



## GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT 24-006

9:30 a.m.

April 3, 2024

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

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

**Absent:** Councillors N. Nann, E. Pauls - Personal

### THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 24-006 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

#### 1. **Asset Management Plans (PW23073(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

- (a) That the Corporate Asset Management Plans, attached as Appendices “A”, “B”, “C”, “D” and “E” to General Issues Committee Report 24-006, be approved as required by Ontario Regulation 588/17: Asset Management for Municipal Infrastructure; and,
- (b) That the Asset Management Plans, attached as Appendices “A”, “B”, “C”, “D” and “E” attached to General Issues Committee Report 24-006, subject to the approval of recommendation (a), be posted in a designated area on the City’s website, as required under Ontario Regulation 588/17.

#### 2. **Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry: Management Update (PW24011) (City Wide) – REVISED (Item 8.2)**

That Report PW24011, respecting Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry: Management Update, be received.

#### 3. **Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability Report 24-002 - February 20, 2024 (Item 9.1)**

That the Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability Report 24-002 - February 20, 2024, be received.

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**4. Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 24-002 - February 13, 2024 (Item 9.2)**

**(a) Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities – Terms of Reference (Item 11.1)**

That the Terms of Reference for the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities attached as Appendix “F” to General Issues Committee Report 24-006 be approved, as presented.

**5. Waterdown Village Business Improvement Area 2024 Changes to Board of Management (PED24072) (Ward 15) (Item 9.3)**

**(a) That the following individuals be removed from the Waterdown Village Business Improvement Area Board of Management:**

- (i) Buket Necip, Free2BeWellness; and,**
- (ii) Krista Allan, The Wine Shop.**

**6. Assessment of Environmental Impacts of Fireworks at Municipal Events (PED24051) (City Wide) (Item 9.4)**

That Report PED24051, respecting Assessment of Environmental Impacts of Fireworks at Municipal Events, be received.

**7. Asylum-Claimants Transitional Housing Proposal (HSC24016) (City Wide) (Item 10.1)**

**(a) That funding up to \$280,000 be provided to Good Shepherd Centres for the provision of a 10-bed women’s transitional housing program for refugee claimants and asylum seekers between June 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 to be funded first from eligible Provincial or Federal funding, then by any program, Department, or Corporate surplus, and lastly Corporate Financials – Expenditures/Non-program Dept. subject to Good Shepherd Centres confirming it is a non-profit organization and Good Shepherd Centres entering into a funding agreement with City on such terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized and directed to execute the funding agreement and any ancillary documentation;**

**(b) That funding up to \$200,000 be provided to Good Shepherd Centres for the provision of a 10-bed women’s transitional housing program for refugee claimants and asylum seekers between January 1, 2025 to May 30, 2025 to be funded first from eligible Provincial or Federal funding, then by any**

program, Department, or Corporate surplus, and lastly from Corporate Financials – Expenditures/Non-program Dept. subject to Good Shepherd Centres confirming it is a non-profit organization and Good Shepherd Centres, entering into a funding agreement with City on such terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized and directed to execute the funding agreement and any ancillary documentation;

- (c) That funding up to \$642,000 be provided to Wesley Urban Ministries for the provision of a 30-bed transitional housing program for men, women, family, and couples between June 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 to be funded first from eligible Provincial or Federal funding, then by any program, Department, or Corporate surplus, and lastly from Corporate Financials – Expenditures/Non-program Dept. subject to Wesley Urban Ministries confirming it is a non-profit organization and Wesley Urban Ministries, entering into a funding agreement with City on such terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized and directed to execute the funding agreement and any ancillary documentation;
- (d) That funding up to \$459,000 be provided to Wesley Urban Ministries for the provision of a 30-bed transitional housing program for men, women, family, and couples between January 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025 to be funded first from eligible Provincial or Federal funding, then by any program, Department, or Corporate surplus, and lastly from Corporate Financials – Expenditures/Non-program Dept. subject to Wesley Urban Ministries confirming it is a non-profit organization and Wesley Urban Ministries, entering into a funding agreement with City on such terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized and directed to execute the funding agreement and any ancillary documentation;
- (e) That funding up to \$122,000 be provided to Refuge Newcomer Health for the operation of a Newcomer Referral and Coordination Hub serving all newcomer demographics between June 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 to be funded first from eligible Provincial or Federal funding, then by any program, Department, or Corporate surplus, and lastly from Corporate Financials – Expenditures/Non-program Dept. subject to Refuge Newcomer Health confirming it is a non-profit organization and Refuge Newcomer Health, entering into a funding agreement with City on such terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities

Department and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized and directed to execute the funding agreement and any ancillary documentation;

- (f) That funding up to \$87,100 be provided to Refuge Newcomer Health for the operation of a Newcomer Referral and Coordination Hub serving all newcomer demographics between January 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025 to be funded first from eligible Provincial or Federal funding, then by any program, Department, or Corporate surplus, and lastly from Corporate Financials – Expenditures/Non-program Dept. subject to Refuge Newcomer Health confirming it is a non-profit organization and Refuge Newcomer Health, entering into a funding agreement with City on such terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized and directed to execute the funding agreement and any ancillary documentation;
- (g) That staff be directed to continue to pursue full recovery from senior levels of government for the costs associated with the City's response to the refugee claimants and asylum seekers and that any funds received for this purpose be applied to the Corporate Financials – Expenditures/Non-Program Dept; and,
- (h) That staff report back following six months of operation to report on program success and make a recommendation on the continuation of services after May 2025.

**8. City of Hamilton advocacy at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference and Trade Show taking place in Calgary, Alberta in June 2024 (Item 11.2)**

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interests of municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton has a robust government relations strategy and as part of that process, advocacy at the federal level is integral to economic prosperity and success;

WHEREAS FCM's Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of support and provide FCM with the prestige required to carry the municipal message to the federal government; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Mayor A. Horwath, and Councillor N. Nann be selected as the City of Hamilton's representatives at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference and Trade Show in Calgary, Alberta from June 6-9, 2024 and,
- (b) That Council assumes all costs associated with Mayor A. Horwath, and Councillor N. Nann's attendance at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference and Trade Show in Calgary, Alberta from the General Legislative Budget (300100).

**9. Waiving Street Festival Fees for Use of On-Street Parking Spaces (City Wide) (Item 11.3)**

WHEREAS, increasing pedestrian access to our downtown streets is an important way to build community and increase safety;

WHEREAS, street festivals are an important tool to support broader economic activity;

WHEREAS, Hamilton Municipal Parking System typically charges a fee to help offset the loss in revenue where street festivals remove metered on-street parking from service;

WHEREAS, reducing the costs associated with street festivals could increase their number;

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2023, Council approved a resolution that the fees typically applied to offset revenue losses from on-street metered parking being removed from service be waived for street festivals qualifying under the Special Event Advisory Team (SEAT) process for the 2023 season, with the revenue losses to be offset from the Economic Development Investment Reserve; and

WHEREAS, the financial cost of the 2023 Council resolution was an estimated \$34,000 and resulted in cost savings for important festivals and events, such as Dundas Cactus Festival, Concession Street Fest, Grey Cup Festival on James Street, and the Santa Claus Parade;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the fees typically applied to offset revenue losses from metered on-street parking being removed from service be waived for street festivals qualifying under the Special Event Advisory Team (SEAT) process for the 2024 season;

- (b) That the estimated revenue off-set for the Hamilton Municipal Parking System be funded from the Economic Development Investment Reserve (112221); and,
- (c) That staff also include an examination and recommendations for a sustainable way to reduce or eliminate the costs of the use of metered on-street parking spaces for street festivals qualifying under the Special Event Advisory Team (SEAT) process when reporting back to the General Issues Committee by the second quarter of 2024 on the Internal Facilitation of Special Events including Traffic Control Plans as per Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) Book 7 and Implementation of Temporary Road Closures for Event Organizers.

**10. Chedoke Creek Order - Remediation Update (PW19008(v)) (City Wide) (Item 14.2)**

- (a) That the Haudenosaunee Development Institute's request for following, be denied:
  - (i) an increase to the \$50K upset limit for the Settlement Agreement capacity funding, which was exceeded by \$95,357 based on Haudenosaunee Development Institute invoicing; and,
  - (ii) a new monitoring agreement to have their environmental monitors present for the remaining remedial work and post-dredge monitoring activities.
- (b) That Report PW19008(v), respecting the Chedoke Creek Order - Remediation Update, remain confidential.

**11. Acquisition of Land in the City of Hamilton (PED22092(a)) (Ward 15) (Item 14.3)**

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting Report PED22092(a), be approved;
- (b) That the funding strategy for the Acquisition of Land in the City of Hamilton outlined in Appendix "B" to Report PED22092(a) be approved;
- (c) That the sum of \$676,691, to be funded from Project ID Account No. 59806-3561850200 and be credited to Dept. ID Account No. 59806-812036 (Real Estate – Admin Recovery) for recovery of expense including real estate and legal fees and costs, be approved;
- (d) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to complete the Acquisition of Land in the City of Hamilton, on behalf of the city, including paying any necessary expenses including, but not limited to, disbursements, Land

Transfer Tax and property taxes, amending the closing, due diligence and other dates, and amending and waiving terms and conditions on such terms deemed reasonable;

- (e) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents for the Acquisition of Land in the City of Hamilton, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (f) That the complete Report PED22092(a), respecting the Acquisition of Land in the City of Hamilton, located in Ward 15, remain confidential until completion of the real estate transaction, with the exception of Appendix "B" to Report PED22092(a) which is to remain confidential.

**12. Legal Opinion Regarding Possible Upload of the Red Hill Parkway to the Province (City Wide) (LS24007) (Item 14.4)**

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session respecting Report LS24007, Legal Opinion Regarding Possible Upload of the Red Hill Parkway to the Province, be approved and remain confidential; and,
- (b) That Report LS24007, respecting Legal Opinion Regarding Possible Upload of the Red Hill Parkway to the Province, be received and remain confidential.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

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

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

**8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

- 8.2 Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry: Management Update (PW24011)  
(City Wide) – REVISED

**11. MOTIONS**

- 11.1 Stoney Creek Parking – WITHDRAWN

**12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

- 12.1 Request for Funding Agreement to the Provincial Government

The agenda for the April 3, 2024 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) February 21, 2024 (Item 4.1)**

The minutes of the February 21, 2024 General Issues Committee meeting were approved, as presented.

**(d) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) David Braden, Windrush Farm, respecting asking the City to provide land for a small housing project to demonstrate superior energy efficiency and housing affordability (In-Person) (Approved February 7, 2024) (Item 7.1)**

The delegate was provided with an additional 5 minutes to address the Committee with their delegation.

David Braden, Windrush Farm, addressed the Committee respecting a request for the City to provide land for a small housing project to demonstrate superior energy efficiency and housing affordability

The delegation from David Braden, Windrush Farm, respecting a request for the City to provide land for a small housing project to demonstrate superior energy efficiency and housing affordability, was received.

**(ii) Edward Reece and Geoff Ondercin-Bourne, Council of Canadians Hamilton/Burlington Chapter, respecting solar generated power in Hamilton (In-Person) (Approved February 21, 2024) (Item 7.2)**

Edward Reece and Geoff Ondercin-Bourne, Council of Canadians Hamilton/Burlington Chapter, addressed the Committee respecting solar generated power in Hamilton.

The delegation from Edward Reece and Geoff Ondercin-Bourne, Council of Canadians Hamilton/Burlington Chapter, respecting solar generated power in Hamilton, was received.

**(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)**

**(i) Asset Management Plans (PW23073(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

Pat Leishman, Director, Corporate Asset Management, and Amber Dewar, Senior Program Analyst, provided the Committee with a presentation respecting Report PW23073(a), Asset Management Plans.

The staff presentation respecting Report PW23073(a), Asset Management Plans, was received.



For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

**(ii) Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry: Management Update (PW24011) (City Wide) – REVISED (Item 8.2)**

Carlyle Khan, General Manager of Public Works, provided an overview and introduced Pat Leishman, Director, Corporate Asset Management, who provided the Committee with a presentation respecting Report PW24011, Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry: Management Update - REVISED.

The staff presentation respecting Report PW24011, Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry: Management Update - REVISED, was received.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

**(f) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 9)**

**(i) Recess**

The General Issues Committee recessed for 30 minutes until 12:35 p.m.

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

Councillor Francis introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(i) Request for Funding Agreement to the Provincial Government (Added Item 12.1)**

WHEREAS, Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow secured a \$1 billion funding agreement with the Province of Ontario in November 2023 for resources that will support Toronto transit, shelter and homeless programs and other City services,

WHEREAS, Ottawa Mayor Mark Sutcliffe recently secured a 'new deal' for the City of Ottawa where the Province of Ontario will invest \$543 million into local roads and the construction of a new police station,

WHEREAS, the aforementioned Provincial investments in Toronto and Ottawa will partially offset future budget pressures in those municipalities,

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton approved a 5.8% budget increase for 2024 with the aid of municipal reserves,

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton anticipates large budget increases for 2025 and 2026,

WHEREAS, the continued use of municipal reserves to lower the tax rate is not financially sustainable, and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton could financially benefit from the same Provincial contributions provided to the cities of Toronto and Ottawa;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That City Council support Hamilton Mayor Horwath in her efforts to secure a similar financial arrangement for the City of Hamilton to help offset future capital and operating budget.

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

Red Hill Valley Parkway Inquiry Final Report (PW23029(a)) (City Wide)  
Added: December 6, 2023 - GIC Report 23-033 - Item 16(b)  
Completed: April 3, 2024 - Item 8.2

Celebrating Canada Day in a New Climate Change Reality  
Added: November 13, 2023 - GIC Report 23-031 - Item 9  
Completed: April 3, 2024 - Item 9.4

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

Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap Work Program: City Property Review and Property Disposition Strategies (PED23099(a) / HSC23028(a)) (City Wide)  
Current Due Date: April 17, 2024  
Requested New Due Date: May 15, 2024

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

Committee determined that discussion of Item 14.1 was not required in Closed Session; therefore, the matter was addressed in Open Session, as follows:

**(i) Closed Session Minutes – February 21, 2024 (Item 14.1)**

The Closed Session minutes of the General Issues Committee of February 21, 2024, were approved and remain confidential.

(ii) Committee moved into Closed Session Pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-sections (c), (f) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2) sub-sections (c), (f) and (k) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matters pertain to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for City or a local board purposes; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; 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 City or a local board.

(iii) **Chedoke Creek Order - Remediation Update (PW19008(v)) (City Wide) (Item 14.2)**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 10.

(iv) **Acquisition of Land in the City of Hamilton (PED22092(a)) (Ward 15) (Item 14.3)**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 11.

(v) **Legal Opinion Regarding Possible Upload of the Red Hill Parkway to the Province (City Wide) (LS24007) (Item 14.4)**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 12.

(j) **ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy Mayor Maureen Wilson  
Chair, General Issues Committee

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Angela McRae  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk