrawn from the agenda.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 11.1 Virtual Commemoration of 175 Years of Hamilton's History

12. GENRAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

- 12.1.b.b. Review of the Value and Implications of Alternative Disposition Options for LaSalle Park – This matter was DEFERRED to the October 21, 2020 meeting of GIC; and, therefore, will remain on the outstanding business list.

(Johnson/Pauls)

That the agenda for the October 7, 2020 General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as amended.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Absent	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek

Absent - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent - Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) September 23, 2020 (Item 3.1)

(Pearson/Nann)

That the Minutes of the September 23, 2020 General Issues Committee meeting be approved, as presented.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Absent	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 4)

(VanderBeek/Collins)

That Communication Items 4.1 and 4.2 respecting the 2026 Commonwealth Games, be received:

- (i) Hamilton Olympic Club and 91st Highlanders Athletic Association, respecting the Commonwealth Games 2026 (Item 4.1)

- (ii) Kevin Gonci, respecting the 2026 Commonwealth Games Proposal (Item 4.2)

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Absent	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Danny Cerino, respecting COVID-19 related Matters (Item 7.1)

Danny Cerino addressed Committee respecting COVID-19 related matters.

(Pearson/Clark)

That the presentation provided by Danny Cerino, respecting COVID-19 related matters, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 1, as follows:

Absent	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
No	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Absent	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark

Yes	-	Ward 10	Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) COVID-19 Verbal Update (Item 8.1)

Paul Johnson, General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities; and, Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, addressed Committee and provided a verbal update respecting COVID-19.

(Pearson/Ferguson)

That the verbal update, respecting COVID-19, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 14 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
Yes	-	Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
Yes	-	Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
Yes	-	Ward 8 Councillor J. P. Danko
Yes	-	Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
Yes	-	Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson
Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Absent	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(i) Encampment Matter Verbal Update (Item 8.2 - Added)

At the request of Committee, Paul Johnson, General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities; and, Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, provided a verbal update respecting the encampment matter.

(Pearson/Ferguson)

That the verbal update, respecting the encampment matter, be received.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
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Yes	-	Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

(g) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 11)

(i) Virtual Commemoration of 175 Years of Hamilton's History

Mayor F. Eisenberger introduced a Notice of Motion respecting the Virtual Commemoration of 175 Years of Hamilton's History.

(Eisenberger/Collins)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting the Virtual Commemoration of 175 Years of Hamilton's History.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a 2/3rds vote of 15 to 0, as follows:

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes	-	Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
Yes	-	Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins
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Yes	-	Ward 11	Councillor Brenda Johnson, Deputy Mayor
Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
Yes	-	Ward 14	Councillor Terry Whitehead
Absent	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

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

(ii) Release of Appendices related to the Encampment Update Matter (Item 8.2)

Councillor Farr introduced a Notice of Motion respecting the Release of Appendices related to the Encampment Update Matter.

The Motion respecting this matter will be placed on the October 14, 2020 Council agenda for consideration.

(h) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 12)

(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 12.1)

(Pearson/Ferguson)

That the amendments to the General Issues Committee's Outstanding Business list be approved, as follows:

12.1.a. Proposed New Due Dates:

**12.1.a.a. Pier 8 Development Opportunity RFP -
Summary of the 4 Proposals**

Current Due Date: August 10, 2020
Proposed New Due Date: November 18, 2020

**12.1.a.b. Revenue Enhancement Opportunities at the
John C. Munro International Airport**

Current Due Date: August 10, 2020
Proposed New Due Date: June 16, 2021

- 12.1.a.c. Code of Conduct for Council-Approved Citizen Members of External Boards and Agencies

Current Due Date: September 23, 2020
Proposed New Due Date: February 17, 2021

- 12.1.a.d. Innovation Factory Request for Funding Renewal Option

Current Due Date: July 6, 2020
Proposed New Due Date: November 4, 2020

- 12.1.a.e. Sidewalk Snow Removal

Current Due Date: August 10, 2020
Proposed New Due Date: October 21, 2020

- 12.1.a.f. Municipal Accommodation Tax - Structure and Implementation Plan

Current Due Date: September 23, 2020
Proposed New Due Date: November 18, 2020

- 12.1.b. Items to be Removed:

- 12.1.b.a. Annual Review of the Municipal Funding Program - Synapse Life Sciences Consortium

(Addressed at the September 23, 2020 GIC as Item 6.3 - Report PED19057(a))

- 12.1.b.b. Request for Relief for the Hamilton Farmers' Market with an Equivalence of the Canadian Commercial Rent Assistance Program (CECRA)

(This matter is being addressed through the Hamilton Farmers' Market Shareholder.)

12.1.b.c. Divesting and Defunding of the Hamilton Police Service

(Addressed at the September 23, 2020 GIC as Item 8.3 by the Hamilton Police Service.)

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

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(i) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 13)

(i) Closed Session Minutes – September 9, 2020; September 14, 2020; and September 23, 2020 (Items 13.1 to 13.3))

(Whitehead/Johnson)

- (a) That the Closed Session Minutes of the September 9, 2020; September 14, 2020; and, September 23, 2020 General Issues Committee meetings, be approved; and,
- (b) That the Closed Session Minutes of the of the September 9, 2020; September 14, 2020; and, September 23, 2020 General Issues Committee meetings remain confidential.

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

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Yes	-	Ward 12	Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
Yes	-	Ward 13	Councillor Arlene VanderBeek
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Absent	-	Ward 15	Councillor Judi Partridge

(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Pearson/Pauls)

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

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

Yes	-	Mayor Fred Eisenberger
Yes	-	Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes	-	Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr
Yes	-	Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
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Absent	-	Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Lloyd Ferguson
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk