



## **SPECIAL GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT 23-021**

9:30 a.m.

June 28, 2023

Council Chamber

71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

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

**Absent**

**With regrets:** Councillor T. Jackson – Personal  
Councillor E. Pauls - Personal

### **THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 23-021 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

**1. City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan Update (PW19008(u)) (City Wide)**

That Report PW19008(u) respecting City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan Update, be received.

### **FOR INFORMATION:**

**(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)**

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

**4. COMMUNICATIONS**

4.1 Correspondence respecting Item 7.2, Stormwater Funding Review (FCS22043(b)):

(b) Larissa Fenn, Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority

- (c) Peter Oddi, P. Eng, McAsphal Industries Limited
- (d) Gino Becerra, Vice-president, Ontario, QSL
- (e) Steve Hagen, Hamilton Terminal Manager, Agrico Canada
- (f) Greg Dunnett, President and CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce
- (g) Geoffrey Knapper, General Manager, Hamilton Industrial Environmental Association
- (h) Michelle Diplock, Manager of Planning and Government Relations, West End Home Builders' Association

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 7.2.

## **5. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

- 5.1 Delegation Requests respecting Item 7.1 City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan Update (PW19008(u)):
  - (b) Chris McLaughlin, Bay Area Restoration Council (In-Person)
  - (c) Tys Theijsmeyer, Royal Botanical Gardens (In-Person)
- 5.2 Delegation Requests respecting Item 7.2 Stormwater Funding Review (FCS22043(b)):
  - (a) Gavin Smuk (In-Person)
  - (b) Ann Marie Reid, Twenty Place - Storm Water Management Pond's Chair (In-Person)
  - (c) Larry Freeman (In-Person)

The agenda for the June 28, 2023 Special General Issues Committee meeting, was approved, as amended.

### **(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **(c) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 4)**

The following communication items, were approved, as presented:

- (i) Correspondence respecting Item 7.2, Stormwater Funding Review (FCS22043(b)) (Item 4.1):
  - (1) Connie Barry (Item 4.1(a))

- (2) Larissa Fenn, Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority (Added Item 4.1(b))
- (3) Peter Oddi, P. Eng, McAsphal Industries Limited (Added Item 4.1(c))
- (4) Gino Becerra, Vice-president, Ontario, QSL (Added Item 4.1(d))
- (5) Steve Hagen, Hamilton Terminal Manager, Agrico Canada (Added Item 4.1(e))
- (6) Greg Dunnett, President and CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce (Added Item 4.1(f))
- (7) Geoffrey Knapper, General Manager, Hamilton Industrial Environmental Association (Added Item 4.1(g))
- (8) Michelle Diplock, Manager of Planning and Government Relations, West End Home Builders' Association (Added Item 4.1(h))

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 7.2.

**(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 5)**

The following Delegation Requests, were approved for today's meeting:

- (i) Delegation Requests respecting Item 7.1, City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan Update (PW19008(u)):
  - (1) Kristin O'Connor, Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan (In-Person) (Item 5.1(a))
  - (2) Chris McLaughlin, Bay Area Restoration Council (In-Person) (Added Item 5.1(b))
  - (3) Tys Theijsmeijer, Royal Botanical Gardens (In-Person) (Added Item 5.1(c))
- (ii) Delegation Requests respecting Item 7.2 Stormwater Funding Review (FCS22043(b)):
  - (1) Gavin Smuk (In-Person) (Added Item 5.2(a))
  - (2) Ann Marie Reid, Twenty Place - Storm Water Management Pond's Chair (In-Person) (Added Item 5.2(b))

- (3) Larry Freeman (In-Person) (Added Item 5.2(c))

**(e) DELEGATIONS (Item 6)**

- (i) The following Delegates addressed the Committee respecting Item 7.1, City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan Update (PW19008(u)):

- (1) Kristin O'Connor, Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(a))
- (2) Chris McLaughlin, Bay Area Restoration Council (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(b))
- (3) Tys Theijnsmeijer, Royal Botanical Gardens (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(c))

Tys Theijnsmeijer, Royal Botanical Gardens, was provided with an additional five (5) minutes, for his delegation.

The following Delegations respecting Item 7.1, City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan Update (PW19008(u)), were received:

- (1) Kristin O'Connor, Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(a))
- (2) Chris McLaughlin, Bay Area Restoration Council (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(b))
- (3) Tys Theijnsmeijer, Royal Botanical Gardens (In-Person) (Added Item 6.1(c))

- (ii) The following Delegates addressed the Committee respecting Item 7.2, Stormwater Funding Review (FCS22043(b)):

- (1) Gavin Smuk (In-Person) (Added Item 6.2(a))
- (2) Ann Marie Reid, Twenty Place - Storm Water Management Pond's Chair (In-Person) (Added Item 6.2(b))
- (3) Larry Freeman (In-Person) (Added Item 6.2(c))

The following Delegations respecting Item 7.2, Stormwater Funding Review (FCS22043(b)), were received:

- (1) Gavin Smuk (In-Person) (Added Item 6.2(a))

- (2) Ann Marie Reid, Twenty Place - Storm Water Management Pond's Chair (In-Person) (Added Item 6.2(b))
- (3) Larry Freeman (In-Person) (Added Item 6.2(c))

**(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan Update (PW19008(u)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

Tim Crowley, Senior Project Manager, Watershed Management, provided the Committee with a presentation respecting the City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan Update (PW19008(u)) (City Wide).

The presentation respecting the City of Hamilton Watershed Action Plan Update (PW19008(u)) (City Wide), was received.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

The Committee recessed for 30 minutes, until 1:15 p.m.

**(ii) Stormwater Funding Review (FCS22043(b)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

The Chair advised Committee that an advertisement was placed in the newspaper advising members of the public of today's Special General Issues Committee and the Stormwater Funding Review. In addition, Public Notice was posted on the City's Website at Hamilton.ca inviting individuals to submit written comments or delegation requests for today's meeting.

- (a) Brian McMullen, Director, Financial Planning, Administration and Policy introduced staff and external consultants: John Savoia, Senior Policy Advisor, Nancy Hill, Project Manager, AECOM, and Mike Gregory, Sub-Consultant, AECOM, who provided the Committee with a presentation respecting the Stormwater Funding Review (FCS22043(b)) (City Wide).

The presentation respecting Stormwater Funding Review (FCS22043(b)) (City Wide), was received.

- (b) The following Motion was DEFEATED:

That the consideration of the Stormwater Rate Structure as outlined in Appendix "A" to Report FCS22043(b), be DEFERRED until such time as a fulsome consultation with the Hamilton Wentworth Federation of Agriculture, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, other farm organizations,

Agricultural and Rural Affairs Sub-Committee and the broader public has been completed.

- (c) The following resolution was considered by Council at its special meeting of June 28, 2023:

**Stormwater Funding Review (FCS22043(b)) (City Wide)**

- (a) That the Stormwater Rate Structure as outlined in Appendix “A” to Report FCS22043(b) be approved effective September 1, 2025;
- (b) That staff develop the 2025-2034 Rate Supported Budget incorporating the Stormwater Rate Structure;
- (c) That property tax levy funding related to stormwater expenditures to be funded by the new stormwater rate structure, be transferred to the Climate Change Reserve and applied to climate change / environmental initiatives in conjunction with the introduction of the Stormwater Rate Structure;
- (d) That staffing requirements for the Stormwater Rate Structure once implemented be referred to the 2025 Rate Supported Budget;
- (e) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary by-laws, for Council approval, in order to implement Recommendations (a) through (d) of Report FCS22043(b);
- (f) That staff develop and report back regarding the implementation of a Stormwater Incentives Program;
- (g) That staff develop and implement a communication strategy to advise property owners of the Stormwater Rate Structure to be implemented;
- (h) That the single source procurement of AECOM Canada Ltd as external consultants for the Stormwater Funding implementation, pursuant to Procurement Policy #11 – Non-competitive Procurements be approved;
- (i) That the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, be authorized to negotiate, enter into and execute a contract and any ancillary documents required to procure AECOM Canada Ltd as the consultant to support the implementation of the Stormwater Rate Structure in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

- (j) That the implementation of the Stormwater Rate Structure with an upset limit of \$500,000, be funded from the Stormwater Reserve (108010);
- (k) That the subject matter respecting an assessment of steps and resources required to implement a dedicated user fee for stormwater, be identified as complete and removed from the General Issues Committee Outstanding Business List.

**(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)**

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy Mayor Cameron Kroetsch  
Chair, General Issues Committee

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Janet Pilon  
Acting City Clerk  
Office of the City Clerk