



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT 23-027

9:30 a.m.

October 18, 2023

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

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

Absent: Councillor M. Tadeson - Personal

THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 23-027 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. **Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy 2023 Annual Update (PED23222) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.1)**
 - (a) (c) That the following investments to be funded from the 2023 Budget allocation to the Climate Change Reserve (Account No 108062), be approved:
 - (i) E-Bike Pilot for Hamilton Bike Share to an upset limit of \$750k;
 - (b) (a) That Appendix "A" to Report PED23222 "Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy Annual Climate Change Update 2023" be received.
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2. Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation Housing Accelerator Fund (HSC23017(a) / FCS23062(a) / PED23143(a)) (Added Item 8.2)

- (a) That staff be directed to execute the Housing Action Plan initiatives as outlined in Report HSC23017(a)/FCS23062(a)/PED23143(a), and that staff be directed to bring forward for Council's consideration the necessary policy process, program and required authorities and proposed delegations and regulatory adjustments required to implement the Housing Action Plan initiatives including, as appropriate financial and staffing implications and affordability requirements;
- (b) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized to make any necessary revisions or adjustments to the Housing Action Plan initiatives, and to provide any required reporting, as necessary, to deliver and administer the Housing Accelerator Fund in accordance with all Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation requirements; and,
- (c) That the General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized and directed to enter into and execute all ancillary agreements and documents as may be required to deliver and administer Housing Accelerator Fund initiatives four and six as outlined in this report with terms and content satisfactory to the General Manager, Healthy and Safe Communities Department and in form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

3. Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee Report 23-004 - September 25, 2023 (Item 9.1)

(a) Light Rail Transit Operations Models (PED23166(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

- (i) That Report PED23166(a), respecting Light Rail Transit Operations Models, be received.
- (ii) That staff be directed to extend an invitation to former Region of Waterloo Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Murray, to attend a meeting of the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee, to share his insights and assessment of operations of the Region of Waterloo's Light Rail Transit System.

(b) Labour Relations Analysis of Light Rail Transit Model (HUR23014) (City Wide) (Item 15.1)

That Report HUR23014, respecting Labour Relations Analysis of Light Rail Transit Model, be received and remain confidential.

4. **Community Benefits Protocol Sub-Committee Report 23-001 - September 28, 2023 (Item 9.2)**

(a) (d) **Realizing Community Benefits in the New HSR Transit Maintenance & Storage Facility (Added Item 11.1)**

WHEREAS, The City of Hamilton is undertaking a significant public Infrastructure project under Contract Number C13-02-23 – a requirement for a General Contractor to construct a new Hamilton Transit Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF) in Ward Three.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (i) That staff be directed to work collaboratively with the Contractor who, where practical and appropriate, will ensure that socially and environmentally responsible business practices are considered when employing workers and completing the work; and,
- (ii) That whatever measures are taken by the Contractor will result in zero cost overages to the approved project budget.

(b) (a) **Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair**

- (i) That Councillor C. Kroetsch be appointed as Chair of the Community Benefits Protocol Sub-Committee for 2023-2024.
- (ii) That K. Andrus be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Community Benefits Protocol Sub-Committee for 2023-2024.

(b) **Community Benefits Protocol Sub-Committee Terms of Reference (Item 9.1)**

That the Community Benefits Protocol Sub-Committee Terms of Reference, be received.

(c) **Hamilton Community Benefits Protocol Sub-Committee Update (HSC23026) (City Wide) (Item 9.2)**

- (i) That Report HSC23026, respecting Hamilton Community Benefits Protocol Sub-Committee Update, be received.
- (ii) (1) That staff be directed to report back on the Hamilton

Community Benefits Protocol Sub-Committee respecting a summary of the pilots undertaken for social Request for Procurement (RFP); and

- (2) That the report back include the 2019 Sandra Hamilton procurement report as an attachment.

5. Interview Sub-Committee to the General Issues Committee Report 23-002 - October 10, 2023 (Item 9.3)

(a) Screening Tools to be Used During Deliberations of the Applications to the City of Hamilton's Advisory Committees (Item 4.2)

- (i) That the following screening tool be approved and remain confidential, for use during the Interviews for the Climate Change Advisory Committee:

- (1) Amended Confidential Interview Questions – Climate Change Advisory Committee

(b) Deliberation of Applications to the Climate Change Advisory Committee (Item 4.3)

That the direction provided to staff in closed session, be approved and remain confidential.

6. King West Business Improvement Area Dormancy (PED23198) (Ward 2) (Item 10.1)

- (a) That the Dormant Business Improvement Area Status Procedure, as attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED23198, be adopted;
- (b) That the King West Business Improvement Area become dormant (a non-active Business Improvement Area) for a three-year term and that the King West Business Improvement Area issue a cheque to the City of Hamilton for all monies that are currently in the King West Business Improvement Area bank account(s);
- (c) That Finance staff be directed to create an account to hold the funds of the King West Business Improvement Area;
- (d) That Finance staff be directed to oversee the account and fulfil any financial obligations of the dormant King West Business Improvement Area throughout the term;
- (e) That Public Works staff be directed to store any material assets of the Business Improvement Area and the cost for storage be invoiced to Finance for payment from the Business Improvement Area account; and,

- (f) That Commercial Districts and Small Business Section staff be directed to undertake the appropriate program modifications to identify that Financial Incentive Programs are available only to property owners/authorized tenants within the existing active city-wide Business Improvement Areas.

7. Main West Esplanade Business Improvement Area Dormancy (PED23199) (Ward 2) (Item 10.2)

- (a) That the Dormant Business Improvement Area Status Procedure, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED23199, be adopted;
- (b) That the Main West Esplanade Business Improvement Area become dormant (a non-active Business Improvement Area) for a three-year term and that the Main West Esplanade Business Improvement Area issue a cheque to the City of Hamilton for all monies that are currently in the Main West Esplanade Business Improvement Area bank account(s);
- (c) That Finance staff be directed to create an account to hold the funds of the Main West Esplanade Business Improvement Area;
- (d) That Finance staff be directed to oversee the account and fulfil any financial obligations of the dormant Main West Esplanade Business Improvement Area throughout the term;
- (e) That Public Works staff be directed to store any material assets of the Business Improvement Area and the cost for storage be invoiced to Finance for payment from the Business Improvement Area account; and,
- (f) That Commercial Districts and Small Business Section staff be directed to undertake the appropriate program modifications to identify that Financial Incentive Programs are available only to property owners/authorized tenants within the existing active city-wide Business Improvement Areas.

8. Revitalizing Hamilton Tax Increment Grant - 179-189 Catharine Street North, Hamilton (PED23200) (Ward 2) (Item 10.3)

- (a) That a Revitalizing Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program Application submitted by WQ (Catharine St N) GP Inc. (Brendan Morley), for the property at 179-189 Catharine Street North, Hamilton, estimated at \$258,079.15, over the maximum of a four year period, and based upon the incremental tax increase attributable to the redevelopment of 179-189 Catharine Street North, Hamilton, be authorized and approved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Revitalizing Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program;
- (b) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to execute a Grant Agreement together with any ancillary documentation required, to give effect to the Revitalizing Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program for WQ (Catharine

St N) GP Inc. (Brendan Morley) for the property known as 179-189 Catharine Street North, Hamilton, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,

- (c) That the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to administer the Grant and Grant Agreement including, but not limited to, deciding on actions to take in respect of events of default and executing any Grant Amending Agreements, together with any ancillary amending documentation, if required, provided that the terms and conditions of the Revitalizing Hamilton Tax Increment Grant Program, as approved by City Council, are maintained and that any applicable Grant Amending Agreements are undertaken in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

9. Downtown Hamilton Office Report Update (PED23081(a)) (Ward 2) (Item 10.4)

- (a) That the terms for the Commercial Vacancy Assistance Program, being Appendix "I" to the Revitalizing Hamilton's Commercial Districts Community Improvement Plan, be amended as contained in Appendix "A" to Report PED23081(a);
- (b) That the Commercial Vacancy Assistance Program otherwise scheduled to cease on October 22, 2023, be made permanently available; and,
- (c) That staff be directed to continue engagement with downtown office landlords and property owners to discuss the feasibility of expanding and introducing new office-related incentive programs in the Downtown Hamilton Community Improvement Project Area;

10. Conservation Authority Agreements for Non-Mandatory Programs and Services (FCS23081) (City Wide) (Item 10.5)

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute agreements for Non-Mandatory Programs and Services with the Hamilton Region Conservation Authority, Halton Region Conservation Authority, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority and Grand River Conservation Authority based substantially on the Term Sheet attached as Appendix "A" to Report FCS23081 and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

11. Encampment Response Update - September 2023 (HSC23066(a)) (City Wide) (Item 10.6)

- (a) That Report HSC23066(a), respecting the Encampment Response Update – September 2023, be received.
- (b) That staff be directed to explore the feasibility of a 'Clean Up Protocol' enabling City Staff being able to remove waste from private properties that are adjacent to Encampment sites and report back to the General Issues Committee.

12. Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Update (LS19036(t)) (City Wide) (Item 10.7)

That Council approve the revised estimated total cost of the Red Hill Valley Parkway Judicial Inquiry of up to \$28,000,000, to be funded through the Tax Stabilization Reserve (110046).

13. Airport Sub-Committee Report 23-004 – October 6, 2023 (Added Item 10.8)

(a) Airport Masterplan (PED19084(i)) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)

- (i) That the Airport Master Plan, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED19084(i), prepared by TradePort International Corporation (TradePort), be approved;
- (ii) That TradePort be directed to complete, in cooperation with the city and its partners, the following studies necessary to implement the Airport Master Plan, that are required from time to time, and particularly in the immediate term:
 - (1) Ground Transportation Study;
 - (2) Noise Exposure Forecasts and Airport Zone Regulations Assessment;
 - (3) Functional Servicing Report / Master Servicing Plan;
 - (4) Radar Tower Relocation Study;
 - (5) Stormwater Master Drainage Study;
 - (6) Airport Environmental Strategy and Climate Resiliency Plan; and
 - (7) Long-term Land Needs Assessment, and Land Use and Development Optimization Strategy.

14. Hamilton Light Rail Transit Property Acquisition (PED23221) (City Wide) (Item 14.2)

- (a) That the directions provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting Report PED23221, Hamilton LRT Property Acquisition, be approved and remain confidential;
- (b) That Appendix "A" to Report PED23221, respecting Hamilton LRT Property Acquisition be approved and remain confidential; and,
- (c) That Report PED23221, respecting Hamilton LRT Property Acquisition, remain confidential.

15. Greenbelt Judicial Review Motion (LS23035) (City Wide) (Item 14.3)

That Report LS23035, respecting the Greenbelt Judicial Review Motion, be received and remain confidential.

16. Legal Update Regarding Judicial Review Application – Urban Boundary Expansion (LS16029(i)) (City Wide) (Added Item 14.4)

That Report LS16029(i), respecting Legal Update Regarding Judicial Review Application – Urban Boundary Expansion, 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 Jeffrey Cowan, President and CEO and David E. Inkley, Vice President - Engineering and Development, Hamilton Community Enterprises, respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy 2023 Annual Update (PED23222)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 8.1.

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.2 Delegation Requests respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy 2023 Annual Update (PED23222), for today's meeting, from the following individuals:

- (a) Zoe Green, Action 13 (Virtually)
- (b) Adeola Egbeyemi, Environment Hamilton (In-Person)
- (c) Don McLean, Hamilton 350 Committee (Virtually)
- (d) Jesse Elders, Bay Area Climate Change Council (In-Person)

8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- 8.2 Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation Housing Accelerator Fund (HSC23017(a) / FCS23062(a) / PED23143(a))

Due to the length of the agenda and the item not being time sensitive the Staff Presentation respecting the 2023 Economic Development Workforce

Strategy (PED23194) (City Wide) – which was moved from the October 4th meeting to today’s meeting will be placed on the November 1st GIC agenda.

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.8 Airport Sub-Committee Report 23-004 - October 6, 2023

14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

14.4 Legal Update Regarding Judicial Review Application – Urban Boundary Expansion (LS16029(i)) (City Wide)

The agenda for the October 18, 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)

(i) October 4, 2023 (Item 4.1)

The minutes of the October 4, 2023, General Issues Committee meeting were approved, as presented.

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Correspondence from Jeffrey Cowan, President and CEO and David E. Inkley, Vice President - Engineering and Development, Hamilton Community Enterprises, respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy 2023 Annual Update (PED23222) (Added Item 5.1)

The correspondence from Jeffrey Cowan, President and CEO and David E. Inkley, Vice President - Engineering and Development, Hamilton Community Enterprises, respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy 2023 Annual Update (PED23222) was received and referred to consideration of Item 8.1.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

- (i) That the following Delegation Requests, be approved as follows:
- (1) Kevin Gonci, Mohawk Sports Park - Sports Council, respecting the proposed development of a new Multi-Use Community Hub Facility (In-Person) (For a future meeting) (Item 6.1)
 - (2) Delegation Requests respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy 2023 Annual Update (PED23222), for today's meeting, from the following individuals (Added Item 6.2):
 - (a) Zoe Green, Action 13 (Virtually) (Added Item 6.2(a))
 - (b) Adeola Egbeyemi, Environment Hamilton (In-Person) (Added Item 6.2(b))
 - (c) Don McLean, Hamilton 350 Committee (Virtually) (Added Item 6.2(c))
 - (d) Jesse Elders, Bay Area Climate Change Council (In-Person) (Added Item 6.2(d))

(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)

- (i) **Delegations respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy 2023 Annual Update (PED23222), from the following individuals (Added Item 7.1):**

The following Delegations addressed the Committee respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy 2023 Annual Update (PED23222):

- (a) Zoe Green, Action 13 (Virtually) (Added Item 7.1(a))
- (b) Adeola Egbeyemi, Environment Hamilton (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(b))
- (c) Don McLean, Hamilton 350 Committee (Virtually) (Added Item 7.1(c))
- (d) Jesse Elders, Bay Area Climate Change Council (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(d))

The following Delegations respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy 2023 Annual Update (PED23222), were received:

- (a) Zoe Green, Action 13 (Virtually) (Added Item 7.1(a))
- (b) Adeola Egbeyemi, Environment Hamilton (In-Person) (Added Item 7.1(b))

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For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(g) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy 2023 Annual Update (PED23222) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.1)

Lynda Lukasik, Director, Office of Climate Change Initiatives, provided opening remarks and introduced the staff of the Office of Climate Change Initiatives; Trevor Imhoff, Senior Project Manager; Cathrin Winklemann, Senior Project Manager; and Beatrice Ekoko, Project Manager, who provided Committee with a presentation respecting Report PED23222, Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy 2023 Annual Update.

The staff presentation respecting Report PED23222, Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy 2023 Annual Update, was received.

The report recommendations were put on the floor as follows:

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Upon Committee's request, Sub-section (c)(i) was voted on separately. Please refer to Item 1(a) for disposition.

For disposition of the balance of the report, refer to Item 1(b).

(ii) Recess

The General Issues Committee recessed for 35 minutes until 2:05 pm.

(iii) Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation Housing Accelerator Fund (HSC23017(a) / FCS23062(a) / PED23143(a)) (Added Item 8.2)

Jason Thorne, Acting City Manager, provided opening remarks and introduced Al Fletcher, Manager, Investment in Affordable Housing/Neighbourhood Development who provided Committee with a presentation respecting Report HSC23017(a) / FCS23062(a) / PED23143(a), the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation Housing Accelerator Fund.

The staff presentation respecting Report HSC23017(a) / FCS23062(a) / PED23143(a), the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation Housing Accelerator Fund, was received.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

(h) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 9)

(i) Community Benefits Protocol Sub-Committee Report 23-001 - September 28, 2023 (Item 9.2)

The report recommendations were put on the floor as follows:

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Upon Committee's request, Sub-section (d) was voted on separately. Please refer to Item 4(a) for disposition.

For disposition of the balance of the report, refer to Item 4(b).

(i) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)

(i) October 4, 2023 - Closed Session Minutes (Item 14.1)

The General Issues Committee Closed Session Minutes of October 4, 2023, were approved and remain confidential.

Committee moved into Closed Session pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-sections (c), (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (c), (e) and (f) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as

amended, as the subject matters pertains to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for City or a local board purposes; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the City or a local board; and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

(ii) Hamilton Light Rail Transit Property Acquisition (PED23221) (City Wide) (Item 14.2)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 14.

(iii) Greenbelt Judicial Review Motion (LS23035) (City Wide) (Item 14.3)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 15.

(iv) Legal Update Regarding Judicial Review Application – Urban Boundary Expansion (LS16029(i)) (City Wide) (Added Item 14.4)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 16.

(j) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Deputy Mayor Jeff Beattie
Chair, General Issues Committee

Angela McRae
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk