



SPECIAL GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES 23-014

9:00 a.m.

Monday, April 24, 2023

Tim Hortons Field, Caretaker's Lounge, Main Floor
64 Melrose Ave. N., Hamilton, Ontario

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

Absent: Councillors M. Francis, E. Pauls, and M. Spadafora – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Indigenous Awareness Training (Item 5.1)

(Beattie/Hwang)

- (a) That the Indigenous Awareness Training presentation be received; and,
- (b) That the Indigenous Awareness Training presentation be released publicly following approval by Council.

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WELCOME (Item 1)

(i) Welcome (Item 1.2)

Travis Hill, Curator Indigenous Culture and Heritage, addressed the Committee to provide the Traditional Greeting and Welcome.

(ii) Land Acknowledgement (Item 1.1)

Jennifer DiDomenico, Senior Project Manager, Indigenous Relations addressed the Committee to provide the Land Acknowledgement.

(b) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

The Committee Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

(Tadeson/Hwang)

That the agenda for the April 24, 2023 Special General Issues Committee meeting, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 4)

(i) Indigenous Relations Team Introduction and Initiatives (Item 4.1)

Jessica Chase, Director, Healthy and Safe Communities, introduced the following members of the Indigenous Relations Team and shared the Initiatives of the Team with the Committee:

Shelly Hill, Manager, Indigenous Relations
Travis Hill, Indigenous Curator, Culture and Heritage
Lucas Gambacort, Indigenous Community Outreach and Research
Coordinator, Indigenous Relations
Brandy Pasalic, Indigenous Subsidy Eligibility Worker, Indigenous
Relations
Beth Dockstator, Project Manager, Indigenous Initiatives
Jennifer DiDomenico, Senior Project Manager, Indigenous Relations

(ii) Introduction of First Peoples Group and Presenters (Item 4.2)

Shelly Hill, Manager, Indigenous Relations introduced the following members of the First Peoples Group who will be providing the Training for Committee:

Bob Watts
Paul Robitaille
Charlotte Qamaniq
Melissa Hammell

(Beattie/Nann)

That the following Staff Presentations, be received:

- (i) Indigenous Relations Team Introduction and Initiatives (Item 4.1)
- (ii) Introduction of First Peoples Group and Presenters (Item 4.2)

CARRIED

(e) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 5)

(i) Indigenous Awareness Training (Item 5.1)

(Hwang/Beattie)

That the following individuals from the First Peoples Group be permitted to attend the Closed Session portion of the meeting, in order to provide the Indigenous Awareness Training:

Bob Watts
Paul Robitaille
Charlotte Qamaniq
Melissa Hammell
Rick Powless

CARRIED

(Horwath/Cassar)

That Committee move into Closed Session respecting Item 5.1, pursuant to Section 9.5 of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(3.1) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the meeting is being held for the purposes of educating or training members; and, at the meeting, no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of Council or the Committee.

CARRIED

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(A. Wilson/Horwath)

That there being no further business, the General Issues Committee be adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Brad Clark
Chair, General Issues Committee

Angela McRae
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk