



**CITY OF HAMILTON**  
**HEALTHY & SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT**  
**Children's Services & Neighbourhood Development Division**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	December 4, 2019
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Community Benefits Protocol Advisory Committee (HSC19066) (City Wide) <b>(Outstanding Business List Item)</b>
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
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**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- (a) That the Community Benefits Protocol Advisory Committee Terms of Reference attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC19066 be approved; and,
- (b) That the Outstanding Business List Item identified as Community Benefits Protocol Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference be considered complete and removed from the Outstanding Business List.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On June 27, 2018, Council approved a motion to establish a Community Benefits Protocol Advisory Committee. The focus of this Committee as outlined in the Terms of Reference is the development of a community benefits protocol for the City to utilize when reviewing development proposals. Beyond the protocol, it is recommended that the Community Benefits Protocol Advisory Committee be a venue for staff and the public to bring matters related to Community Benefits for discussion.

**Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable**

**FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Financial: N/A

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

On June 27, 2018, Council approved the motion on the Establishment of a Community Benefits Protocol Advisory Committee. Staff were directed to draft a Terms of Reference for the committee and to report back to the General Issues Committee.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS**

N/A

**RELEVANT CONSULTATION**

On October 1, 2019, the Ward 3 Councillor and staff met with the Hamilton Community Benefits Network (HCBN) to discuss the approved motion on community benefits. The HCBN is supportive of the Terms of Reference.

**ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)**

The Hamilton Community Benefits Network (HCBN) was initially created as a community-based organization to support a Community Benefits related to the Light Rail Transit (LRT) agreements with “ProjectCo”. Beyond the LRT, the HCBN provides an opportunity to collaborate with and inform the City of Hamilton on where a community benefits discussion can both benefit the community and the City of Hamilton.

The approved motion responded to the presentation from HCBN related to collaborating to develop a protocol for the City on the thresholds whereby discussions on community benefit should be discussed at the outset of a new development.

The focus of the Community Benefits Protocol Advisory Committee is the development of a community benefits protocol for the City to utilize when reviewing development proposals.

**ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

None

**ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN**

**Community Engagement and Participation**

Hamilton has an open, transparent and accessible approach to City government that engages with and empowers all citizens to be involved in their community.

**Economic Prosperity and Growth**

Hamilton has a prosperous and diverse local economy where people have opportunities to grow and develop.

**Healthy and Safe Communities**

Hamilton is a safe and supportive City where people are active, healthy, and have a high quality of life.

**Clean and Green**

Hamilton is environmentally sustainable with a healthy balance of natural and urban spaces.

**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

Appendix “A” – Community Benefits Protocol Advisory Committee Terms of Reference