



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT 24-007

1:30 p.m.

Monday, June 3, 2024

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Councillors M. Spadafora (Chair), A. Wilson (Vice-Chair) J. Beattie, C. Cassar, J.P. Danko, M. Francis, T. Jackson, C. Kroetsch, T. McMeekin, N. Nann, E. Pauls and M. Tadeson

THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 24-007 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Response to Motion for Servicing Condo Boards Previously Deemed Not Eligible for Municipal Waste Collection (PW24035) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

That Council continue to support the current service level of only providing waste collection to properties that have been designed according to the policy "City of Hamilton Waste Requirements for Design of New Developments and Collection" which was approved by Council on November 10, 2021 through Report PW21061.

2. Woodlands Park Washroom Rehabilitation (PW24033) (Item 9.1)

That Report PW24033, respecting Woodlands Park Washroom Rehabilitation, be received.

3. Maintenance and Beautification of Birch Avenue Green Space and Gardens (PW24031) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 11.1)

- (a) That staff be directed to enter into an updated lease agreement with Hydro One to allow for pollinator gardens at Birch Avenue Green Space, 171 Birch Avenue;
- (b) That required resources, anticipated to be \$2,500 annually, to support the Birch Avenue Green Space and Pipeline Trail pollinator gardens going forward into future years, be referred to the 2025 operating budget process; and

- (c) That staff be directed to report to Public Works Committee outlining an enhanced community gardens program, to support new and existing community-led efforts for native pollinator gardens which contribute to the key priorities of the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) and Climate Action Strategy, identifying any additional resources required to oversee the new enhancements.

4. Funding for Tree Planting on Mohawk College Fennell Campus, 135 Fennell Avenue West, Hamilton (Ward 8) (Item 12.1)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has declared a climate emergency;

WHEREAS, the Opportunities to Partner with Educational Institutions to Plant Trees (PW23066) (City Wide) Report directs staff to pursue and present opportunities to Ward Councillors with representatives from Conservation Authorities and educational institutions in the City of Hamilton to plan tree planting projects on lands which are readily accessed by the public and owned by these Organizations;

WHEREAS, through increased tree planting initiatives on public property, the City continues to work towards meeting targets for the 40% urban tree canopy coverage, as set in the Council approved Urban Forestry Strategy;

WHEREAS, increasing the urban tree canopy by planting trees on private property has many environmental benefits to the residents of Ward 8 and the wider City;

WHEREAS, tree planting on Mohawk College properties is not currently funded under existing City funded tree planting programs; and

WHEREAS, Mohawk College has shown interest in having trees planted on their Fennell Campus property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the supply and installation, of 18 large caliper (50mm to 70mm) trees be planted on Mohawk College Fennell Campus property at 135 Fennell Avenue West, Hamilton, in coordination with Mohawk College funded from the Ward 8 Capital Discretionary Account (#3302309800) at an upset limit, including contingency not to exceed \$9,000; 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.

**5. Victoria Park Combination Drinking Fountain / Water Bottle Fill Station
(Ward 1) (Item 12.2)**

WHEREAS, the City has both water bottle filling stations and drinking fountains throughout Hamilton, with outdoor units mapped on the City's website;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Report PW21006 entitled Moving Hamilton Towards a Zero Plastic Waste Plan, water bottle fill stations and drinking fountains can help in reducing the use of single-use plastics;

WHEREAS, Victoria Park Outdoor Pool Building at 100 Strathcona Avenue North, Hamilton, located in Victoria Park, can be enhanced with a combination drinking fountain/ water bottle fill station to support residents and visitors to stay hydrated at the park;

WHEREAS, adding a drinking fountain /water bottle fill station on the East side of the building (further North) will address resident concern of parents losing sight of multiple children (visibility blocked by the building), while at the playground;

WHEREAS, an existing drinking fountain on the Southwest side of the building allows access to water particularly for transit users and bus drivers, the addition of a combination drinking fountain/ water bottle fill station will benefit a variety of other public park visitors within the Strathcona neighborhood, including patrons of the outdoor pool, playground, spray pad, community garden, pollinator paradise, outdoor fitness equipment, washroom, and other amenities throughout the park;

WHEREAS, staff have looked into all that would be required to install the combination drinking fountain/ water bottle fill station at a cost of \$23,500 for the following infrastructure work:

- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Concrete work
- Drinking water/ bottle fill station itself; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton Water has a relevant capital program to assist in funding the project, based on Hamilton Water Efficiency, Outreach and Education.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a combination drinking fountain / water bottle fill station at Victoria Park Fieldhouse, 100 Strathcona Avenue North, Hamilton, be funded from the Ward 1 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309100 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$3,500 and Hamilton Water Efficiency

Capital Project #5142355851 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$20,000; and

- (b) That the General Manager of Public Works, or their designate, 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.

6. Improvements to Eleanor Park, 80 Presidio Drive, Hamilton (Ward 6) (Item 12.3)

WHEREAS, Eleanor Park, 80 Presidio Drive, Hamilton, experiences drainage issues due to existing conditions/historical design solutions that have been exacerbated by changing weather patterns;

WHEREAS, a stormwater review and design solution by a qualified professional are needed to address the issues of moving stormwater through/from the park to ensure appropriate drainage of park assets;

WHEREAS, additional funding is required to support this engineered design solution; and

WHEREAS, any unallocated funding from this motion may be used towards the implementation of the drainage improvements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the funding be provided to support the engagement of a consultant to review the existing drainage of the parkland and provide a designed solution to address parkland stormwater for Eleanor Park, 80 Presidio Drive, Hamilton, to be funded from the Ward 6 Capital Re-Investment Reserve (#108056), at an upset limit including contingency not to exceed \$125,000; and
- (b) That the General Manager of Public Works or designate be authorized and directed to approve and execute any and all required agreements and ancillary documents, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, related to the stormwater review and design at Eleanor Park, 80 Presidio Drive, Hamilton.

7. Parks Accessible Portable Toilets (Ward 2) (Item 12.4)

WHEREAS, the availability of public washrooms had become a concern highlighted by the COVID-19 Pandemic when few public washrooms were available;

WHEREAS, a community survey conducted in 2022 and 2023 reinforced the desire of parks users to have access to washroom facilities;

WHEREAS, public washrooms in parks provide a much-needed amenity, especially for those who wish to extend their stay in the park;

WHEREAS, the parks in Ward 2 are heavily used, and existing washroom facilities do not provide enough capacity or are missing from some park spaces that would benefit from a facility; and

WHEREAS, the Parks section does not have a budgeted program for portable toilets and additional funding for the rental and cleaning of these facilities for the 2024 season is required.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the provision of accessible portable toilet(s) to support Ward 2 parks in need of washroom facilities for 2024 be funded from the Ward 2 Special Capital Reinvestment Reserve (#108052) at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$25,000; and
- (b) That the General Manager of Public Works or designate be authorized and directed to approve and execute all required agreements and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

8. Update on Stage 3 Phase 2 Glanbrook Landfill Construction (Confidential) (PW23079(a)/LS24015) (City Wide) (Item 15.1)

That Report PW23079(a)/LS24015, respecting Update on Stage 3 Phase 2 Glanbrook Landfill Construction (Confidential) (City Wide), be received and remain confidential.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)

(i) 17th Annual Children's Water Festival (Item 1.1)

Chair Spadafora announced that the 17th Annual Children's Water Festival was held from Tuesday, May 28 to Thursday, May 30, 2024, at Pier 4 Park, at which approximately 2,000 enthusiastic grade four students participated, engaging in hands-on outdoor learning experiences focused on water conservation, technology, science, and the vital importance of protecting our precious water resources.

(b) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

1.1 17th Annual Children's Water Festival

5. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

5.1 Correspondence from the West End Home Builder's Association respecting Item 8.1, Response to Motion for Servicing Condo Boards Previously Deemed Not Eligible for Municipal Waste Collection (PW24035) (City Wide)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to 8.1

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

6.2 Brenda Duke, Gibson and Landsdale Area (GALA) Community Planning Team, respecting Item 11.1, Maintenance and Beautification of Birch Avenue Green Space and Gardens (PW24031) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (In Person) (For today's meeting)

8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Response to Motion for Servicing Condo Boards Previously Deemed Not Eligible for Municipal Waste Collection (PW24035) (City Wide):

(a) Staff Presentation - Response to Motion for Servicing Condo Boards Previously Deemed Not Eligible for Municipal Waste Collection (PW24035) (City Wide)

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

13.1 Strachan Open Space Redevelopment (Ward 2)

13.2 Fencing Installation for Gage Park Community Garden Located at 1000 Main Street East, Hamilton (Ward 3)

The Agenda for the June 3, 2024, Public Works Committee meeting was approved, as amended.

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(d) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

(i) May 13, 2024 (Item 4.1)

The Minutes of the May 13, 2024, meeting of the Public Works Committee were approved, as presented.

(e) COMMUNICATION ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) Correspondence from the West End Home Builder's Association respecting Item 8.1, Response to Motion for Servicing Condo Boards Previously Deemed Not Eligible for Municipal Waste Collection (PW24035) (City Wide) (Item 5.1)

The Correspondence from the West End Home Builder's Association respecting Item 8.1, Response to Motion for Servicing Condo Boards Previously Deemed Not Eligible for Municipal Waste Collection (PW24035) (City Wide), was received and referred to the consideration of Item 8.1.

(f) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

The following Delegation Requests were approved:

- (i) James Kemp respecting concerns regarding the HSR's front door entry policy for people with disabilities and lack of accessible fare payment options regarding Presto (Virtually) (For a future meeting) (Item 6.1)
- (ii) Brenda Duke, Gibson and Landsdale Area (GALA) Community Planning Team, respecting Item 11.1, Maintenance and Beautification of Birch Avenue Green Space and Gardens (PW24031) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (In Person) (For today's meeting) (Added Item 6.2)

(g) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)

- (i) Brenda Duke, Gibson and Landsdale Area (GALA) Community Planning Team, respecting Item 11.1, Maintenance and Beautification of Birch Avenue Green Space and Gardens (PW24031) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Added Item 7.1)**

Brenda Duke, Gibson and Landsdale Area (GALA) Community Planning Team, addressed Committee respecting Item 11.1, Maintenance and Beautification of Birch Avenue Green Space and Gardens (PW24031) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item), with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

The delegation from Brenda Duke, Gibson and Landsdale Area (GALA) Community Planning Team respecting Item 11.1, Maintenance and Beautification of Birch Avenue Green Space and Gardens (PW24031) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item), was received and referred to the consideration of Item 11.1.

(h) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

- (i) Response to Motion for Servicing Condo Boards Previously Deemed Not Eligible for Municipal Waste Collection (PW24035) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

Ryan Kent, Manager of Waste Policy and Programs, addressed Committee respecting Report PW24035, Response to Motion for Servicing Condo Boards Previously Deemed Not Eligible for Municipal Waste Collection, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

The presentation from Ryan Kent, Manager of Waste Policy and Programs, respecting Report PW24035, Response to Motion for Servicing Condo Boards Previously Deemed Not Eligible for Municipal Waste Collection, was received.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(i) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 13)

Councillor Kroetsch introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Strachan Open Space Redevelopment (Ward 2) (Item 13.1)

WHEREAS the Strachan Open Space located along the south side of Strachan Street West between Bay Street North and Ferguson Avenue North, provides a valuable asset for the community as a green corridor of mature trees and sod areas;

WHEREAS this area contains an underutilized surface parking lot that could be repurposed for much needed public amenities;

WHEREAS, as the site is adjacent to an active rail line, the Ward Councillor has met with representatives from CN Railway to discuss any requirements they may have;

WHEREAS the community is supportive of maintaining this space for public use subject to consultation with the Ward Councillor;

WHEREAS there are city wide parks in the area and the neighbours would benefit from a more community focused park area with amenities;

WHEREAS there is an active transportation route through the site allowing ease of movement through the space;

WHEREAS there are some activations that can commence without added Capital funds such as benches, picnic tables, and parkland signs and staff will work with the Ward Councillor for these additions; and

WHEREAS future improvements that would enhance the space for more neighbourhood uses would require budget and work prioritization.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to submit a capital detail sheet for the first phase of the Strachan Open Space improvement project for Council consideration as part of an upcoming budget process.

Councillor Nann introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(ii) Fencing Installation for Gage Park Community Garden Located at 1000 Main Street East, Hamilton (Ward 3) (Item 13.2)

WHEREAS, the Gage Park Community Garden located at 1000 Main Street East Hamilton, has been operating in its current location since 2011 and provides opportunities for residents to grown their own food, beautify an area of the park and gather and make connections with fellow community members;

WHEREAS, the recent construction activities at the adjacent Rosedale Tennis Club has reconfigured the existing fencing that borders the community garden; and

WHEREAS, the existing garden fencing is in disrepair and needs to be replaced and reconfigured to connect to the new tennis club fencing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (a) An allocation of \$6,749 be made from the Ward 3 Discretionary Funds (Project ID#3302309300) to fund the installation of new fencing along the southern portion of the Gage Park Community Garden located at 1000 Main Street East, Hamilton.

(j) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 14)

(i) Amendments to the Outstanding Business List (Item 14.1)

The following amendments to the Public Works Committee's Outstanding Business List, were approved.

- (1) Items Considered Complete and Needing to be Removed (Item 14.1(a)):
 - (i) Maintenance and Beautification of Birch Avenue Greenspace and Gardens (Ward 3) (Item 14.1(a)(a))
Addressed as Item 11.1 on today's agenda - Report PW24031 (City Wide)

- (2) Items Requiring a New Due Date (Item 14.1(b))
 - (i) Municipal Class Environmental Assessment and Conceptual Design of Ancaster Elevated Water Reservoir (PW17022(b)) (Ward 12) (Item 14.1(a)(b))
Current Due Date: Q1 2024
Proposed New Due Date: Q2 2025
 - (ii) HSR / ATS / DARTS Passenger Policies for Persons with Disabilities (Item 14.1(b)(b))
Current Due Date: November 28, 2022
Proposed New Due Date: October 15, 2024
 - (iii) York Boulevard/Wilson Street and James Street North Safety Review and Signalized Intersection Safety Enhancements (Ward 2, City-Wide) (Item 14.1(b)(c))
Current Due Date: Q1 2024
Proposed New Due Date: July 10, 2024
 - (iv) That the Transportation Division report back to the Public Works Committee on the expanded use of no right turn on red restrictions and leading pedestrian and cycling intervals at signalized intersections city-wide in Q3 or earlier of 2024 (Item 14.1(b)(d))
Current Due Date: Q3 2024
Proposed New Due Date: October 15, 2024

(k) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 15)

- (i) **Stage 3 Phase 2 Glanbrook Landfill Construction (Confidential) (PW23079(a)/LS24015) (City Wide) (Item 15.1)**

The Public Works Committee determined that discussion of Report PW23079(a)/LS24015, Stage 3 Phase 2 Glanbrook Landfill Construction (Confidential), was not required in Closed Session.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 8.

(I) ADJOURNMENT (Item 16)

There being no further business, the Public Works Committee meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor M. Spadafora, Chair,
Public Works Committee

Carrie McIntosh
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Office of the City Clerk