



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT 22-007

9:30 a.m.

April 6, 2022

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

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

Absent: Councillor T. Whitehead – Personal

THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 22-007, AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Report 21-001, December 9, 2021 (Item 7.1)

That the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Report 21-001, December 9, 2021, be received.

2. Government Relations Strategy for the City of Hamilton (CM22005) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

That Report CM22005, respecting the Government Relations Strategy for the City of Hamilton, be received.

3. Ancaster Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) Revised Board of Management (PED22076) (Ward 12) (Item 7.4)

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

- (a) Diane Price

4. Economic Development Action Plan - Communications (CM22003) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)

- (a) That the Economic Development Action Plan (EDAP) strategy include both owned (non-paid) and advertising (paid) efforts, as shown below:
 - (i) Owned Media Efforts:
 - (1) A comprehensive landing page on the City's website that will provide historical details and context of the EDAP, the plan itself, and 18 news stories designed to make the plan relevant to a resident audience;
 - (2) Sharing stories and EDAP content on all multiple City social media channels;
 - (3) Shareable content to be delivered directly to stakeholders electronically and is shareable through email, social media, and print; and,
 - (4) Tailored video and graphic content for use on City social media channels;
 - (ii) Paid Advertising:
 - (1) A hard-copy media insert that will provide a full listing of the summary stories in a news format, to be distributed to print media consumers across the municipality; and,
 - (2) Provision of print copies of the EDAP summary stories at numerous City customer service desks;
- (b) That the estimated amount \$35,000, to be funded from the Economic Development Investment Reserve Account No. 112221, to cover production and distribution of print materials, be approved; and,
- (c) That, for longer-term efforts to raise awareness as the Economic Development Action Plan implementation progresses, Communication staff be directed to provide ongoing updates, primarily through media and social media efforts.

**5. Our Priorities, Our Plan: Building a Brighter Future for Hamilton (CM22006)
(City Wide) (Item 10.2)**

- (a) That the proposed City of Hamilton priorities, as outlined below, be approved in advance of the June 2, 2022 provincial election:
 - (i) Supportive Housing;
 - (ii) Strong Economic Recovery and Prosperity post-COVID-19;
 - (iii) Investing in Child Care and Early Years;
 - (iv) Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation;
 - (v) Commitment to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; and,
 - (vi) Infrastructure funding including, but not exclusive to, relief of congestion on Highway 403 eastbound between Highway 6 South to Highway 6 North, at the Lincoln Alexander Parkway (LINC), and the intersection of the Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP) and the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW); and,
- (b) That staff be directed to provide relevant supplementary materials to the Mayor and Council that will support election related advocacy.

6. Environment Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant Application, 50 Green Mountain Road West, ERG-21-03 (PED22078) (Ward 9) (Item 10.3)

- (a) That Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant Application - ERG-21-03 submitted by NHDG (Green Mountain) Inc., owner of the property at 50 Green Mountain Road West, for an ERASE Redevelopment Grant not to exceed \$5,256 M, the actual cost of the remediation over a maximum of ten years, be authorized and approved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the ERASE Redevelopment Agreement;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Agreement together with any ancillary documentation required, to effect Recommendation (a) of Report PED22078, 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 Environmental Remediation and Site Enhancement (ERASE) Redevelopment Grant, as approved by City Council, are maintained.

7. Lease Extension and Amending Agreement – Barangas On The Beach, Confederation Beach Park (PED22040) (Ward 5) (Item 10.4)

- (a) That a Lease Extension and Amending Agreement between the City of Hamilton (Lessor) and Barangas Inc. c.o.b. as Barangas On The Beach (Lessee), for the subject premises located, as identified in Appendix “A” to Report PED22040, and based substantially on the terms and conditions outlined in Appendix “B” attached to Report PED22040, and such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department, be approved and entered into by the City of Hamilton;
- (b) That all rental proceeds from the Lease Extension and Amending Agreement - Barangas On The Beach continue to be received by the Hamilton Conservation Authority and deposited to Confederation Beach Park Commercial Business account;
- (c) That all costs related to the Lease Extension and Amending Agreement - Barangas On The Beach, including the real estate and legal costs of \$27.5K, be authorized to be paid by the Hamilton Conservation Authority and funded from Confederation Beach Park Commercial Business account and credited to Dept. ID Account No. 55778-812036 (Real Estate – Admin Recovery);
- (d) That the General Manager, Planning and Economic Development Department or designate, acting on behalf of the Lessor, be authorized to administer the Lease and Lease Extension and Amending Agreement - Barangas On The Beach and provide any requisite consents, approvals, and notices related to the Lease and Lease Extension and Amending Agreement;
- (e) That the City Solicitor be authorized to amend and waive terms and conditions on such terms as considered reasonable to complete the leasing transaction, respecting the Lease Extension and Amending Agreement - Barangas On The Beach;
- (f) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Lease Extension and Amending Agreement - Barangas On The Beach, or such

other form and all other necessary associated documents with all such documents to be in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,

- (g) That Appendix “B” to Report PED22040, respecting Lease Extension and Amending Agreement – Barangas On The Beach, Confederation Beach Park, remain confidential and not be released as a public document.

8. Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update (LS19036(i)) City Wide) (Item 10.5)

That Report LS19036(i), respecting the Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update, be received.

9. Strategic Land Acquisition Plan Along the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Corridor (Item 11.1)

That staff, in collaboration with the federal and provincial Governments and Metrolinx, be directed to establish a strategic land disposition and or acquisition plan along the Hamilton LRT corridor for the purpose of planning to deliver future municipal services including, but not limited to, parks, as well as non-profit affordable housing and report back to the General Issues Committee.

10. Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update (LS19036(j)) (City Wide) (Item 14.3)

That Report LS19036(j), respecting the Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update, and its appendix, be received and remain confidential.

11. Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update (LS19036(k)) (City Wide) (Item 14.4)

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting Report LS19036(k) - Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update, be approved; and,
- (b) That Report LS19036(k) - Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update, remain confidential.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.1 Matt Bremer, respecting the termination of employees based on their decision to not accept the COVID-19 vaccine (For a future GIC)

14. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

14.4 Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update (LS19036(k)) (City Wide)

Pursuant to Section 9.1, Sub-sections (e), (f), (i) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (e), (f), (i) and (k) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to 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; a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization; 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.

The agenda for the April 6, 2022 General Issues Committee meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) March 23, 2022 and March 23, 2022 (Budget) (Items 4.1 and 4.2)

The Minutes of the March 23, 2022 regular and March 23, 2022 budget General Issues Committee meetings were approved, as presented.

(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)

(i) Business Improvement Area (BIA) Advisory Committee Minutes 22-002, February 8, 2022 (Item 7.2)

The Business Improvement Area (BIA) Advisory Committee Minutes 22-002, February 8, 2022 were received.

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

The delegation request submitted by Matt Bremer, respecting the termination of employees based on their decision to not accept the COVID-19 vaccine, was approved for a future General Issues Committee meeting.

(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

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

Jason Thorne, General Manager, Planning and Economic Development and Director of the Emergency Operations Centre; and, Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Officer of Health, provided the verbal update respecting COVID-19.

The verbal update respecting the COVID-19 was received.

(g) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Our Priorities, Our Plan: Building a Brighter Future for Hamilton (CM22006) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)

Sub-section (a) to Report CM22006, respecting Our Priorities, Our Plan: Building a Brighter future for Hamilton, **was amended**, by adding a new sub-section (vi) to read as follows:

- (vi) ***Infrastructure funding including, but not exclusive to, relief of congestion on Highway 403 eastbound between Highway 6 South to Highway 6 North, at the Lincoln Alexander Parkway (LINC), and the intersection of the Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP) and the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW); and,***

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 5.

(h) **MOTIONS (Item 11)**

- (l) **Strategic Land Acquisition Plan Along the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Corridor (Item 11.1)**

The motion, respecting Strategic Land Acquisition Plan Along the Hamilton LRT Corridor, ***was amended*** by adding the words “, ***in collaboration with the federal and provincial Governments and Metrolinx,***”, to read as follows:

That staff, ***in collaboration with the federal and provincial Governments and Metrolinx,*** be directed to establish a strategic land disposition and or acquisition plan along the Hamilton LRT corridor for the purpose of planning to deliver future municipal services, including but not limited to parks, as well as non-profit affordable housing and report back to the General Issues Committee.

For disposition of the above matter, please refer to Item 9.

The General Issues Committee recessed for one half hour until 1:40 p.m.

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

- (i) **Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 13.1)**

The following amendment to the General Issues Committee’s Outstanding Business List was approved:

- (i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 13.1)
- (a) Items to be Removed (Item 13.1.a.)
- (1) How to Best Share the 2021-2025 Economic Development Action Plan (Item 13.1.a.a.)
(Addressed on this agenda as Item 10.1 - CM22003)

(j) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)

(i) Closed Session Minutes – March 23, 2022 (Item 14.1)

- (a) The Closed Session Minutes of the March 23, 2022 General Issues Committee meeting were approved; and,
- (b) The Closed Session Minutes of the March 23, 2022 General Issues Committee meeting, shall remain confidential.

Committee moved into Closed Session to discuss Items 14.3 and 14.4, pursuant to Section 9.1, Sub-sections (e), (f), (i) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (e), (f), (i) and (k) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to 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; a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization; 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 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nrinder Nann, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator,
Office of the City Clerk