



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT 23-031

9:30 a.m.

November 15 & 21, 2023

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

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

THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 23-031 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

**1. Inclusive, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) Update (HUR23016)
(City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

That Report HUR23016, Inclusive, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) Update, be received.

**2. Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023 Annual Update and
2024 Objective Setting (HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b)) (City
Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.2)**

- (a) That the Housing Secretariat Division 2023 update of progress on the first seven months of the Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b), be received,
- (b) That the proposed Housing Secretariat Division 2024 Program of Work for the Housing Sustainability & Investment Roadmap (HSIR) attached as Appendix "A" to General Issues Committee Report 23-031, be approved;
- (c) That staff be directed to develop an intake process for receiving, evaluating and prioritizing applications to create additional units of affordable and supportive housing projects for any available City funding, including, but not limited to:

- (i) the proceeds from the sale of some surplus City-owned properties identified, as recommended in the Properties and Process for Disposition of Land for Affordable Housing Report (PED17219);
 - (ii) any available funds through the Housing Accelerator Fund, any funds available in the Affordable Housing Funding Program Reserve Fund; and,
 - (iii) based on the process and criteria outlined in Appendix "C" to Report HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b); and,
- (d) That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee with the results of the intake process.

3. Housing Services Division Budget Overview (HSC23074) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

That Report HSC23074, Housing Services Division Budget Overview, be received.

4. CONSENT ITEMS (Item 9)

That the Consent Items 9.1 to 9.3, be approved, as follows:

(a) 2023 S&P Global Ratings Credit Rating Review (FCS23099) (City Wide) (Item 9.1)

That Report FCS23099, 2023 S&P Global Ratings Credit Rating Review, be received.

(b) Open For Business Sub-Committee Report 23-002 - October 26, 2023 (Item 9.2)

(i) Consent Items (Items 9.1 to 9.4)

That the following Reports, be received:

- (1) Grading Requirements for Infill Developments with one or two Dwelling Units (PED23230) (City Wide) (Item 9.1)
- (2) New Additional Dwelling Unit Team (PED23229) (City Wide) (Item 9.2)
- (3) Case Study 32: Development Application Staffing and Organizational Chart Updates (PED23227) (City Wide) (Item 9.3)

(4) Development Agreement Surety Bonds – Case Study 29 (FCS23107) (City Wide) (Item 9.4)

(ii) Working with Small Businesses along the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Corridor and Terminal Points (Added Item 13.1)

That Light Rail Transit (LRT) staff be directed to report back to the next possible meeting of the Open for Business Sub-Committee, to present the plan for working with small businesses along the LRT corridor and terminal points leading up to and during construction.

(c) Encampment Response Update - October 2023 (HSC23066(b)) (Item 9.3)

That Report HSC23066(b), respecting Encampment Response Update – October 2023, be received.

5. Hospital Capital Contribution (FCS23108) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 10.1)

- (a) That City of Hamilton staff be directed to continue discussions with Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation and St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton related to the municipal contribution to the local share plan of the capital redevelopment plans of the two hospital organizations;
- (b) That City of Hamilton staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee with recommendations on financing options for the City's local share contribution in Q1 of 2024; and,
- (c) That the requirements for the feasibility of municipal local share contribution to Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation and St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton be identified as complete and removed from the General Issues Committee Outstanding Business List.

6. Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit Agreement 2023-2025 (HSC23071) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)

- (a) That the City enter into an amending agreement to the existing Transfer Payment Agreement dated April 1, 2020, with His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Finance for the Province of Ontario in respect of the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit for the allocation of funding for the years 2023 to 2025; and,

- (b) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities, or her designate, be authorized and directed to execute the amending agreement and any ancillary documents, with content satisfactory to the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

7. Housing Stability Benefit and Rent Ready Programs Transformation (HSC23067) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)

- (a) That Council approve the cancellation of the existing Housing Stability Benefit and Rent Ready programs totalling \$4.0M and the Provincially funded Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) program of \$979,910 to be transformed into one modernized program to be named, Housing Emergency Fund, following program parameters outlined in Appendix “B” to General Issues Committee Report 23-031;
- (b) That the program funding be increased by an additional \$3.75M to be referred to the Housing Services 2024 Tax Operating Budget for Council consideration to support the following:
 - (i) That approximately \$3.56M be directed to expand reach and deepened supports for clients of the revised program; and,
 - (ii) That the Housing Services Division’s budgeted 2024 complement be expanded by 2.0 FTE (full-time employee) Housing Support Workers to accommodate increase and complexity of applications with an approximate annual cost of \$190K; and,
- (c) That Council approve cancellation of the unutilized Appliance Repair Program and allocate that program’s budget of \$25,100 into the total budget for the new Housing Emergency Fund.

8. West Harbour Development Sub-Committee Report 23-003 - November 7, 2023 (Item 10.4)

- (a) **Discovery Centre Strategy Framework: Preliminary Option for Discovery Centre Site (PED21090(d) (Ward 2) (Deferred from May 23, 2023) (Item 8.1(a))**

That Report PED21090(d), respecting Discovery Centre Strategy Framework: Preliminary Option for Discovery Centre Site, be received.

(b) Discovery Centre Strategy Framework: Preliminary Option for the Discovery Centre, Indigenous Community and Public Consultation Summary (PED21090(e)/HSC23073) (Ward 2) (Item 8.1)

- (i) That the Hamilton Public Library be identified as the City of Hamilton's partner in developing a Proposed Concept for the Discovery Centre building;
- (ii) That the Preliminary Option for the future use of the Discovery Centre building which is defined as redesigning the facility to incorporate: a library services area; Indigenous community gathering space; exhibits and gallery space; café; and visitor amenities be approved;
- (iii) That the Hamilton Public Library be authorized to lead the Work Plan process as detailed in Appendix "C" to General Issues Committee Report 23-031 to develop the Proposed Concept;
- (iv) That the Hamilton Public Library deliver the Proposed Concept to the Municipal Land Development Office by Q1 2026;
- (v) That the Municipal Land Development Office report back to the West Harbour Development Sub-Committee in Q2 2026 with recommendations respecting the Proposed Concept for the Discovery Centre building;
- (vi) That the Hamilton Public Library refer to the Directions for the Discovery Centre's Proposed Concept as contained in Appendix "D" to Report PED21090(e)/HSC23073 in completing the Work Plan.

(c) West Harbour Re-Development Plan - Status Update (PED17181(f)) (Ward 2) (Item 9.1)

That Report PED17181(f), respecting West Harbour Re-Development Plan - Status Update, be received.

9. Celebrating Canada Day in a New Climate Change Reality (Item 11.1)

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton declared a climate change emergency on March 27, 2019, with a mission to prepare for the unavoidable impacts of climate change, thereby positioning itself as a climate change leader;

WHEREAS Priority 1 of City Council's 2023-2026 priorities is Sustainable Economic & Ecological Development which includes a commitment to protect our

unique natural landscape and waterways and mitigate the impacts of climate change;

WHEREAS the air quality in Hamilton leading up to the Canada Day 2023 celebrations was deemed high risk by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks;

WHEREAS climate change effects include the increased risk of wildfires and wildfire smoke from areas outside of Hamilton which lead to increased concerns about compromised air quality especially over the summer months;

WHEREAS when traditional fireworks explode, metallic compounds are released into the environment that can be carcinogenic or toxic to both humans and animals. The smoke from fireworks generates particulate matter that affects air quality and make breathing more difficult for people with asthma or other respiratory and cardiovascular conditions;

WHEREAS people with a variety of traumas and mental health conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder, those with neurodivergence and autism, military veterans, and people who have fled war-torn regions may suffer due to fireworks;

WHEREAS fireworks create short-term noise and light disturbances that cause distress in domestic animals that may be managed before or after a firework event, but the impacts to wildlife can be on a much larger scale;

WHEREAS the annual timing of some large-scale firework events coincides with the migratory or reproductive movements of wildlife, and may therefore have adverse long-term population effects on them;

WHEREAS there are alternatives to traditional/conventional fireworks such as laser light shows, drone shows, or other low-altitude, low-noise, special effects pyrotechnic displays;

WHEREAS the City of Hamilton is preparing a Request for Proposal for a producer of its annual Canada Day celebration of which a final spectacle show is the key feature, and that in the past has been a fireworks display;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Tourism and Events staff study the feasibility of alternatives to fireworks for a Canada Day spectacle show that are more responsive to our climate action, biodiversity and public health priorities and report back to the General Issues Committee by Q1 2024; and,

- (b) That Tourism and Events staff are directed to include a scoring strategy for the Request For Proposal for a 5-year Canada Day producer contract bid that prioritizes an option that is responsive to our climate action, biodiversity and public health priorities in seeking a replacement to the current fireworks spectacle.

10. Housing Services Division Organizational Effectiveness Review (HSC23065) (City Wide) (Item 14.2)

- (a) That the directions provided to staff in closed session, respecting Report HSC23065, Housing Services Division Organizational Effectiveness Review be approved and remain confidential until January 15, 2024;
- (b) That Report HSC23065, Housing Services Division Organizational Effectiveness Review, remain confidential; and,
- (c) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department or their designate be authorized to increase the Housing Services Division's 2023 budgeted complement by one (1) full time permanent Housing Services Manager position, providing oversight to Business Operations, at an approximate annual cost of \$186K for salary and benefits, to be funded from Homelessness Prevention Plan (HPP) effective immediately, with no net levy impact.

11. Memorandum of Understanding with City and Aeon Studio Group on Barton-Tiffany Land (PED19063(e)) (Ward 2) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 14.3)

- (a) That the directions provided to staff in Closed Session respecting Report PED19063(e), Memorandum of Understanding with City and Aeon Studio Group on Barton-Tiffany Land be approved and remain confidential; and,
- (b) That the entire Report PED19063(e) respecting Memorandum of Understanding with City and Aeon Studio Group on Barton-Tiffany Land remain confidential until completion of the real estate transaction(s), except for Confidential Appendix "B" to Report PED19063(e) and Confidential Appendix "C" to Report PED19063(e), which are to remain confidential.

12. Legal Advice Regarding Feasibility of Securing Injunction to Prohibit Annual Unsanctioned Events (LS23033) (City Wide) (Added Item 14.4)

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session respecting Report LS23033, Legal Advice Regarding Feasibility of Securing Injunction to Prohibit Annual Unsanctioned Events, be approved and remain confidential; and,

- (b) That Report LS23033, Legal Advice Regarding Feasibility of Securing Injunction to Prohibit Annual Unsanctioned Events, be received and remain confidential.

13. General Litigation Update (LS23027(a)) (City Wide) (Added Item 14.5)

That Report LS23027(a), General Litigation Update, be received and remain confidential.

14. ATU Local 107 Collective Bargaining Update (Added Item 14.6)

That ATU Local 107 Collective Bargaining Update, be received and remain confidential.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.3 Heather Grand, Luso Canadian Charitable Society, respecting Item 8.2 - Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023 Annual Update and 2024 Objective Setting (HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b)) (Virtual) (For today's meeting)
- 6.4 Douglas Mattina, Kemp Care Network (formerly Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice), respecting next steps towards acquisition of the land (sale or lease) at 41 South St. W. (In-Person) (For a future meeting)
- 6.5 Michelle Diplock, West End Home Builders' Association, respecting Item 8.2 - Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023 Annual Update and 2024 Objective Setting (HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b)) (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 6.6 Victoria Bomberry, Coalition of Hamilton Indigenous Leadership, respecting Item 8.2 - Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023 Annual Update and 2024 Objective Setting (HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b)) (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 6.7 Sarah Warry, Yous Matter Inc, respecting addiction and people whom are underhoused (In-Person) (For today's meeting)

- 6.8 Jeff Anders, Aeon Studio Group, respecting Item 14.3 - Memorandum of Understanding with City and Aeon Studio Group on Barton-Tiffany Land (PED19063(e)) (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 6.9 Tricia Lewis, Hamilton is Home, respecting Item 8.2 - Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023 Annual Update and 2024 Objective Setting (HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b)) (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 6.10 Marie Ferko, respecting homelessness and shelters for people with service animals (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 6.11 Shivani Chotalia, NRStor Inc., respecting a 100 MW / 400 MWh battery energy storage project we are proposing within Hamilton's Steelport development (In-Person) (For today's meeting)
- 6.12 Nadia Pabst, Aypa Power, respecting its Sulphur Springs Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project (Virtual) (For today's meeting)

7. DELEGATIONS

- 7.2 Kevin Gonci, Mohawk Sports Park - Sports Council, respecting the proposed development of a new Multi-Use Community Hub Facility (In-Person) (Approved October 18, 2023) - WITHDRAWN

14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

- 14.4 Legal Advice Regarding Feasibility of Securing Injunction to Prohibit Annual Unsanctioned Events (LS23033) (City Wide)
- 14.5 General Litigation Update (LS23027(a)) (City Wide)
- 14.6 ATU Local 107 Collective Bargaining Update

CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Item 14.6, respecting ATU Local 107 Collective Bargaining Update, will be dealt with after lunch, therefore, the agenda items will be adjusted accordingly.

The agenda for the November 15, 2023 General Issues Committee meeting, was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

Councillor Tammy Hwang declared a Disqualifying Interest to Item 14.3, Report PED19063(e), respecting Memorandum of Understanding with City and Aeon Studio Group on Barton-Tiffany Land, as her business partner is a principal owner of Forge and Foster, and she vacated the Council Chamber during the discussion of this item in Closed Session.

Councillor Tammy Hwang declared a Disqualifying interest to Added Item 7.9, Delegation from Jeff Anders, Aeon Studio Group, respecting Item 14.3 - Memorandum of Understanding with City and Aeon Studio Group on Barton-Tiffany Land (PED19063(e)), as her business partner is a principal owner of Forge and Foster.

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

(i) November 1, 2023 (Item 4.1)

The minutes of the November 1, 2023, General Issues Committee meeting were approved, as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

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

- (1) Nanty H. Abraham, Hannan Foundation Canada, respecting Issues Surrounding Homelessness, Food Banks, and Mental Health and Proposed Collaboration Opportunities with Hannan Foundation Canada (In-Person) (For today's meeting) (Item 6.1)
- (2) Bethany Reed, Respecting Data on the Homeless Population in our Community Being Collected by the Municipality (Virtual) (For today's meeting) (Item 6.2)
- (3) Heather Grand, Luso Canadian Charitable Society, respecting Item 8.2 - Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023 Annual Update and 2024 Objective Setting (HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b)) (Virtual) (For today's meeting) (Added Item 6.3)
- (4) Douglas Mattina, Kemp Care Network (formerly Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice), respecting next steps towards acquisition of the land (sale or lease) at 41 South St. W. (In-Person) (For a future meeting) (Added Item 6.4)
- (5) Michelle Diplock, West End Home Builders' Association, respecting Item 8.2 - Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023

Annual Update and 2024 Objective Setting (HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b)) (In-Person) (For today's meeting) (Added Item 6.5)

- (6) Victoria Bomberry, Coalition of Hamilton Indigenous Leadership, respecting Item 8.2 - Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023 Annual Update and 2024 Objective Setting (HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b)) (In-Person) (For today's meeting) (Added Item 6.6)
- (7) Sarah Warry, Yous Matter Inc, respecting addiction and people whom are underhoused (In-Person) (For today's meeting) (Added Item 6.7)
- (8) Jeff Anders, Aeon Studio Group, respecting Item 14.3 - Memorandum of Understanding with City and Aeon Studio Group on Barton-Tiffany Land (PED19063(e)) (In-Person) (For today's meeting) (Added Item 6.8)
- (9) Tricia Lewis, Hamilton is Home, respecting Item 8.2 - Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023 Annual Update and 2024 Objective Setting (HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b)) (In-Person) (For today's meeting) (Added Item 6.9)
- (10) Marie Ferko, respecting homelessness and shelters for people with service animals (In-Person) (For today's meeting) (Added Item 6.10)
- (11) Shivani Chotalia, NRStor Inc., respecting a 100 MW / 400 MWh battery energy storage project we are proposing within Hamilton's Steelport development (In-Person) (For today's meeting) (Added Item 6.11)
- (12) Nadia Pabst, Aypa Power, respecting its Sulphur Springs Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project (Virtual) (For today's meeting) (Added Item 6.12)

(e) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)

- (i) Rob MacIsaac, Hamilton Health Sciences, respecting Hamilton Hospital Redevelopment (In-Person) (Approved October 4, 2023) (Item 7.1)**

Sharon Pierson, Executive Vice President, Clinical Operations, Chief Operating Officer & Chief Nursing Executive (Hamilton Health Sciences), and John Aldis, Interim President and Senior Vice President Finance and

Corporate Services (St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton), addressed the Committee respecting Hamilton Hospital Redevelopment.

The Delegation from Sharon Pierson, Hamilton Health Sciences, and John Aldis, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton respecting Hamilton Hospital Redevelopment, was received.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 5.

(ii) Heather Grand, Luso Canadian Charitable Society, respecting Item 8.2 - Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023 Annual Update and 2024 Objective Setting (HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b)) (Virtual) (Added Item 7.5)

Heather Grand, Luso Canadian Charitable Society, addressed the Committee respecting Item 8.2 - Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023 Annual Update and 2024 Objective Setting (HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b)).

The delegation from Heather Grand, Luso Canadian Charitable Society, respecting Item 8.2 - Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023 Annual Update and 2024 Objective Setting (HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b)), was received.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

(iii) Michelle Diplock, West End Home Builders' Association, respecting Item 8.2 - Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023 Annual Update and 2024 Objective Setting (HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b)) (In-Person) (Added Item 7.6)

Michelle Diplock, West End Home Builders' Association, addressed the Committee respecting Item 8.2 - Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023 Annual Update and 2024 Objective Setting (HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b)).

The delegation from Michelle Diplock, West End Home Builders' Association, respecting Item 8.2 - Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023 Annual Update and 2024 Objective Setting (HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b)), was received.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

- (iv) **Victoria Bomberry, Coalition of Hamilton Indigenous Leadership, respecting Item 8.2 - Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023 Annual Update and 2024 Objective Setting (HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b)) (In-Person) (Added Item 7.7)**

Victoria Bomberry, Coalition of Hamilton Indigenous Leadership, addressed the Committee respecting Item 8.2 - Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023 Annual Update and 2024 Objective Setting (HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b)).

The delegation from Victoria Bomberry, Coalition of Hamilton Indigenous Leadership, respecting Item 8.2 - Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023 Annual Update and 2024 Objective Setting (HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b)), was received.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

- (v) **Sarah Warry, Yous Matter Inc, respecting addiction and people whom are underhoused (In-Person) (Added Item 7.8)**

Sarah Warry, Yous Matter Inc, addressed the Committee, respecting addiction and people whom are underhoused.

The delegation from Sarah Warry, Yous Matter Inc, respecting addiction and people whom are underhoused, was received.

- (vi) **Jeff Anders, Aeon Studio Group, respecting Item 14.3 - Memorandum of Understanding with City and Aeon Studio Group on Barton-Tiffany Land (PED19063(e)) (In-Person) (Added Item 7.9)**

Jeff Anders, Aeon Studio Group, addressed the Committee, respecting Item 14.3 - Memorandum of Understanding with City and Aeon Studio Group on Barton-Tiffany Land (PED19063(e)).

The delegation from Jeff Anders, Aeon Studio Group, respecting Item 14.3 - Memorandum of Understanding with City and Aeon Studio Group on Barton-Tiffany Land (PED19063(e)), was received.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 11.

- (vii) **Tricia Lewis, Hamilton is Home, respecting Item 8.2 - Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023 Annual Update and 2024 Objective Setting (HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b)) (In-Person) (Added Item 7.10)**

Tricia Lewis, and Sarah Borde, Hamilton is Home, addressed the Committee respecting Item 8.2 - Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023 Annual Update and 2024 Objective Setting (HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b)).

The delegation from Tricia Lewis, and Sarah Borde, Hamilton is Home, respecting Item 8.2 - Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023 Annual Update and 2024 Objective Setting (HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b)), was received.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

- (viii) **Shivani Chotalia, NRStor Inc., respecting a 100 MW / 400 MWh battery energy storage project we are proposing within Hamilton's Steelport development (In-Person) (Added Item 7.12)**

Shivani Chotalia, and Jason Rioux, NRStor Inc., addressed the Committee respecting a 100 MW / 400 MWh battery energy storage project we are proposing within Hamilton's Steelport development.

The delegation from Shivani Chotalia and Jason Rioux, NRStor Inc., addressed the Committee respecting a 100 MW / 400 MWh battery energy storage project we are proposing within Hamilton's Steelport development, was received.

- (ix) **The following delegates were not present when called upon:**

- (1) Nanty H. Abraham, Hannan Foundation Canada, respecting Issues Surrounding Homelessness, Food Banks, and Mental Health and Proposed Collaboration Opportunities with Hannan Foundation Canada (In-Person) (Added Item 7.3)
- (2) Bethany Reed, Respecting Data on the Homeless Population in our Community Being Collected by the Municipality (Virtual) (Added Item 7.4)
- (3) Marie Ferko, respecting homelessness and shelters for people with service animals (In-Person) (Added Item 7.11)

(x) Recess

The General Issues Committee recessed for 30 minutes until 1:30 p.m.

(f) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14)

- (i)** Karen Gordon, Gordon Strategy Inc. was permitted to attend Closed Session respecting Item 14.6 - ATU Local 107 Collective Bargaining Update.
- (ii)** Committee moved into Closed Session pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-section (d) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-section (d) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to labour relations or employee negotiations.

(iii) ATU Local 107 Collective Bargaining Update (Added Item 14.6)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 14.

(g) DELEGATIONS (Item 7) (Continued)

(i) Nadia Pabst, Aypa Power, respecting its Sulphur Springs Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project (Virtual) (Added Item 7.12)

Nadia Pabst, Aypa Power, addressed the Committee respecting its Sulphur Springs Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project.

The delegation from Nadia Pabst, Aypa Power, respecting its Sulphur Springs Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project, was received.

(h) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Inclusive, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) Update (HUR23016) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

The staff presentation respecting Report HUR23016, the Inclusive, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) Update, was waived.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(ii) Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023 Annual Update and 2024 Objective Setting (HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.2)

Justin Lewis, Director, Housing Secretariat provided the Committee with a presentation respecting Report HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b), the Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023 Annual Update and 2024 Objective Setting.

- (1)** The staff presentation respecting Report HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b), the Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023 Annual Update and 2024 Objective Setting, was received.
- (2)** The report was put on the floor as follows:
 - (a)** That the Housing Secretariat Division 2023 update of progress on the first seven months of the Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap attached as Appendix "A" to Report HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b), be received;
 - (b)** That the proposed Housing Secretariat Division 2024 Program of Work for the Housing Sustainability & Investment Roadmap (HSIR) attached as Appendix "B" to Report HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b), be received;
 - (c)** That staff be directed to develop an intake process for receiving, evaluating and prioritizing applications to create additional units of affordable and supportive housing projects for any available City funding, including, but not limited to:
 - (i)** the proceeds from the sale of some surplus City-owned properties identified, as recommended in the Properties and Process for Disposition of Land for Affordable Housing Report (PED17219);
 - (ii)** any available funds through the Housing Accelerator Fund, any funds available in the Affordable Housing Funding Program Reserve Fund; and,
 - (iii)** based on the process and criteria outlined in Appendix "C" to Report HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b); and,

- (d) That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee with the results of the intake process.
- (3) That sub-section (b) to Report HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b), Housing Sustainability and Investment Roadmap 2023 Annual Update and 2024 Objective Setting, **be amended**, by replacing the word received with approved, as follows:
 - (b) That the proposed Housing Secretariat Division 2024 Program of Work for the Housing Sustainability & Investment Roadmap (HSIR) attached as Appendix “B” to Report HSC23028(b) / FCS23055(a) / PED23099(b), be **approved** ~~received~~;

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

(iii) Housing Services Division Budget Overview (HSC23074) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

The staff presentation respecting Report HSC23074, the Housing Services Division Budget Overview, was waived.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 3.

(i) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

- (i) The General Issues Committee meeting of November 15, 2023, was extended past the 5:30 pm curfew, up to an additional 1.5 hours.

(j) MOTIONS (Item 11)

- (i) **Motion to Recess the General Issues Committee Meeting of November 15, 2023 Until November 21, 2023 (Added Item 11.2)**

The General Issues Committee meeting of November 15, 2023, was recessed at 5:50 p.m. until November 21, 2023, immediately following the conclusion of the General Issues Committee (Budget) meeting.

(k) 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 Requiring a New Due Date (Item 13.1(a)):

Policies and Procedures to Rescue and Safely Transport Stranded Pedestrians and their Mobility Devices

Added: June 15, 2022 - GIC Report 22-012 (Item 10(e))

Current Due Date: September 20, 2023

Proposed New Due Date: March 20, 2023

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

Rob MacIsaac, Hamilton Health Sciences, respecting a request for Hamilton Health Sciences and St Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton to present an update regarding Hamilton hospital redevelopment

Added: June 14, 2023 at GIC (Item 7.2)

Completed: November 15, 2023 at GIC (Item 10.1)

(I) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL (Item 14) (Continued)

(i) Closed Session Minutes – November 1, 2023 (Item 14.1)

The General Issues Committee Closed Session Minutes of November 1, 2023, were approved and remain confidential.

- (ii)** Committee moved into Closed Session pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-sections (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including City or local board employees; a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for City or a local board purposes; labour relations or employee negotiations; 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.

(iii) Housing Services Division Organizational Effectiveness Review (HSC23065) (City Wide) (Item 14.2)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 10.

(iv) Memorandum of Understanding with City and Aeon Studio Group on Barton-Tiffany Land (PED19063(e)) (Ward 2) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 14.3)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 11.

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(v) Legal Advice Regarding Feasibility of Securing Injunction to Prohibit Annual Unsanctioned Events (LS23033) (City Wide) (Added Item 14.4)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 12.

(vi) General Litigation Update (LS23027(a)) (City Wide) (Added Item 14.5)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 13.

(m) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee adjourned at 4:52 p.m. on November 21, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Craig Cassar
Chair, General Issues Committee

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