



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT 21-012

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

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

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger, Deputy Mayor J. Farr (Chair)
Councillors M. Wilson, 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: Councillor T. Whitehead – Leave of Absence

THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 21-012, AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Ancaster Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) Revised Board of Management (PED21108) (Ward 12) (Item 7.1)

That the following individual be appointed to the Ancaster Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Management:

- (a) Dean Hodge

2. Business Improvement Area (BIA) Advisory Committee Minutes 21-004, April 13, 2021 (Item 7.2)

That the Business Improvement Area (BIA) Advisory Committee Minutes 21-004, April 13, 2021, be received.

3. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 21-005, May 11, 2021 (Item 10.1)

- (a) Invitation to the Director of Housing Services to Discuss Accessible Housing Matters (Item 7.2(b))

WHEREAS, the Housing Issues Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities will benefit from the expertise of the Director of Housing Services, or their designate;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the Director of Housing Services, or their designate, be invited to attend a future meeting of the Housing Issues Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities to discuss accessible housing matters including, but not limited to, the following:

- (i) Reviewing and improving the Housing Application Process;
- (ii) Confirming that the City's goal of 20% accessible housing has been achieved and identification of the minimum criteria required to be considered accessible;
- (iii) Information regarding the modular housing project, including its level of accessibility;
- (iv) The plan in place when there is a loss of accessible housing due to unforeseen circumstances, such as a building fire; and,
- (v) The measures that the City is taking to ensure that future social housing incorporates 20% accessibility during this housing crisis.

(b) Approval of All Advisory Committee Event Date and Selection of a Presenters (Item 11.1)

WHEREAS, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Advisory Committee recommended that an All Advisory Committee Event be hosted for the purpose of providing City Advisory Committees with an opportunity to introduce themselves to one another and educate each other in terms of their respective Committee's purpose (mandate) and goals;

WHEREAS, an All Advisory Committee Event was approved by Hamilton City Council on April 14, 2021 (see Item 4 of Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 21-005 for reference);

WHEREAS, at the All Advisory Committee Event, each Advisory Committee will be allotted 5 minutes to introduce their respective

Committee's purpose (mandate) and discuss the successes and the challenges the Advisory Committee has experienced; and,

WHEREAS, the staff liaisons for each Advisory Committee met and mutually agreed upon a tentative date for the All Advisory Committee Event;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the proposed date of Monday, September 27, 2021, commencing at 4:00 p.m., for the All Advisory Committee Event be approved; and,
- (b) That Aznive Mallett and James Kemp be authorized to represent the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities at the All Advisory Committee Event and deliver a 5-minute presentation on the Committee's behalf respecting the Committee's purpose (mandate), successes and challenges.

(c) Authorization for Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Member(s) to Delegate on a Forthcoming City Staff Report respecting Accessible Captioning of Committee Meetings (Added Item 11.2)

WHEREAS, a City staff report respecting accessible captioning of Committee meetings is tentatively scheduled to be included on the May 20, 2021 Audit, Finance and Administration Committee meeting agenda; and,

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities has a vested interest in the matter of accessible captioning of Committee meetings and wishes to ensure that they have the opportunity to delegate (if deemed necessary) upon the release of the staff report;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Paula Kilburn be authorized to delegate at the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee on behalf of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respecting a forthcoming City staff report respecting accessible captioning of Committee meetings.

4. Downtown Entertainment Precinct Master Agreement (PED18168(g)) (City Wide) (Item 14.2)

- (a) That the Master Agreement for the Downtown Entertainment Precinct assets, based substantially on the terms and conditions, outlined in Appendix “A” attached to Report PED18168(g), 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 staff be authorized and directed to negotiate any agreements required to fulfil the objectives of the Master Agreement, based substantially on the terms and conditions outlined in Appendix “A” attached to Report PED18168(g), 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;
- (c) That all costs related to completion of any agreements required to fulfil the objectives of the Master Agreement, to be funded to an upset limit of \$500K from the HEF Annual Capital Program – Project ID Account No. 372214805 as a source of funding for any technical due diligence and expertise necessary to complete any agreements, be approved;
- (d) 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 Master Agreement for the Downtown Entertainment Precinct assets;
- (e) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to complete the Master Agreement, and any other agreements required to fulfil the objectives of the Master Agreement 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 deemed reasonable;
- (f) That the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute 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;

- (g) That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee, as part of the 2022 budget process, on any operating budget, capital budget, and organizational changes required as a result of the implementation of the Master Agreement and any related agreements and ancillary documents;
- (h) That staff be authorized and directed to draft Municipal Capital Facility Agreement By-Laws with respect to each of the FirstOntario Centre, FirstOntario Concert Hall and the Hamilton Convention Centre, to be put forward to General Issues Committee for approval;
- (i) That staff be directed to incorporate the Extended Tax Incremental Grant Program or “Downtown Entertainment Precinct Advancement Program” detailed in Appendix “B” to Report PED18168(g) as part of staff’s preparation of the Revitalizing Hamilton’s Commercial Districts Community Improvement Plan By-law and be brought forward to Planning Committee for a statutory public meeting, in accordance with Section 17(15)(d) of the Planning Act;
- (j) That staff be authorized and directed to develop and carry out a communications strategy to appropriately advise the public on pertinent aspects of the Master Agreement;
- (k) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting Report PED18168(g) - Downtown Entertainment Precinct Master Agreement, be approved;
- (l) That, upon approval by Council, the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting Report PED18168(g) - Downtown Entertainment Precinct Master Agreement, be publicly released; and,
- (m) That Report PED18168(g), respecting the Downtown Entertainment Precinct Status Update and its appendices remain confidential and not be released as a public document.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

5. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

- 5.1. Correspondence from Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, respecting the Three-Step Roadmap to Safely Reopen the Province of Ontario and Amendment to Orders under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act* (ROA) 6.

Recommendation: Be received.

- 5.2 Correspondence respecting the Hamilton LRT Matter

5.2.a. Gabriel Nicholson

5.2.b. Lynda M. Lukasik, PhD, Executive Director, Environment Hamilton

5.2.c. Maria Antelo, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic

5.2.d. Tom Cooper, Director, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction

5.2.e. Hamilton's Anchor Institution Leadership

5.2.f. Kojo Dampsey, Executive Director, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion

5.2.g. Correspondence from Denise Christopherson, CEO, YWCA Hamilton

5.2.h. Correspondence from Keanin Loomis, President & CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce

5.2.i. Correspondence from the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce and LiUNA

5.2.j. Kim Martin, Executive Director, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton

Recommendation: Be received.

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.1. Delegation Requests respecting the LRT Matter

Items 6.1.a. to 6.1.c. have been WITHDRAWN from the agenda by the requestors.

- 6.1.a. WITHDRAWN - Mike Collins-Williams, WestEnd Homebuilders' Association
- 6.1.b. WITHDRAWN - Keanin Loomis, President and CEO; and, Paul Szachlewicz, Policy and Government Relations Advisor, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce
- 6.1.c. WITHDRAWN - Alex Bishop, Concierge Group
- 6.1.d. Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network

8. PRESENTATIONS

- 8.1 Ministry of Transportation and Metrolinx Representatives to provide an update on activities related to Light Rail Transit (LRT) in the City of Hamilton

13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

13.1. Amendments to the Outstanding Business List

- *13.1.b. Farmers' Market – Rent Relief and Governance Comparators
Current Due Date: June 2, 2021
Proposed New Due Date: August 9, 2021

The agenda for the June 2, 2021 General Issues Committee meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

Councillor M. Wilson declared an interest to Item 14.2, respecting Report PED18168(g), Downtown Entertainment Precinct Agreement, as her spouse is a Director/Stakeholder in the project.

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

(i) May 19, 2021 (Item 4.1)

The Minutes of the May 19, 2021 General Issues Committee meeting were approved, as presented.

(d) COMMUNICATION ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) Correspondence from Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, respecting the Three-Step Roadmap to Safely Reopen the Province of Ontario and Amendment to Orders under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act* (ROA) 6 (Item 5.1)

The correspondence from Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, respecting the Three-Step Roadmap to Safely Reopen the Province of Ontario and Amendment to Orders under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act* (ROA), was received.

(ii) Correspondence respecting the Hamilton LRT Matter (Item 5.2)

The following Communication Items, respecting the Hamilton LRT matter were received:

- (a) Gabriel Nicholson (Item 5.2.a.)
- (b) Lynda M. Lukasik, PhD, Executive Director, Environment Hamilton (Item 5.2.b.)
- (c) Maria Antelo, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic (Item 5.2.c.)
- (d) Tom Cooper, Director, Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction (Item 5.2.d.)
- (e) Hamilton's Anchor Institution Leadership (Item 5.2.e.)
- (f) Kojo Dampsey, Executive Director, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion (Item 5.2.f.)
- (g) Correspondence from Denise Christopherson, CEO, YWCA Hamilton (Item 5.2.g.)

- (h) Correspondence from Keanin Loomis, President & CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce (Item 5.2.h.)
- (i) Correspondence from the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce and LiUNA (Item 5.2.i)
- (j) Kim Martin, Executive Director, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton (Item 5.2.j.)

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

- (i) Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting the Hamilton LRT Matter (Item 6.1.d.)**

The delegation request, submitted by Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting the Hamilton LRT matter, was approved for the June 2, 2021 General Issues Committee meeting.

(f) PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

- (i) Ministry of Transportation and Metrolinx Representatives to provide an update on activities related to Light Rail Transit (LRT) in the City of Hamilton (Item 8.1)**

James Nowlan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Transportation, Province of Ontario; and, Phil Verster, President and CEO, Metrolinx, provided an update on activities related to LRT in the City of Hamilton.

The General Issues Committee recessed for one half hour until 12:45 p.m.

The presentation, provided by the Ministry of Transportation and Metrolinx, respecting and update on activities related to LRT in the City of Hamilton, was received.

The delegation by Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting the Hamilton LRT Matter, was moved up on the agenda, prior to consideration of motions respecting the Hamilton LRT matter.

(g) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 9)

(i) Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting the Hamilton LRT Matter (Item 9.1)

Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, spoke respecting the Hamilton LRT matter.

The presentation provided by Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting the Hamilton LRT matter, was received and referred to staff for reference when looking at community benefits during the LRT process.

(ii) COVID-19 Verbal Update (Item 8.2)

Paul Johnson, General Manager of the Healthy & Safe Communities Department; and, Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, provided the update regarding COVID-19.

The verbal update regarding COVID-19 was received.

(h) MOTIONS (Item 11)

(i) Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project Memorandum of Understanding (Item 11.1)

The Motion regarding the Hamilton LRT Project Memorandum of Understanding was DEFERRED to the June 16, 2021 GIC meeting with the following direction:

That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee regarding the net operating costs after the 18 buses on the B-line have been removed, eliminating Development Charge exemptions, fare revenue and the Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program, and other incentives, that the City may build in to credit the cost of the LRT operations and maintenance.

(ii) Light Rail Transit (LRT) Supportive Development and a Summary of the Transit Oriented Corridor Policy (Item 11.2)

The appropriate staff from Planning and Economic Development was directed to report back to the June 16, 2021 General Issues Committee on LRT Supportive Development, by Ward, that has occurred in the last 10

years; is ongoing or is planned along the corridor from Eastgate to McMaster; an estimate of the private investment in dollars; a before and after picture on assessment for each of these projects; and, a summary of the current Transit Oriented Corridor policy and how it relates to the 3.4 Billion-Dollar investment.

(i) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

(a) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 13.1.1)

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

- (i) Feasibility of Creating a Technology Hub (Item 13.1.a.)
Current Due Date: May 5, 2021
Proposed New Due Date: July 5, 2021
- (ii) Farmers' Market – Rent Relief and Governance Comparators (Item 13.1.b.)
Current Due Date: June 2, 2021
Proposed New Due Date: August 9, 2021

(j) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)

(i) Closed Session Minutes – May 19, 2021 (Item 14.1)

- (a) The Closed Session Minutes of the May 19, 2021 General Issues Committee meeting were approved; and,
- (b) The Closed Session Minutes of the May 19, 2021 General Issues Committee meeting shall remain confidential.

Committee moved into Closed Session respecting Item 14.2, pursuant to Section 9.1, Sub-sections (c), and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021 and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (c) and (k) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; 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.

(k) ADJOURNMENT (Item 14)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Farr, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator,
Office of the City Clerk