



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT 21-003

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Due to COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall, this meeting was held virtually.

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

Absent: Councillors T. Whitehead – Personal

THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 21-003, AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

**1. Correspondence from the Hamilton Police Services Board, respecting
Business Improvement Area Crime Statistics (Item 4.1)**

That the correspondence from the Hamilton Police Services Board, respecting Business Improvement Area Crime Statistics, be received and referred to the Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee for information.

**2. Stoney Creek Business Improvement Area (BIA) Revised Board of
Management (PED21026) (Ward 5) (Item 6.1)**

That the following individuals be appointed to the Stoney Creek Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Management:

- (i) Sandy Pavao; and,
- (ii) Natasha Guidi.

3. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 20-007, December 8, 2020 (Item 9.1)

- (a) That Items 1 to 3 and 8, of the Advisory Committee Report 20-007, respecting the following, be approved:
 - (i) Appointment of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair for 2021 (Item 1);
 - (ii) Reduction in the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Transportation Working Group and Built Environment Working Group Memberships (Item 2);
 - (iii) Housing Issues Working Group Work Plan (Item 3); and,
 - (iv) Strategic Planning Working Group Update (Item 8);
- (b) That Item 4 of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 20-007, respecting Accessible Housing, be referred to the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department, for a report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee;
- (c) That Item 5 of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 20-007, respecting the Ban of Electric Scooters from Public Property, be referred to the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development for consideration with respect to additional locations where e-scooters may be permitted to operate, and for consideration in developing the forthcoming report to the Planning Committee, with respect to commercial e-scooter operations;
- (d) That Item 6 of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 20-007, respecting HSR / ATS / DARTS Passenger Policies for Persons with Disabilities, be referred to the General Manager of Public Works, for a report back to the Public Works Committee; and,
- (e) That Item 7 of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 20-007, respecting Acoustic Vehicle Alerting System Requirement for Electric Scooters be referred to the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development for consideration with respect to additional locations where e-scooters may be permitted to operate, and for consideration in developing the forthcoming report to the Planning Committee, with respect to commercial e-scooter operations.

4. Funding to Backfill the Administrative Staff Position in Ward 6 (Item 10.1)

WHEREAS, the Ward budgets do not reflect the funding required to backfill for administrative staff on maternity leave;

WHEREAS, at its meeting of April 8, 2020, Council approved \$30,300; \$25,000 from the General Legislative Budget (300100) and \$5,300 from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (110046), to backfill the administrative staff position in Ward 6 during a maternity leave in 2020; and,

WHEREAS, in 2021, Ward 6 is required to backfill the same administrative staff position, for a temporary length of time, to cover the balance of that maternity leave;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That funding, to an upset limit of \$3,500, to backfill the administrative staff position in Ward 6, during the balance of a maternity leave in 2021, to be funded from the Contingency fund in the General Legislative Budget (300100), be approved.

5. Ombudsman's Inquiry (FCS21019/LS21004) (City Wide) (Item 13.2)

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting Report FCS21019/LS21004 - Ombudsman's Inquiry, be approved; and,
- (b) That Report FCS21019/LS21004 - Ombudsman's Inquiry, remain confidential.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 1)

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

13. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

13.2 Ombudsman's Inquiry (FCS21019 / LS21004) (City Wide)

Pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (f) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to advice that is

subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; Section 239(3)(b) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to an ongoing investigation respecting the municipality, a local board or a municipally-controlled corporation by the Ombudsman, appointed under the *Ombudsman Act*, and, to Section 239(3)(b) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, Section 113.14(1) – Investigation - every investigation by the Ombudsman shall be conducted in private.

The agenda for the February 3, 2021 General Issues Committee meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) January 13, 2021 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the January 13, 2021 General Issues Committee meeting were approved, as presented.

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 4)

Communication Items 4.2.a to 4.2.e. were approved, as follows:

- (i) Correspondence respecting Rent Relief for the Hamilton Farmers' Market Stallholders (Item 4.2)
 - 1. Liz Lamb (Item 4.2.a.)
 - 2. Charlie Chiarelli, CC Produce, Hamilton Farmers' Market Stallholder (Item 4.2.b.)
 - 3. Katie McCrindle (Item 4.2.c.)
 - 4. Ron Jepson, Jepson's Fresh Meats, Hamilton Farmers' Market Stallholder (Item 4.2.d.)

5. Sheri Adams Selway (Item 4.2.e.)

Recommendation: Be received.

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 5)

The Delegation Requests, Items 5.1 to 5.3, were approved, as follows:

- (i) Ian Hamilton, Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority, respecting the Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority Ports Update (For the March 24, 2021 GIC) (Item 5.1)
- (ii) Shane Coleman, Hamilton Farmers' Market Stallholders' Association, requesting Rent Relief for the Hamilton Farmers' Market (For the February 17, 2021 GIC) (Item 5.2)
- (iii) Jennifer Hompoth, Friends of the Hamilton Farmers' Market, respecting the Well-Being of the Hamilton Farmers' Market (For the February 17, 2021 GIC) (Item 5.3)

(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

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

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

The verbal update respecting COVID-19 was received.

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

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

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

- 1. Proposed New Due Dates (12.1.a.)
 - (aa) Multi-Purpose Community Hub for Diverse and Marginalized Communities - Business Case (Item 12.1.a.a.)

Current Due Date: December 9, 2020
Proposed New Due Date: June 16, 2021

- (bb) Community Benefits Protocol Advisory Committee
(Item 12.1.a.b.)

Current Due Date: November 20, 2020
Proposed New Due Date: September 24, 2021

- (cc) Feasibility of Developing a Hamilton Biodiversity
Action Plan (Item 12.1.a.c.)

Current Due Date: December 9, 2020
Proposed New Due Date: April 7, 2021

- (dd) Grant or Low-Interest Loans from FCM (Item
12.1.a.d.)

Current Due Date: November 4, 2020
Proposed New Due Date: December 8, 2021

- (ee) Parkland Acquisition Strategy (Item 12.1.a.e.)

Current Due Date: December 8, 2021
Proposed New Due Date: June 15, 2022

2. Items to be removed (Item 12.1.b.)

Results of the Public Consultation of the Draft Employment Land
Review Report, in addition to other GRIDS 2 and MCR
Intensification and Density Targets (Item 12.1.b.a.)

(Addressed at the December 14, 2020 Special GIC as Item 6.1 -
Report PED17010(g); and, Item 8.1 - Report PED17010(h))

(h) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 13)

(i) Closed Session Minutes – January 13, 2021 (Item 13.1)

- (a) The Closed Session Minutes of the January 13, 2021 General Issues Committee meeting were approved, as presented; and,
- (b) The Closed Session Minutes of the January 13, 2021 General Issues Committee meeting shall remain confidential.

Committee moved into Closed Session respecting Item 13.2, pursuant to Section 8.1, Sub-section (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (f) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; Section 239(3)(b) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to an ongoing investigation respecting the municipality, a local board or a municipally-controlled corporation by the Ombudsman, appointed under the *Ombudsman Act*, and, to Section 239(3)(b) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, Section 113.14(1) – Investigation - every investigation by the Ombudsman shall be conducted in private.

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 14)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Maureen Wilson
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator,
Office of the City Clerk