



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT 23-012

9:30 a.m.

April 5, 2023

Council Chambers, City Hall, 2nd Floor
71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

Present: Deputy Mayor B. Clark (Chair)
Councillors J. Beattie, C. Cassar, J. P. Danko, M. Francis, T. Hwang,
T. Jackson, C. Kroetsch, T. McMeekin, N. Nann, E. Pauls,
M. Spadafora, M. Tadeson, A. Wilson, M. Wilson

Absent: Mayor A. Horwath - Personal

THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 23-012 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

**1. Hamilton's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Attraction Strategy (PED23033)
(City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

That Report PED23033, respecting Hamilton's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Attraction Strategy, be received.

**2. 2023 Priority Focus Areas for the Office of Climate Change Initiatives
(PED23064) (City Wide) (Added Item 8.2)**

- (a) That, in addition to the various Climate Change related initiatives already contained within the 2023 workplans of multiple Divisions across the Corporation, the Priority Focus Areas for 2023 for the newly-created Office of Climate Change Initiatives, as summarized in Report PED23064 be received;
- (b) That the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development be authorized to approve expenditures up to \$250,000 from the Climate Change Reserve to fund projects and initiatives that implement or advance the Office of Climate Change Initiatives Priority Focus Areas summarized in Report PED23064, or projects and initiatives that implement or advance the City of Hamilton's Climate Change Strategy adopted by Council on August 12, 2022 through GIC Report 22-016 ((CM22016 / PED22058(a) / HSC22030(a)), and that the authorities within

the Reserve Policy – Climate Change Reserve (Policy No. FPAP-RE-015) be amended accordingly; and,

- (c) That staff report back on progress toward each of the Office of Climate Change Initiatives Priority Focus Areas, including any funding commitments from the Climate Change Reserve as part of the annual Climate Change Strategy report.

3. Corporate Strategic Growth Initiatives (CSGI) – Master Plan Updates and Development Charge By-law Approach (PED23084) (City Wide) (Added Item 8.3)

- (a) That the following recommendations be referred to the Development Charges Stakeholders Sub-Committee for consideration:
 - (i) That the City's new 2024 Development Charges (DC) By-law be prepared based on the 2031 growth forecast.
 - (ii) That, notwithstanding (i) above, the City's new 2024 Development Charges (DC) By-law may include growth allocations to facilitate DC considerations to 2041 / 2051 based on timing of completed Master Plan updates.
- (b) Pursuant to Procurement Policy #11 - Non-competitive Procurements, that Council approve the extension to Contract C11-05-17, for the provision of professional engineering consultant services required to complete the Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Master Plan, including an additional Development Charges (DC) By-law Update, for the upset limit of \$550,000, to be funded equally from capital project IDs #5141555264 (City Wide Water Master Plan), #5161555264 (City Wide Wastewater Master Plan) and #5181555422 (GRIDS 2 - Stormwater Master Plan), all which were approved to complete the proposed objective and with sufficient budget available to accommodate this purchase order increase, and that the General Manager, Public Works Department be authorized to negotiate, enter into and execute the extension and any ancillary documents required to give effect thereto with GM BluePlan Engineering Limited (GMBP), in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

4. Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update (LS19036(r) / PW23029) (City Wide) (Added Item 8.4)

That Report LS19036(r) / PW23029, respecting the Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update, be received.

5. Locke Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) Revised Board of Management (PED23060) (Ward 1) (Item 9.1)

That the following individuals be appointed to the Locke Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Management for the 2022-2026 term:

- (a) Bettina Schormann, Earth to Table: Bread Bar;
- (b) Brandon Stanicak, West Town Bar & Grill;
- (c) Steve Knight, Jewellery Judge;
- (d) Robyn Allen, Nest;
- (e) Alex Hobcraft, Footprints Music;
- (f) Rachael Amy Shay, Community Rep;
- (g) Dao Nguyen, Modern Design Studio;
- (h) Andrew Webster, Webster Financial;
- (i) Dwayne Cline, Vintage Charm.

6. Media Accreditation Review Terms of Reference (CM23008(a)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List) (Item 10.1)

That a third-party review process for the proposed media accreditation policy, attached as Appendix "A" to General Issues Committee Report 23-012, be approved, with funding up to \$15,000, to be funded from Dept ID 310031.

7. Locke Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) Proposed Budget and Schedule of Payment (PED23061) (Ward 1) (Item 10.2)

- (a) That the 2023 Operating Budget for the Locke Street Business Improvement Area, attached as Appendix "B" to General Issues Committee Report 23-012, in the amount of \$97,725 be approved;
- (b) That the levy portion of the Operating Budget for the Locke Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) in the amount of \$36,225 be approved;
- (c) That the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services be hereby authorized and directed to prepare the requisite By-law pursuant to Section 208, The Municipal Act, 2001, to levy the 2023 Budget as referenced in Recommendation of Report PED23061;
- (d) That the following schedule of payments for 2023 Operating Budget for the Locke Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) be approved:
 - (i) February \$18,112.50
 - (ii) June \$18,112.50

Note: Assessment appeals may be deducted from the levy payments.

**8. Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program Intake 2 (FCS21055(a))
(City Wide) (Item 10.3)**

- (a) That the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, and the General Manager, Public Works, be authorized to delegate the appropriate person to be duly authorized to submit all necessary documentation to support the City of Hamilton's application, attached as Appendix "C" to General Issues Committee Report 23-012, for the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program Intake 2;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary documentation, including Funding Agreements, to receive funding under the Green and inclusive Community Buildings Program Intake 2 with content satisfactory to the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (c) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare any necessary by laws for Council approval, for the purpose of giving effect to the City's acceptance of funding from the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program Intake 2;
- (d) That the City's contribution to the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program Intake 2 funded from the City's Unallocated Capital Levy Reserve (108020), Library Reserves (106008) and Development Charge Reserves (110322, 110323), as identified in Appendix "C" to General Issues Committee Report 23-012, be approved;
- (e) That, should the project submission for the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program Intake 2 be unsuccessful, the remaining funds be requested through the budget process or in year approval process;
- (f) That the General Manager, Public Works, be authorized to negotiate, enter into and execute a contract and any ancillary documents required to begin the detailed design of the Mount Hope Library Renovation / Expansion (7502141101) in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (g) That copies of Report FCS21055(a) be forwarded to local Members of Parliament;
- (h) That the City Manager, General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services, General Manager of Public Works, General Manager of Planning and Economic Development and General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities be authorized to delegate the appropriate person to be duly authorized to submit all necessary documentation to support the City of Hamilton's application in Federal Government and Provincial Government grant funding programs.

9. City of Hamilton Property Tax Increases due to Ontario Legislative Changes (FCS23039) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 10.4)

- (a) That staff be directed to review the costs related to legislative changes such as, but not limited to, Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019, Bill 109, More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022 and Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, beginning with the 2023 taxation year and update the following, as required:
 - (i) The “Provincially Shared Programs” line item of the property tax bill;
 - (ii) The property tax brochure to include information on the impacts;
- (b) That staff be directed to review the feasibility of identifying the costs related to legislative changes as a separate line item on the property tax bill for the 2024 taxation year.

10. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) Report 23-003 (Added Item 10.5)

(a) Reimbursement for the Purchase of Flowers for Condolences on behalf of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (Item 12.1)

That reimbursement to Aznive Mallett for purchasing flowers for condolences on behalf of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, be approved as follows:

- (i) \$101.63, including HST, attached as Appendix “A” to ACPD Report 23-003, from Crescent Gardens Floral Ltd., Ridgeway, ON; and
- (ii) \$126.50, including HST, attached as Appendix “B” to ACPD Report 23-003, from Fascination Flowers, Hamilton, ON.

11. Stairs at Grant Boulevard, Hamilton (Ward 13) (Item 11.1)

WHEREAS, historically residents living in the University Gardens Neighbourhood accessed the trail system, parking lot and active transportation routes to McMaster University via a set of stairs on Hamilton Conservation Authority Lands at Grant Boulevard;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Conservation Authority, in their review of the stairs determined that the stairs were in poor condition and unsafe, and therefore removed the stairs and upgraded the trail to provide an alternative route in the area;

WHEREAS, residents of the neighbourhood desire the stairs to be reinstated as the shortest route to the paths connecting to McMaster University;

WHEREAS, the land on which the stairs were constructed is owned by the Hamilton Conservation Authority; and

WHEREAS, the provision of active transportation routes provides benefit to the city by encouraging residents to walk or bike to their destination, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing health and wellness.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Corporate Real Estate Office staff be authorized and directed to negotiate the requisite agreement(s) between the City and the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) to permit the City to design, construct and maintain a new set of stairs on HCA property located at the end of Grant Boulevard, and report back to General Issues Committee for approval; and,
- (b) That Public Works staff be directed to determine the budget and work required to design, construct (capital) and maintain (operating) a new set of stairs on Hamilton Conservation Authority property located at the end of Grant Boulevard, and report back to General Issues Committee for approval.

12. Securing Canada's \$1 Billion Investment in a Strengthened Freshwater Action Plan (Item 11.2)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton, as a member of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, supports: protecting source water, planning for climate change impacts and shoreline resilience, ensuring safe and affordable water services for all our residents, and building up a sustainable blue economy in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin;

WHEREAS, ensuring healthy communities and a strong economy for Canadians depend on securing Canada's source water, which includes addressing water quality issues, contaminants and pollution, supporting biodiversity and reversing wetland and fish and wildlife habitat loss and improving community knowledge to empower citizens to safeguard this essential resource;

WHEREAS, a Freshwater Action Plan and the Great Lakes Protection Initiative it supported were first announced in the 2017 Canadian federal budget with a \$44.84 million investment over five years;

WHEREAS, the Freshwater Action Plan has combined science and action to address priorities in the Great Lakes such as preventing toxic and nuisance algae, enhancing the resilience of coastal wetlands in the Great Lakes, restoring Great Lakes Areas of Concern and supporting Canada's commitments under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, among other priorities;

WHEREAS, a commitment was made by the Liberal Party of Canada in the 2021 federal election to strengthen the Freshwater Action Plan with an historic investment of \$1 billion over ten years to restore and protect large lakes and river systems starting with the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin;

WHEREAS, to-date the federal government has only committed \$19.6 million in funding in the 2022 Budget and \$650 million over 10 years in the 2023 Budget, for the Freshwater Action Plan, falling short of the aforementioned commitment.

WHEREAS, the United States has invested \$1.8 billion in the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) since 2017 and will see accelerated funding with the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*;

WHEREAS, a 2018 University of Michigan study shows that for every dollar of federal spending on GLRI projects between 2010 and 2016, yielded \$3.35 in additional economic activity;

WHEREAS, nearly half of Canada's population lives in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin, a region that will continue to see accelerated growth, resulting in greater land and resource use pressures that will further contribute to water availability and quality issues;

WHEREAS, the Stockholm Resilience Centre recently identified the importance of wetlands as carbon sinks and fresh water's role in climate mitigation;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Collaborative outlined 30 recommendations to Environment and Climate Change Canada as part of a ten-year, \$2.2 billion *Action Plan 2020-2030 to protect the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence* (Action Plan 2020-2030), addressing shoreline erosion, outdated infrastructure, invasive species, exposure to toxins and beach contamination, following an 18-month consultation with First Nations, NGOs, academics and other experts;

WHEREAS, the recommendations outlined in Action Plan 2020-2030 should serve as the basis of programming for strengthened federal action in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin through its strengthened Freshwater Action Plan;

WHEREAS, the newly established Canada Water Agency should play a role in accelerating the rollout of funding made available through a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan;

WHEREAS, Freshwater Action Plan funding should largely be directed to community groups, local governments and First Nations to ensure that investments made will have the biggest local impact and empower action at the local level, rather than being held back for federal administration and operations;

WHEREAS, it is critical to implement a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan, including accelerating \$1 billion in funding over five years, and to create a Canada Water Agency to consolidate and coordinate federal water efforts and support provinces and territories in addressing systemic issues impacting the viability of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin and the communities dependent upon the region's source water;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton calls on the federal government to commit \$1 billion in funding over five years for a strengthened Freshwater Action Plan;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton calls on the federal government to guide its Freshwater Action Plan funding to implement recommendations in the Action Plan 2020-2030;
- (c) That the City of Hamilton calls on the federal government to direct priority funding under the strengthened Freshwater Action Plan to projects in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin;
- (d) That the City of Hamilton calls on the federal government to make municipalities eligible for future funding in programs announced under the strengthened Freshwater Action Plan; and,
- (e) That the City of Hamilton directs its staff to submit this resolution to the federal Deputy Prime-Minister and Minister of Finance; the Minister of Environment and Climate Change; the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change (responsible for the Canada Water Agency), local Member of Parliaments, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

13. Proposed Settlement of Appeals by 2362302 Ontario Inc. of City of Hamilton Development Charge By-law Nos. 19-141 and 19-142 (LS23004 / FCS23012 / PED23077) (City Wide) (Item 14.2)

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting Report LS23004 / FCS23012 / PED23077, Proposed Settlement of Appeals by 2362302 Ontario Inc. of City of Hamilton Development Charge By-law Nos. 19-141 and 19-142 (LS23004 / FCS23012 / PED23077) (City Wide), be approved; and
- (b) That Report LS23004 / FCS23012 / PED23077, Proposed Settlement of Appeals by 2362302 Ontario Inc. of City of Hamilton Development Charge By-law Nos. 19-141 and 19-142 (LS23004 / FCS23012 / PED23077) (City Wide) including the appendices, remain confidential.

14. National Steel Car Litigation Update (LS23019) (City Wide) (Item 14.3)

That Report LS23019, respecting the National Steel Car Litigation Update, be received and remain confidential.

15. Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update (LS19036(s)) (City Wide) (Added Item 14.4)

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

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.1 Correspondence from Caroline Hill Smith, Action 13 Member, respecting endorsement of Report PED23064 to establish priorities for the Office of Climate Change Initiatives

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 8.2.

- 5.2 Correspondence from Richard Koroscil, Chair and Zoe Green, Manager, Bay Area Climate Change Council, respecting support for the 2023 Priority Focus Areas of the Office of Climate Change Initiatives (PED23064)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 8.2.

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.3 Charlie Mattina, Hamilton Community Land Trust, respecting an introduction to the Hamilton Community Land Trust, a grass roots all volunteer Non-for-profit community organization (In-Person) (For a future meeting)
- 6.4 Don McLean, respecting Item 8.2 - Priority Focus Areas for the Office of Climate Change Initiatives (PED23064) (Virtually) (For today's meeting)

8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- 8.2 2023 Priority Focus Areas for the Office of Climate Change Initiatives (PED23064) (City Wide)
- 8.3 Corporate Strategic Growth Initiatives (CSGI) – Master Plan Updates and Development Charge By-law Approach (PED23084) (City Wide)
- 8.4 Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update (LS19036(r) / PW23029) (City Wide)

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 10.5 Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) Report 23-003

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 12.1 Investing in Beautiful Alleys (Ward 3)

13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

- 13.2 Vacant Home Tax Communication Update (No Copy)

14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

The agenda for the April 5, 2023 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)

The following minutes of the General Issues Committee were approved, as presented:

- (i) March 22, 2023 (Item 4.1)
- (ii) March 24, 2023 – Special (Item 4.2)

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

The Communications items, were approved, as follows:

- (i) Correspondence from Caroline Hill Smith, Action 13 Member, respecting endorsement of Report PED23064 to establish priorities for the Office of Climate Change Initiatives (Added Item 5.1)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 8.2.

- (ii) Correspondence from Richard Koroscil, Chair and Zoe Green, Manager, Bay Area Climate Change Council, respecting support for the 2023 Priority Focus Areas of the Office of Climate Change Initiatives (PED23064) (Added Item 5.2)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 8.2.

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

The following Delegation Requests, were approved, as follows:

- (i) Vic Djurdjevic, Nikola Tesla Educational Corp, respecting permission to hold Tesla Electric City Festival and the Hamilton Museum of Steam and technology (In-Person) (For a future meeting) (Item 6.1)
- (ii) David Braden, respecting an approach that the City could adopt to respond to and encourage climate sensitive, demonstration projects (In-Person) (For a future meeting) (Item 6.2)

- (iii) Charlie Mattina, Hamilton Community Land Trust, respecting an introduction to the Hamilton Community Land Trust, a grass roots all volunteer Non-for-profit community organization (In-Person) (For a future meeting) (Added Item 6.3)
- (iv) Don McLean, respecting Item 8.2 - Priority Focus Areas for the Office of Climate Change Initiatives (PED23064) (Virtually) (For today's meeting) (Added Item 6.4)

(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)

- (i) Hafeez Hussain, respecting Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and My Experience with the City of Hamilton (Virtually) (Item 7.1)**

Hafeez Hussain, addressed the Committee respecting Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and his experience with the City of Hamilton.

The Delegation from Hafeez Hussain, respecting Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and his experience with the City of Hamilton, was received.

- (ii) Don McLean, respecting Item 8.2 - Priority Focus Areas for the Office of Climate Change Initiatives (PED23064) (Virtually) (Added Item 7.2)**

Don McLean, addressed the Committee respecting Item 8.2 - Priority Focus Areas for the Office of Climate Change Initiatives (PED23064).

The Delegation from Don McLean, respecting Item 8.2 - Priority Focus Areas for the Office of Climate Change Initiatives (PED23064), was received.

(g) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

- (i) Hamilton's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Attraction Strategy (PED23033) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

Norm Schleeahn, Director of Economic Development introduced Clark Savolaine, KPMG; and Kevin McCaffery, KPMG who provided the presentation respecting Report PED23033, Hamilton's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Attraction Strategy.

The presentation respecting Report PED23033, Hamilton's Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Attraction Strategy, was received.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

The General Issues Committee recessed for 30 minutes until 12:40 pm.

(ii) 2023 Priority Focus Areas for the Office of Climate Change Initiatives (PED23064) (City Wide) (Added Item 8.2)

Lynda Lukasik, Director, Office of Climate Change Initiatives provided the presentation respecting Report PED23064, 2023 Priority Focus Areas for the Office of Climate Change Initiatives.

The staff presentation respecting Report PED23064, 2023 Priority Focus Areas for the Office of Climate Change Initiatives, was received.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

(iii) Corporate Strategic Growth Initiatives (CSGI) – Master Plan Updates and Development Charge By-law Approach (PED23084) (City Wide) (Added Item 8.3)

Heather Travis, Manager, Staging of Development and Legislative Approvals provided the presentation respecting Report PED23084, Corporate Strategic Growth Initiatives (CSGI) – Master Plan Updates and Development Charge By-law Approach.

The staff presentation respecting Report PED23084, Corporate Strategic Growth Initiatives (CSGI) – Master Plan Updates and Development Charge By-law Approach, was received.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 3.

(iv) Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update (LS19036(r) / PW23029) (City Wide) (Added Item 8.4)

Lisa Shield, City Solicitor introduced Legal Consultants Eli Lederman, Jonathan Chen, and Delna Contractor, from Leczner Slaght LLP; who provided the presentation respecting Report LS19036(r) / PW23029, Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update.

The presentation respecting Report LS19036(r) / PW23029, Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update, was received.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 4.

(h) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 9)

(i) Business Improvement Advisory (BIA) Sub-Committee Minutes – February 14, 2023 (Item 9.2)

The Business Improvement Advisory (BIA) Sub-Committee Minutes of February 14, 2023, was received.

(i) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

(i) Investing in Beautiful Alleys (Ward 3) (Added Item 12.1)

Councillor Nann withdrew her Notice of Motion and will present it as a Motion at Council.

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

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

The Amendments to the Outstanding Business List, were approved, as follows:

(a) Items Requiring a New Due Date: (Item 13.1(a))

Encampment Pilot Evaluation (HSC20038(e) / PED21188(b)) (City Wide)

OBL Item: 2023-E

Current Due Date: April 20, 2023

Proposed New Due Date: May 2023

Hamilton Region Decarbonization Hub

OBL Item: II

Current Due Date: April 19, 2023

Proposed New Due Date: May 2023

(b) Items Considered Complete and Needing to be Removed: (Item 13.1(b))

City of Hamilton Property Tax Bill Increases Due to Ontario Legislative Changes

OBL Item: 2023-J

Added: February 15, 2023 at GIC (Item 11.2)

Completed: April 5, 2023 at GIC (Item 10.5)

(ii) Vacant Home Tax Communication Update (No Copy) (Added Item 13.2)

Janette Smith, City Manager provided the Committee with information on the Vacant Home Tax Communication Update.

The General Issues Committee meeting of April 5, 2023, was extended past the 5:30 pm curfew, up to an additional 90 minutes.

The information provided by staff on the Vacant Home Tax Communication Update, was received.

(k) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)

(i) Closed Session Minutes – March 22, 2023 (Item 14.1)

The General Issues Committee Closed Session Minutes of February 15, 2023, were approved and remain confidential.

The Committee moved into Closed Session to discuss Items 14.2, 14.3 and 14.4, pursuant to Section 9.3, 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.

(ii) Proposed Settlement of Appeals by 2362302 Ontario Inc. of City of Hamilton Development Charge By-law Nos. 19-141 and 19-142 (LS23004 / FCS23012 / PED23077) (City Wide) (Item 14.2)

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 13.

(iii) National Steel Car Litigation Update (LS23019) (City Wide) (Item 14.3)

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 14.

**(iv) Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update (LS19036(s)) (City Wide)
(Added Item 14.4)**

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 15.

(I) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Brad Clark
Chair, General Issues Committee

Angela McRae
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk

Scope of Third-Party Review of the City of Hamilton's Proposed Media Accreditation Policy

Proposed Scope of Review

To review the City of Hamilton's proposed media accreditation, provide analysis on how the policy compares with best practice, and provide any recommendations for improvement to members of Hamilton City Council.

Estimated Timeframe

Upon receipt of an approved review process, it is estimated that this review would take three months to complete.

Process

The committee will review the proposed media accreditation policy as well as other relevant documentation related to media accreditation in public sector organizations across Canada.

The committee will meet with interested stakeholders (local media outlets, media that serves diverse communities, independent media, City Communications staff) to gather input and insights.

The committee will also review current literature, related City policies including the Media Relations Policy, policies on media accreditation from other public sector organizations, including municipalities, and any other documentation relevant to the policy review.

The committee will present its review and recommendations to council.

Proposed Review Team

Chair: Dr. Terry Flynn, APR, FCPRS, LM, Associate Professor and Director of the Masters of Communications Management program, McMaster University

Members:

- Mr. Scott White, MBA, Editor-In-Chief, The Conversation, member of the Global Journalism Innovation Lab at the University of British Columbia, former executive at Canadian Press and Postmedia
- Dr. Mary Francoli, Associate Professor and Associate Dean, Faculty of Public Affairs, Carleton University
- Dr. Josh Greenburg, Professor and Director of School of Journalism and Communication, Carleton University
- Dr. Tokunbo Ojo, Associate Professor, Department of Communication and Media Studies at York University



Locke Street BIA Approved Budget 2023

| Revenue: | | 2023 |
|---|--|-----------------|
| City BIA Levy | | \$36,225 |
| BIA Reserve | | \$5,000 |
| Other City Revenue | | \$16,500 |
| Festivals and/or Sundays Unlocked sponsorship & grants Revenue | | \$40,000 |
| TOTAL | | \$97,725 |

| Expenses: | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Social media management | | \$12,500 |
| General Advertising | | \$1,000 |
| Special Events | | \$10,075 |
| Street Beautification | | \$14,000 |
| Festivals and/or Sundays Unlocked | | \$40,000 |
| Auditors | | \$500 |
| Executive Director | | \$12,000 |
| Bookkeeping & Business Support | | \$1,000 |
| Office Supplies | | \$150 |
| Insurance | | \$1,500 |
| Reserve | | \$5,000 |
| TOTAL | | \$97,725 |

Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) Program Intake 2 Project Submission

| Project Description | Total Gross (000's) | Cost Sharing Breakdown | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| | | Total Eligible (000's) | Federal Share 60% (000's) | City Share (Eligible) 40% (000's) | City Ineligible (000's) |
| Mount Hope Library Renovation / Expansion (New Build) - Transition to Zero Carbon Ready Building Design and Accessibility Improvements | \$ 5,239.0 | \$ 4,855.5 | \$ 2,913.3 | \$ 1,942.2 | \$ 383.5 |

| Financing Strategy | 2023 (000's) |
|--|---------------------|
| Federal Share | \$ 2,913.3 |
| City Share (Eligible and Ineligible) | \$ 2,325.7 |
| Total | \$ 5,239.0 |
| City Funding Details: | |
| Library Reserves (106008) | \$ 1,000.0 |
| Development Charge Reserve (110322/110323) | \$ 558.2 |
| Unallocated Capital Levy Reserves (108020) | \$ 767.5 |
| Total | \$ 2,325.7 |