



EMERGENCY & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES 22-007

1:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 5, 2022
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Present: Councillors B. Clark (Chair), S. Merulla, T. Jackson, and E. Pauls

Regrets: Councillors N. Nann and T. Whitehead – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

**1. Landmarks and Monuments Review
(HSC21025(a)/PED21149(a)/PW21038(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

(Jackson/Merulla)

(a) That the following recommendations in the Honouring our Roots: Creating Space for Indigenous Voices report by First Peoples Group (attached as Appendix “A” to Report HSC21025(a)/PED21149(a)/PW21038(a)) be endorsed as supplementary to the Urban Indigenous Strategy and used to guide the next phase of work in the review:

- (i) Continue to foster long-term relationships with local First Nations and urban Indigenous communities that are based on mutual trust and respect;
- (ii) Create and action a communications plan that includes interpretive signage at the high priority sites that indicates that the city is aware that these sites are problematic and educates the public about the need for further consultation and action;
- (iii) Prioritize the building of Indigenous community gathering spaces, both indoors and outdoors;
- (iv) Hire an Indigenous curatorial team composed of a Curator; and,

- (v) Hire an Indigenous Community Liaison to lead engagement with local First Nations and the urban Indigenous community in Hamilton;
- (b) That an estimated project budget of \$25,000 be established for the Indigenous Relations section to cover facilitation and meeting costs associated with initiating engagement with the Indigenous community in 2022 as identified in Appendix “A” to Report HSC21025(a)/PED21149(a)/PW21038(a) and funded from any available source deemed appropriate by the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services including, but not limited to, one or more of the following: first from Provincial or Federal funding sources and second from the overall City of Hamilton surplus or the Tax Stabilization Reserve, # 110046;
- (c) That interim interpretive communications be developed and installed at the high priority sites (Sir John A MacDonald, Queen Victoria, Augustus Jones, and United Empire Loyalist) as well as Ryerson Recreation Centre (at such time as the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board’s renaming process has concluded and the City of Hamilton initiates renaming of the attached recreation facility) including but not limited to signage to educate the public towards a collective and shared pathway as a way forward at a cost of up to \$60,000 and funded from any available source deemed appropriate by the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services including, but not limited to, one or more of the following: first from Provincial or Federal funding sources and second the overall City of Hamilton surplus or the Tax Stabilization Reserve, # 110046; and,
- (d) That any work and related funds as noted in Recommendations (b) and/or (c) that is not complete and spent by end of the year 2022, that those funds be carried forward to 2023 in order to complete the work as committed to in 2022.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

ABSENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

2. LGBTQ Advisory Committee Citizen Committee Report, respecting Recommendations from the Community Conversation (HSC22016) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 10.1)

(Merulla/Pauls)

That Report HSC22016, respecting LGBTQ Advisory Committee Citizen Committee Report, respecting Recommendations from the Community Conversation, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

ABSENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

3. Update on Youth Violent Crimes Motion (HSC22017) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)

(Pauls/Merulla)

That Report HSC22017, respecting Update on Youth Violent Crimes Motion, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

ABSENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

4. Citizen Committee Report - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Advisory Committee - Accessible Captioning Timeline (Item 10.3)

(Jackson/Merulla)

- (a) That the Citizen Committee Report - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Advisory Committee - Accessible Captioning Timeline, be received; and
- (b) That Information Technology staff report back to the Emergency and Community Services Committee with a further update on implementing closed captioning for virtual meetings across all platforms.

Result: Motion, CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

ABSENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

The Committee Clerk advised the following changes to the agenda:

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1. Removal of Sir John A. Macdonald Statue

Recommendation: To be received and referred to the consideration of Item 8.1.

5.1(a) Lisa-Marie Johnston

5.1(b) Sara Brown

5.1(c) Marysabel Gabriel

5.1(d) Matthew Ing

5.1(e) Pascale Marchand

5.1(f) Laura Huh

5.1(g) Kaitlyn Tolch

5.1(h) Destiny Pitters

5.1(i) Christine Hudspeth

5.1(j) Kurt Dunn

5.1(k) Briar Hopley

5.2. Joshua Weresch, Correspondence respecting re-installation of John A. Macdonald Statue

Recommendation: To be received and referred to the consideration of Item 8.1.

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

6.2. Miguel Avila Velarde, Toronto CopWatch, respecting proposal to re-erect a statue of Genocide again in Hamilton (for today's meeting)

6.3. Lyndon George, Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre, respecting landmarks and monuments review (for today's meeting)

These delegations will be heard with Item 8.1, immediately following the presentation.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS

- 9.1. Frederick Dryden, Liberty for Youth, respecting programming that will support the at-risk-youth of Hamilton and surrounding areas to overcome and succeed in this challenging environment (approved March 24, 2022) -- WITHDRAWN

(Pauls/Merulla)

That the agenda for the May 5, 2022 Emergency and Community Services Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

ABSENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(Jackson/Merulla)

That the Minutes of the April 21, 2022 meeting of the Emergency and Community Services Committee, be approved, as presented.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

ABSENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(Merulla/Pauls)

That the following Communications Items, be received and referred to consideration of Report HSC21025(a)/PED21149(a)/PW21038(a) Landmarks and Monuments Review (Item 8.1):

- (i) Removal of Sir John A. Macdonald Statue (Added Item 5.1)
 - 1. Lisa-Marie Johnston (Added Item 5.1(a))
 - 2. Sara Brown (Added Item 5.1(b))
 - 3. Marysabel Gabriel (Added Item 5.1(c))
 - 4. Matthew Ing (Added Item 5.1(d))
 - 5. Pascale Marchand (Added Item 5.1(e))
 - 6. Laura Huh (Added Item 5.1(f))
 - 7. Kaitlyn Tolch (Added Item 5.1(g))
 - 8. Destiny Pitters (Added Item 5.1(h))
 - 9. Christine Hudspeth (Added Item 5.1(i))
 - 10. Kurt Dunn (Added Item 5.1(j))
 - 11. Briar Hopley (Added Item 5.1(k))
- (ii) Joshua Weresch, Correspondence respecting re-installation of John A. Macdonald Statue (Added Item 5.2)

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

ABSENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

(Jackson/Pauls)

That the following Delegation Requests, be approved:

- (i) Jacky Sheppard, The Private Owners Group of Licensed Child Care Providers, respecting the effects of the new Day Care Agreement (for a future meeting) (Item 6.1)

- (ii) Miguel Avila Velarde, Toronto CopWatch, respecting proposal to re-erect a statue of Genocide again in Hamilton (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.2)
- (iii) Lyndon George, Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre, respecting landmarks and monuments review (for today's meeting) (Added Item 6.3)

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

ABSENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

(f) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 7)

(i) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Advisory Committee Minutes (Item 7.1)

(Jackson/Pauls)

That the following Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Advisory Committee Minutes, be received:

1. December 21, 2021 (Item 7.1(a))
2. January 18, 2022 (Item 7.1(b))

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

ABSENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

(g) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Landmarks and Monuments Review (HSC21025(a)/PED21149(a)/PW21038(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

Shelly Hill, Manager, Indigenous Relations, and Melissa Hammell, First Peoples Group, addressed the Committee, respecting Landmarks and Monuments Review, with the aid of a presentation.

(Jackson/Merulla)

That the presentation from Shelly Hill, Manager, Indigenous Relations, and Melissa Hammell, First Peoples Group, respecting Landmarks and Monuments Review, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

ABSENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Items 1 and (h)(i) and (ii).

(h) PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS (Item 9)

(i) Miguel Avila Velarde, Toronto CopWatch, respecting the proposal to re-erect a statue of Genocide again in Hamilton (Added Item 9.2)

Miguel Avila Velarde, Toronto CopWatch, addressed the Committee, respecting the proposal to re-erect a statue of Genocide again in Hamilton.

(ii) Lyndon George, Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre, respecting the landmarks and monuments review (Added Item 9.3)

Lyndon George, Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre, addressed the Committee, respecting the landmarks and monuments review.

(Merulla/Pauls)

That the following Delegations, be received and referred to the consideration of Report HSC21025(a)/PED21149(a)/PW21038(a) respecting the Landmarks and Monuments Review (Item 8.1):

- (i) Miguel Avila Velarde, Toronto CopWatch (Added Item 9.2)
- (ii) Lyndon George, Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre (Added Item 9.3)

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

ABSENT - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Chair - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Items 1 and (g)(i).

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

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

(Merulla/Pauls)

That the following amendment to the Outstanding Business List, be approved:

(a) Items Considered Completed and to be Removed

1. LGBTQ Advisory Committee Citizen Committee Report, respecting Recommendations from the Community Conversation
Item on OBL: 21-I
Addressed as Item 10.1 at today's meeting

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

ABSENT - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(Jackson/Merulla)

That there being no further business, the Emergency and Community Services Committee be adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 4 to 0, as follows:

ABSENT - Chair - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
YES - Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla
YES - Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
YES - Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
YES - Ward 9 Councillor Brad Clark
ABSENT - Ward 14 Councillor Terry Whitehead

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor B. Clark

Chair, Emergency and Community Services
Committee

Tamara Bates
Legislative Coordinator
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