



## **GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT 23-022**

9:30 a.m.

July 10, 2023

Council Chambers, City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

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

**Absent:** Mayor A. Horwath – City Business

### **THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 23-022 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

**1. 2022 Economic Development Action Plan Update (PED23095) (City Wide)  
(Item 8.1)**

That Report PED23095, respecting the 2022 Economic Development Action Plan Update, be received.

**2. Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee Report 23-002 - June 2, 2023 (Item 9.1)**

**(a) Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Governance Frameworks and  
Design Update (PED23139) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

That Report PED21139, respecting Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Governance Frameworks and Design Update, be received.

**(b) Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Agreements Update (PED23150)  
(City Wide) (Item 9.1)**

That Report PED23150, respecting Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Agreements Update, be received.

**3. Equity in the Emergency Plan (HSC23024) (City Wide) (Item 9.2)**

That Report HSC23024, Equity in the Emergency Plan, be received.

**4. Accessibility Updates to the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program (PED23108) (City Wide) (Item 9.3)**

That Report PED23108, Accessibility Updates to the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program, be received.

**5. Airport Sub-Committee Report 23-002 - June 26, 2023 (Item 9.4)**

**(a) APPOINTMENT OF CO-CHAIR (Item 1)**

That Councillor M. Spadafora be appointed as Co-Chair of the Airport Sub Committee on a rotating basis for the term of 2022-2026.

**(b) Committee Member Orientation Tour (Item 14.2)**

That the training respecting the Committee Member Orientation Tour, be received and remain confidential.

**6. Business Improvement Area (BIA) Sub-Committee Report 23-005 - May 9, 2023 (Item 9.5)**

That the Business Improvement Area (BIA) Sub-Committee Report 23-005 of May 9, 2023, be received for information.

**7. 41 South Street West, Dundas, Disposition Strategy (PED23151) (Ward 13) (Item 10.1)**

- (a) That the use of a portion of the City-owned property at 41 South Street West by the Dr Bob Kemp Hospice, toward the creation of a paediatric hospice be approved;
- (b) That City of Hamilton Staff work with the Ward Councillor's office to host two public consultations; one in the Fall of 2023 and the second in 2024 prior to staff reporting back to the General Issues Committee.
- (c) That staff be authorized and directed to negotiate requisite agreements and work with Dr Bob Kemp Hospice (DBKH) to achieve a site design that explores the feasibility of both a Paediatric Hospice and additional housing for seniors to be located at 41 South Street West, Dundas, and to evaluate the feasibility of an ambulance station also being located there;
- (d) That an allocation of up to \$100 K from Property Purchases and Sales Account No. 3561850200, to be used for joint site design work and site due diligence of 41 South Street West, Dundas, including but not limited to contributing toward shared costs of consultant(s) retained by Dr Bob

Kemp Hospice for the site design work and site due diligence, be approved;

- (e) That staff report back to General Issues Committee by end of Q2 2024 on the outcome of the negotiations with Dr Bob Kemp Hospice (DBKH), the outcomes of the public consultations, potential site design options satisfactory to all parties, and the terms and conditions for further consideration and approval

**8. Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund Intake Three (FCS21090(b)) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)**

- (a) That the projects listed in Appendix “A” to Report FCS21090(b), totalling \$35.860 M, be approved as the City of Hamilton’s submission for consideration of the requested funding amount of \$12.910 M for the period from 2023 to 2033 in accordance with the terms and conditions associated with Infrastructure Canada’s Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund Intake Three;
- (b) That should the City’s submission for the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund Intake Three program be approved by Infrastructure Canada, staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee to seek approval of a financing strategy, inclusive of future tax supported levy increases, for the City’s portion of approximately \$22.950 M related to eligible project costs between 2023 to 2033, as outlined in Appendix “A” to Report FCS21090(b), in accordance with the terms and conditions associated with the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund Intake Three;
- (c) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any funding agreement(s) and ancillary documents required for the City to receive funding for the projects listed in Appendix “A” to Report FCS21090(b), through Infrastructure Canada’s Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund Intake Three, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (d) That copies of Report FCS21090(b), respecting the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund Intake Three, be forwarded to local Members of Parliament.

**9. Disposition of Unopened Road Allowance (PED23132) (Ward 10) (Item 10.3)**

That Report PED23132, respecting the Disposition of Unopened Road Allowance and Confidential Appendix “B” to Report PED23132 (Item 14.2), be REFERRED to the July 14, 2023 Council meeting to allow for further comment from the City Solicitor.

**10. Business Improvement Area (BIA) Sub-Committee Report 23-006 - June 13, 2023 (Item 10.4)**

**(a) Appointment of Representative to the Open for Business Sub-Committee (Item 10.1)**

That Nadine Ubl, Barton Village Business Improvement Area, be appointed as the Representative from the Business Improvement Area (BIA) Sub-Committee to the Open for Business Sub-Committee for 2022-2026.

**(b) Barton Village Business Improvement Area Expenditure Request (Item 11.1)**

That the expenditure request from the Barton Village Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$11,436.94 for beautification and art projects in the public realm to be funded from the Offset to the Shared Parking Revenue (Contribution from Reserve to Current Account 815010-47101), be approved.

**(c) Expanding the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program (Item 11.2)**

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2022, the City of Hamilton, approved the combining of the On-Street Patio Program with the Outdoor Dining District Program to become the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program;

WHEREAS, the former On-Street Patio Program allowed any business to apply for an on-street patio permit;

WHEREAS, the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program is limited to cafes, restaurants, and bars; and

WHEREAS, businesses within the Business Improvement Areas would like to be able to participate in the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to report back to the Planning Committee with recommendations on the feasibility of expanding the Temporary Outdoor Patio program to any business in advance of the 2024 patio season.

**11. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) Report 23-006 - June 13, 2023 (Item 10.5)**

**(a) Strategic Planning Working Group Work Plan (Item 9.5(c))**

That the Strategic Planning Working Group Work Plan attached as Appendix "A" to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report, be approved.

**(b) Requirement to Include Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) within Staff Reports (deferred May 9, 2023) (Item 12.1)**

WHEREAS, Council considered Report HUR19019(c), respecting an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Framework Update, which updated the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Strategic Plan from EDI branding to Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) branding;

WHEREAS, following Council approval on December 7, 2022, staff has laudably begun to embed the principles of IDEA in their internal processes;

WHEREAS, the incorporation of 'Accessibility' into the strategic document reinforces the importance of accessibility across the organization;

WHEREAS, the IDEA Strategic Plan was shared at the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities at its October 11, 2022 meeting and was fully embraced by the Committee;

WHEREAS, the City's IDEA Strategic Plan's Priorities include Legislative and Policy Compliance; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities believes that it is very important that Council (or any Committee of Council), in order to carry on its provincially empowered responsibilities, be presented with complete information in all reports introduced to Council by staff and that all reports include consideration of IDEA;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) recommends that staff be directed to report back to the Governance Review Sub-Committee on implementing the following requirements within all reports to Committee or Council:
- (i) the inclusion of a new category, identified as 'IDEA' (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility), alongside Finance, Staffing, and Legal;

- (ii) the requirement for staff to consult with the ACPD (and other Advisory Committees where appropriate), or respond to requests from the ACPD to consult on matters where the elements of IDEA (particularly accessibility) clearly apply;
- (iii) where staff do not consult the ACPD in the composition of reports on matters which clearly contain elements of IDEA (particularly accessibility), such reports be referred back for consultation with the ACPD before any further action is taken by Council;
- (iv) where a representative of the ACPD makes a delegation to a Committee of Council and, as part of that delegation a request is made for a report to be referred to the ACPD, that such requests will be respected unless IDEA clearly does not apply; and
- (v) any consultation that includes the ACPD (and other Advisory Committees where appropriate), comments, opinions and recommendations, should be included in all reports under the heading 'RELEVANT CONSULTATION', in addition to any redress by staff of the ACPD's consultation.

**(c) Attendance at the National Conference on Ending Homelessness, November 8-10, 2023 (Item 12.2)**

WHEREAS, the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness is hosting the National Conference on Ending Homelessness, November 8 – 10, 2023, in a hybrid format, offering the option to register for in person in Halifax or remote participation;

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities recognizes there are concerns related to escalating costs of disabilities and barriers to social inclusion that can result in homelessness, as expressed in its correspondence to Hamilton's General Issues Committee, dated July 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, interest has been expressed by members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities in participating remotely in the National Conference on Ending Homelessness, November 8 – 10, 2023.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the registration fee for up to two Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities members to participate remotely in the National Conference on Ending Homelessness, November 8 – 10, 2023, hosted by

the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness, to be funded from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' 2023 approved budget for conferences and related travel expenses (ID# 300303), to an upset limit of \$700, be approved.

**(d) Approval for Media and Website for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' "Ability First" Event – September 28, 2023**

WHEREAS, the Outreach Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities is organizing an event "Ability First" in the Forecourt of City Hall on September 28th, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. to promote accessibility for all, no matter your ability;

WHEREAS, Ability First will be an interactive event and attracting people to attend will be a key component to its success;

WHEREAS, the media and website currently in draft format require Council approval before release to the public;

WHEREAS, there are some details of the event that are still being finalized but the media's basic layout and website structure will not change much after approval; and

WHEREAS, any communication with the media requires Council's approval before it is released;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the draft media and website content, attached as appendices "A" through "I", for the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' "Ability First" event to be held on September 28th, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., be approved for release to the public and the media; and
- (b) That the organizers of the "Ability First" event, to be held September 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., be granted permission to make minor changes to the media and website content to reflect changes to the event planning, subject to the approval by the Outreach Working Group of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities.

**(e) Donation in Memory of Tom Manzuk (Item 14.4)**

That a donation in memory of Tom Manzuk to Food for Kids in the amount of \$200 from account #300303, to be facilitated by the Diversity and Inclusion Office, be approved.

**12. Update on Strategic Land Acquisition Plan Along the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Corridor (PED23142) (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 10.6)**

That Report PED23142, Update on Strategic Land Acquisition Plan Along the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Corridor, be received.

**13. Downtown Entertainment District Annual Status Update (PED23175) (Ward 2) (Outstanding Business Item) (Item 10.7)**

That Report PED23175, Downtown Entertainment District Annual Status Update, be received.

**14. Disposition of Land in the City of Hamilton (Ward 10) (Item 14.4)**

**(Beattie/Francis)**

- (a) That the directions provided to staff in closed session respecting the Disposition of Land in the City of Hamilton (Ward 10), be approved; and
- (b) That the recommendations (a) to (e) be released publicly following approval by Council.

**15. Third Party Advertising on City Property (CM23017) (City Wide) – REVISED (Item 14.3)**

That Report CM23017, respecting Third Party Advertising on City Property, be received and remain confidential.

**16. General Litigation Update (LS23027) (City Wide) (Item 14.5)**

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session be approved and remain confidential; and,
- (b) That Report LS23027, respecting General Litigation Update and all Appendices remain confidential.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

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

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

**6. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

- 6.6 Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting Item 10.6 - Update on Strategic Land Acquisition Plan Along the



Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Corridor (PED23142) (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) (In-Person) (For today's meeting)

6.7 Mark McNeil, ACPD, respecting Item 10.5 - Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) Report 23-006 - June 13, 2023 (In-Person) (For today's meeting)

6.8 PJ Mercanti, Hamilton Urban Precinct Entertainment Group, respecting an update on the activities and positive progress of our downtown entertainment district redevelopment initiative (In-Person) (For the August 14, 2023 Meeting)

## **12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

12.1 Ottawa Street BIA and Ottawa Street Pride Committee Public Art (Wards 3 and 4)

12.2 Revenue Sources to fund Council Priorities and Ongoing Operating and Capital Works

## **14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

14.3 Third Party Advertising on City Property (CM23017) (City Wide) – REVISED

## **CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

14.4 Disposition of Land in the City of Hamilton (Ward 10)

To be considered immediately following Item 14.2 - Confidential Appendix "B" to Item 10.1 - Disposition of Unopened Road Allowance (PED23132) (Ward 10)

The agenda for the July 10, 2023 General Issues Committee meeting, was approved, as amended.

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

Councillor M. Wilson declared a non-disqualifying interest to Item 7.2, the delegation from Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting Item 10.6 - Update on Strategic Land Acquisition Plan Along the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Corridor (PED23142), as the Hamilton Community Foundation funds the Hamilton Community Benefits Network and her husband is CEO of Hamilton Community Foundation.

**(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Item 4)**

**(i)** The following minutes were approved, as presented:

- (1) June 14, 2023 (Item 4.1)
- (2) June 27, 2023 – Special (Item 4.2)
- (3) June 28, 2023 – Special (Item 4.3)

**(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)**

**(i)** The Delegation Requests were approved, as follows:

- (1) Paul Vermaat, White Star Group, respecting matters relating to lands in the West Harbour Stadium Precinct (In Person) (For a future meeting) (Item 6.1)
- (2) Doug Mattina, Director, Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice, respecting Item 10.1, 41 South Street West, Dundas, Disposition Strategy (PED23151) (Ward 13) (In Person) (For today's meeting) (Item 6.2)
- (3) David Farrar, President and Vice-Chancellor of McMaster University along with Ty Shattuck, CEO McMaster Innovation Park, would like to present an update to GIC on both institutions (In-Person) (For the November 1, 2023 GIC Meeting) (Item 6.3)
- (4) Stefan Sobolewski, Taras Bulba Ukraine Support 2022, to request financial support towards our upcoming Ukraine humanitarian aid missions (In-Person) (For a future meeting) (Item 6.4)
- (5) Jo-Ann Mattina, Biindigen Well-Being Centre, respecting an update on the Biindigen Well-Being Centre development and next steps (In-Person) (For a future meeting) (Item 6.5)
- (6) Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting Item 10.6 - Update on Strategic Land Acquisition Plan Along the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Corridor (PED23142) (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) (In-Person) (For today's meeting) (Added Item 6.6)
- (7) Mark McNeil, ACPD, respecting Item 10.5 - Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) Report 23-006 - June 13, 2023 (In-Person) (For today's meeting) (Added Item 6.7)

- (8) PJ Mercanti, Hamilton Urban Precinct Entertainment Group, respecting an update on the activities and positive progress of our downtown entertainment district redevelopment initiative (In-Person) (For the August 14, 2023 Meeting) (Added Item 6.8)

**(e) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)**

- (i) Doug Mattina, Director, Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice, respecting Item 10.1, 41 South Street West, Dundas, Disposition Strategy (PED23151) (Ward 13) (In Person) (Added Item 7.1)**

Danielle Zucchet, CEO of Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice and Rob MacIsaac, CEO and President of Hamilton Health Sciences, addressed the Committee respecting Item 10.1, 41 South Street West, Dundas, Disposition Strategy (PED23151) (Ward 13).

The delegate was provided with an additional 5 minutes to complete their delegation.

The Delegation from Danielle Zucchet, CEO of Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice and Rob MacIsaac, CEO and President of Hamilton Health Sciences, respecting Item 10.1, 41 South Street West, Dundas, Disposition Strategy (PED23151) (Ward 13), was received.

- (ii) Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting Item 10.6 - Update on Strategic Land Acquisition Plan Along the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Corridor (PED23142) (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) (In-Person) (Added Item 7.2)**

Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, addressed the Committee respecting Item 10.6 - Update on Strategic Land Acquisition Plan Along the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Corridor (PED23142) (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5).

The Delegation from Karl Andrus, Hamilton Community Benefits Network, respecting Item 10.6 - Update on Strategic Land Acquisition Plan Along the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Corridor (PED23142) (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5), was received.

- (iii) Mark McNeil, ACPD, respecting Item 10.5 - Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) Report 23-006 - June 13, 2023 (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3)**

Mark McNeil, ACPD, addressed the Committee respecting Item 10.5 - Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) Report 23-006 - June 13, 2023.

The Delegation from Mark McNeil, ACPD, respecting Item 10.5 - Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) Report 23-006 - June 13, 2023, was received.

**(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)**

**(i) 2022 Economic Development Action Plan Update (PED23095) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

Norm Schleeahn, Director, Economic Development provided the Committee with a presentation respecting Report PED23095, 2022 Economic Development Action Plan Update.

The staff presentation respecting Report PED23095, 2022 Economic Development Action Plan Update, was received.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

**(g) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)**

**(i) 41 South Street West, Dundas, Disposition Strategy (PED23151) (Ward 13) (Item 10.1)**

The report was put on the floor as follows:

- (a) That the use of a portion of the City-owned property at 41 South Street West by the Dr Bob Kemp Hospice, toward the creation of a paediatric hospice be approved;
- (b) That staff be authorized and directed to negotiate requisite agreements and work with Dr Bob Kemp Hospice (DBKH) to achieve a site design that explores the feasibility of both a Paediatric Hospice and additional housing for seniors to be located at 41 South Street West, Dundas, and to evaluate the feasibility of an ambulance station also being located there;
- (c) That an allocation of up to \$100 K from Property Purchases and Sales Account No. 3561850200, to be used for joint site design work and site due diligence of 41 South Street West, Dundas, including but not limited to contributing toward shared costs of consultant(s) retained by Dr Bob Kemp Hospice for the site design work and site due diligence, be approved;
- (d) That staff report back to General Issues Committee by end of Q2 2024 on the outcome of the negotiations with Dr Bob Kemp Hospice (DBKH), potential site design options satisfactory to all

parties, and the terms and conditions for further consideration and approval

A new sub-section (b) to Report PED23151, respecting 41 South Street West, Dundas, Disposition Strategy, was added, with the remaining sub-sections being re-numbered, and sub-section (e) **was amended**, as follows:

**(b) That City of Hamilton Staff work with the Ward Councillor's office to host two public consultations; one in the Fall of 2023 and the second in 2024 prior to staff reporting back to the General Issues Committee.**

~~(b)~~(c) That staff be authorized and directed to negotiate requisite agreements and work with Dr Bob Kemp Hospice (DBKH) to achieve a site design that explores the feasibility of both a Paediatric Hospice and additional housing for seniors to be located at 41 South Street West, Dundas, and to evaluate the feasibility of an ambulance station also being located there;

~~(e)~~(d) That an allocation of up to \$100 K from Property Purchases and Sales Account No. 3561850200, to be used for joint site design work and site due diligence of 41 South Street West, Dundas, including but not limited to contributing toward shared costs of consultant(s) retained by Dr Bob Kemp Hospice for the site design work and site due diligence, be approved;

~~(d)~~(e) That staff report back to General Issues Committee by end of Q2 2024 on the outcome of the negotiations with Dr Bob Kemp Hospice (DBKH), **the outcomes of the public consultations**, potential site design options satisfactory to all parties, and the terms and conditions for further consideration and approval

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 7.

**(ii) Disposition of Unopened Road Allowance (PED23132) (Ward 10) (Item 10.3)**

The consideration of Report PED23132, respecting Disposition of Unopened Road Allowance was DEFERRED until after the Closed Session portion of the meeting, to allow Committee to consider the Confidential Appendix "B" to Report PED23132.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 9.

**(iii) Recess**

The General Issues Committee recessed for 30 minutes until 12:45 pm.

**(iv) Update on Strategic Land Acquisition Plan Along the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Corridor (PED23142) (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 10.6)**

WHEREAS Report PED23142 "Update on Strategic Land Acquisition Plan Along the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Corridor" has confirmed that the primary City and community need for land on the LRT corridor relates to the need for affordable housing; and

WHEREAS the Hamilton Community Benefits Network has undertaken, and continues to undertake, community engagement along the LRT corridor, which has resulted in the identification of potential community benefits that would entail property acquisition, such as additional greenspace;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff in the Housing Secretariat, the Corporate Real Estate Office, and the City's LRT Office review known and anticipated Metrolinx-acquired properties on the LRT corridor, as well as any City-owned properties, and identify potential prospects for future affordable housing development, including potential for land assembly to support future affordable housing development;
- (b) That staff in the City's LRT Office meet with the Hamilton Community Benefits Network to identify any specific or general land needs that could advance or implement some of the community priorities identified through the CBN's engagement efforts; and,
- (c) That staff report back to the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Sub-Committee with their findings.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 12.

**(h) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)**

Councillor N. Nann introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(i) Ottawa Street BIA and Ottawa Street Pride Committee Public Art (Wards 3 and 4) (Added Item 12.1)**

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's strategic plan priority for Healthy and Safe Communities consists of a caring place that is safe and inviting, with people working together to care and support each other, which is inclusive

of the communities of people who are Two Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, and those for whom letters cannot fully yet describe (2SLGBTQIA+);

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is committed to working with artists, businesses, and citizens in the ongoing development and implementation of art in public places to enhance our sense of community;

WHEREAS, the Ottawa Street BIA intends to hang 12 new mobiles, six on each side of Ottawa Street North, from May until September every year for the next five years, to signal to the 2SLGBTQIA+ community that they are recognized and cared for outside the boundary of Pride month celebrations;

WHEREAS, the art is a result of a project lead by the Ottawa Street Pride Committee and created as part of STEPS' I HeART Main Street initiative;

WHEREAS, the mobiles are designed by Riley Jamieson, a trans artist, and are a symbol of the joy of summer and of queer people working together to care and support each other;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That \$1,500 be allocated from the Ward 3 Bell Tower Funds Non-Property Tax Revenue Account (3301609603) and \$1,500 from the Ward 4 Capital Discretionary Account (3302109400) to the Ottawa Street BIA toward costs associated with the installation of the 12 Pride mobiles; and
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Councillor M. Wilson introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(ii) Revenue Sources to fund Council Priorities and Ongoing Operating and Capital Works (Added Item 12.2)**

WHEREAS, Hamilton City Council has identified a set of priorities to guide its legislative agenda for the 2022-2026 term of Council;

WHEREAS, access to sufficient and sustainable revenue sources is critical to the city's ability to achieve these priorities along with ongoing operating, maintenance and capital programming needs;

WHEREAS, the fiscal framework within which Canadian municipalities work limits opportunities for local government to advance solutions at the scale required to address many of today's challenges, including but not limited to affordable and supportive housing, climate change mitigation, technology and an ageing infrastructure and population;

WHEREAS, Ontario municipalities like Hamilton are heavily reliant on property taxes as a source of revenue;

WHEREAS, property taxes are a regressive form of taxation;

WHEREAS, in 2021, Hamilton's taxes for a detached bungalow were 3.52% higher than municipalities with comparable populations, but 24.30% higher than a broader compactor group;

WHEREAS, municipalities are responsible for 60% of public infrastructure while collecting only 9 cents for every tax dollar collected in Ontario;

WHEREAS, municipalities continue to face the following challenges:

- Ongoing impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Rising inflation and interest rates;
- Supply chain disruptions and tight labour supply;
- Increasing demand for services; and,
- Unanticipated legislative changes (such as Bill 23).

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton directly invests a significant share of property tax revenues, in extensions of federal and provincial responsibilities, such as housing, social services, and health services;

WHEREAS, in the absence of other non-residential property tax revenue, property taxes will become less affordable for more people over the next few years while the need for local investments will continue to grow;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee the following information by Q1 2024:

- (a) A scan of revenue authorities contained in the Municipal Act, 2021 or other Provincial legislation that do not require the expressed permission of the Government of Ontario;
- (b) An inventory of revenue sources that are contained in the City of Toronto Act, 2006 but not contained in the Municipal Act, 2021; and,



- (c) A scan of municipal revenue tools in other jurisdictions that may be more progressive and could support in the achievement of this term of Council priorities and ongoing programming needs and any expressed permissions necessary to implement the strategies.

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

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

The amendments to the Outstanding Business List, be approved, as follows:

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

Correspondence from Janice M. Shearer, Director, Chair of the Board of Directors, Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice Foundation Inc., respecting to officially move into an exploratory phase by Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice, and with city staff, to examine the viability of the acquisition of land at 41 South St. W

OBL Item: 2023-A

Added: January 18, 2023 at GIC (Item 5.2)

Completed: July 10, 2023 at GIC (Item 10.1)

Temporary Outdoor Patio Program's Compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act

OBL Item: 2023-S

Added: March 22, 2023 at GIC (Item 11.3)

Completed: July 10, 2023 at GIC (Item 9.3)

Strategic Land Acquisition Plan Along the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Corridor

OBL Item: W

Added: March 22, 2023 at GIC (Item 11.3)

April 6, 2022 at GIC (Item 9)

Completed: July 10, 2023 at GIC (Item 10.6)

**(b) Items to be Referred to the Emergency and Community Services Committee (Item 13.1(b)):**

Correspondence respecting the situation at 1083 Main Street East

OBL Item: 2023-L

Reason: This item will be captured as part of the Renovictions Report going to Emergency and Community Services Committee on August 17, 2023.

**(j) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)**

**(i) Closed Session Minutes – June 14, 2023 (Item 14.1)**

The General Issues Committee Closed Session Minutes of June 14, 2023, were approved and will remain confidential.

The Committee moved into Closed Session pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-sections (b), (c), (e), and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (b), (c), (e), and (f) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

**(ii) Confidential Appendix "B" to Item 10.1 - Disposition of Unopened Road Allowance (PED23132) (Ward 10) (Item 14.2)**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 9.

**(ii) Disposition of Land in the City of Hamilton (Ward 10) (Item 14.4)**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 14.

**(iii) Third Party Advertising on City Property (CM23017) (City Wide) - REVISED (Item 14.3)**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 15.

**(iv) General Litigation Update (LS23027) (Item 14.5)**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 16.

**(k) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy Mayor Tammy Hwang

Chair, General Issues Committee

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