



AUDIT, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT 21-018

9:30 a.m.
October 21, 2021
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall

Present: Councillors L. Ferguson (Chair), B. Clark, M. Pearson, A. VanderBeek and M. Wilson

Absent: Councillor B. Johnson – Personal

THE AUDIT, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 21-018 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. **2023 Development Charges Background Study – Procurement Policy 11 Request (FCS21085) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)**
 - (a) That a new Development Charges Background Study for all City services be initiated, at an appropriate time, subject to the Growth Related Integrated Development Strategy (GRIDS) 2 process, to support a new Development Charges By-law in accordance with the *Development Charges Act, 1997*;
 - (b) That the single source procurement of Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. as external consultants for the City's 2023 Development Charges Background Study, pursuant to Procurement Policy #11 – Non-competitive Procurements within the planned budget of \$900 K in Capital Project 3382155301 "Development Charges By-law Studies" be approved; and,
 - (c) That the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, be authorized to negotiate, enter into and execute a contract and any ancillary documents required to procure Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. as the consultant to complete the 2023 Development Charges Background Study in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
2. **Options for Relief from Municipal Charges for the Taxi Industry (LS21020(a)) (City Wide) (Added Item 10.2)**
 - (a) That Report LS21020(a), respecting Options for Relief from Municipal Charges for the Taxi Industry, be received;
 - (b) That Government Relations staff be directed to begin discussions with the relevant Ministries, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and other

municipalities to collaborate on challenges that the Taxi and Snow Plow industries are facing with insurance and report back to the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee; and

- (c) That staff be directed to obtain input from local Taxi brokers and appropriate Snow Plow representatives prior to sending the letters attached as Appendix “A” and “B” to Report LS21020(a), respecting Options for Relief from Municipal Charges for the Taxi Industry.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

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

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.1 Ron Vankleef and Anthony Rizzutto, Hamilton Cab and Blue Line Tax, respecting Item 10.2, Report on Taxi Industry Options (For today's meeting)

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 10.2 Options for Relief from Municipal Charges for the Taxi Industry (LS21020(a)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 12.1 Timely Access to View Confidential Documents

13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

- 13.1 Amendments to the Outstanding Business List:

- 13.1.a. Item to be Removed:
 - Options for Relief from Municipal Charges for the Taxi and Snow Plow Industries (LS21020) (City Wide)
 - Added: June 3, 2021 at AF&A - Item 7.4
 - Competed: October 21, 2021 at AF&A - Item 10.2
 - OBL Item: 21-H

14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

- 14.1 Commercial Relationship Between City of Hamilton and Garda Canada Security Corporation also known as GardaWorld Canada Security Corporation also known as GardaWorld Corporation (LS20025(a) / FCS20083(a)) (City Wide) - WITHDRAWN

The agenda for the October 21, 2021 Audit, Finance and Administration Committee meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

Councillor Ferguson declared an interest to Item 6.1, Delegation Request from Ron Vankleef and Anthony Rizzutto, Hamilton Cab and Blue Line Tax, respecting Item 10.2, Report on Taxi Industry Options as his family has an interest in the taxi industry.

Councillor Ferguson declared an interest to Item 9.1, Delegation from Ron Vankleef and Anthony Rizzutto, Hamilton Cab and Blue Line Tax, respecting Item 10.2, Report on Taxi Industry Options as his family has an interest in the taxi industry.

Councillor Ferguson declared an interest to Item 10.2, Report LS21020(a), respecting Options for Relief from Municipal Charges for the Taxi Industry as his family has an interest in the taxi industry.

Councillor Ferguson declared an interest to Item 13.1, Amendments to the Outstanding Business List, Items Considered Complete and Needing Removed: Options for Relief from Municipal Charges for the Taxi and Snow Plow Industries (LS21020) (City Wide), as his family has an interest in the taxi industry.

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

(i) October 7, 2021 (Item 4.1)

The Minutes of the October 7, 2021 meeting of the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee were approved, as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

Councillor Ferguson relinquished the Chair to Councillor Pearson.

(i) Ron Vankleef and Anthony Rizzutto, Hamilton Cab and Blue Line Tax, respecting Item 10.2, Report on Taxi Industry Options (For today's meeting) (Added Item 6.1)

The delegation request from Ron Vankleef and Anthony Rizzutto, Hamilton Cab and Blue Line Tax, respecting Item 10.2, Report on Taxi Industry Options, was approved for today's meeting.

(e) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 9)

(i) Ron Vankleef and Anthony Rizzutto, Hamilton Cab and Blue Line Tax, respecting Item 10.2, Report on Taxi Industry Options (Added Item 9.1)

Ron Vankleef and Anthony Rizzutto, Hamilton Cab and Blue Line Tax, addressed the Committee respecting Item 10.2, the Report on Taxi Industry Options.

The delegates were granted an additional five minutes for their delegation.

That the delegation from Ron Vankleef and Anthony Rizzutto, Hamilton Cab and Blue Line Tax, respecting Item 10.2, Report on Taxi Industry Options, be received.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2 and (f)(i).

Councillor Ferguson assumed the Chair.

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

Councillor Ferguson relinquished the Chair to Councillor Pearson.

(i) Options for Relief from Municipal Charges for the Taxi Industry (LS21020(a)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Added Item 10.2)

Report LS21020(a), respecting the Options for Relief from Municipal Charges for the Taxi Industry, **was amended** by adding new sub-sections (b) and (c), to read as follows:

(b) That Government Relations staff be directed to begin discussions with the relevant Ministries, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and other municipalities to collaborate on challenges that the Taxi and Snow Plow industries are facing with insurance and report back to the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee; and

(c) That staff be directed to obtain input from local Taxi brokers and appropriate Snow Plow representatives prior to sending the letters attached as Appendix "A" and "B" to Report LS21020(a), respecting Options for Relief from Municipal Charges for the Taxi Industry.

Councillor Ferguson assumed the Chair.

(g) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

Councillor Clark introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Timely Access to View Confidential Documents (Added Item 12.1)

WHEREAS, Council access to confidential documents takes inordinately long; and,

WHEREAS, there is no policy informing or directing staff to enable Councillors to view confidential documents;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to create a Procedure to enable Council timely access to confidential documents such as Memorandums of Understanding, Contracts and Agreements.

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

Councillor Ferguson relinquished the Chair to Councillor Pearson.

(i) Amendment to the Outstanding Business List (Added Item 13.1)

The following amendment to the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee's Outstanding Business List, were approved:

(a) Items Considered Complete and Needing to be Removed:

Options for Relief from Municipal Charges for the Taxi and Snow Plow Industries (LS21020) (City Wide)
Added: June 3, 2021 at AF&A - Item 7.4
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Councillor Ferguson assumed the Chair.

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Ferguson, Chair
Audit, Finance and Administration
Committee

Angela McRae

Council – October 27, 2021

Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk