



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT 24-011

9:30 a.m.

June 19, 2024

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

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

Absent: Councillor B. Clark – Personal

THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 24-011 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. **Asset Management Plans (PW23073(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**
 - (a) That the Corporate Asset Management Plans, attached as appendices “A”, “B”, “C”, “D”, “E”, “F”, “G”, “H”, “I”, “J”, “K”, “L”, “M” and “N” to Report PW23073(b), be approved as required by Ontario Regulation 588/17: Asset Management for Municipal Infrastructure;
 - (b) That the Asset Management Plans, attached as appendices “A”, “B”, “C”, “D”, “E”, “F”, “G”, “H”, “I”, “J”, “K”, “L”, “M” and “N” to Report PW23073(b), 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. **Cybersecurity Incident Impact Update (CM24004) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

That Report CM24004, respecting the Cybersecurity Incident Impact Update, be received.
3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

That the following Consent Items, be received:

 - (a) **Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) Liaison Committee Report 24-001 - May 27, 2024 (Item 9.1)**

- (b) **Response to the Office of the Chief Coroner Ontario Forensic Pathology Service (HSC24026) (City Wide) (Item 9.2)**
 - (c) **Shelter Inspection Feasibility (HSC24013) (City Wide) (Item 9.3)**
- 4. West Harbour Development Sub-Committee Report 24-001 - May 29, 2024 (Item 10.1)**
 - (1) **West Harbour Re-Development Plan - Status Update (PED17181(g)) (Ward 2) (Item 8.1)**

That Report PED17181(g), respecting West Harbour Re-Development Plan - Status Update, be received.
- 5. Community Benefits Protocol Sub-Committee Report 24-001 - May 28, 2024 (Item 10.2)**
 - (1) **Procurement Pilots Undertaken Utilizing Social Value (FCS24035) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 9.1)**

That Report FCS24035 respecting Procurement Pilots Undertaken Utilizing Social Value, be received.
- 6. Contractual Obligations and Substandard Tenant Conditions (HSC24009) (City Wide) (Item 10.3)**
 - (a) That Housing Services and Municipal Law Enforcement staff be directed to develop a process to review and respond to property standard violations as they relate to rent subsidy units, with the results reported annually in the Social Housing Update Report.
 - (b) That the Outstanding Business list item concerning the contractual relationship with landlords be considered complete and removed from the Outstanding Business List.
- 7. Authority to Enter into Rent Supplement Agreements Under Various Programs (HSC24005) (City Wide) (Item 10.4)**
 - (a) That the City provide rent supplements and enter into Rent Supplement Agreements under the Ontario Community Housing Assistance Program and Commercial Rent Supplement Program with Housing Providers determined by the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department and subject to:
 - (i) The terms and conditions contained in Appendix "A" to Report HSC24005;

- (ii) Additional terms and conditions as determined by the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department and the City Solicitor that do not conflict with those in Appendix “A” to Report HSC24005;
 - (iii) In a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and
 - (iv) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized and directed to execute the agreements and any ancillary documents thereto and enter into and execute any ancillary agreements thereto;
- (b) That the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized to amend any Rent Supplement Agreement entered into as a result of the approval of Recommendation (a) of Report HSC24005 so long as the terms and conditions are consistent with said recommendation; and
- (c) That, subject to the availability of funding, the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized to extend the term of any Rent Supplement Agreements entered into as a result of the approval of Recommendation (a) of Report HSC24005 on the same terms and conditions and any additional terms not inconsistent with Appendix “A” of Report HSC24005 for such period of time not exceeding five years and be authorized to make further extensions within the same parameters as the General Manager of Healthy and Safe Communities Department deems appropriate.

8. Reducing Homelessness and Managing Encampments (HSC24027) (City Wide) (Item 10.7)

- (1) (a) That staff report back with the results of a call for information on the feasibility and costs associated with creating new shelter beds with 25% being pet friendly, in the following bed numbers: Men’s singles: 110, Women’s singles: 50, Couple’s: 55.
- (b) That Council approve enhancements to the homeless-serving system for an approximate cost of \$1,556,000 between August 1 and December 31, 2024, to be funded first from any available government funding, then from any 2024 Housing Services Division surplus, then from any 2024, Healthy and Safe Communities Departmental Surplus, and lastly from any 2024, Corporate Surplus or any source deemed appropriate by the General Manager of Corporate Services; and that those enhancements are as follows:
- (i) approximately \$940,000 be added to enhance existing shelter operator contracts by 25% to rectify historic underfunding;

- (ii) approximately \$266,000 in additional funding to enhance the Hamilton Regional Indian Centre's indigenous drop-in program;
 - (iii) approximately \$210,000 to enhance Rapid Rehousing and Intensive Case Management supports to improve outflow from shelters into permanent housing;
 - (iv) approximately \$40,000 be approved for one full-time equivalent for Housing Service Division to provide tax filing support for those experiencing homelessness; and
 - (v) approximately \$100,000 to be provided to housing landlords for exceptional unit damage as a result of housing an individual from City-funded case management programs.
- (c) That staff be directed to prepare a motion to amend the Encampment Protocol to mitigate impacts on those living in and around encampments as outlined in Appendix "A", which was approved by Council on August 18, 2023, including:
- (i) removing the following provision from Section D, indicating the removal of encampments, temporary shelters, or tents "on or within 50 metres of the Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters model site. For the purpose of this site the full length of the Strachan Linear Park, Bay Street North to Ferguson Street North, will be considered the site.";
 - (ii) Establishing a minimum distance of 100m for additional sensitive uses, specifically around funeral homes and long-term care residencies as well as spaces that are designed and programmed for children as an amendment to the encampment protocol;
 - (iii) Amending the requirement to keep 5 metres from sidewalks during the winter months to be a full year requirement, and to include walkways and pathways in this requirement; and
 - (iv) Establishing a minimum 25m distance from active construction sites

- (d) That Council approve additional investments into encampment management, for an approximate cost of \$286,000 between August 1 and December 31, 2024, to be funded first from any available government funding, then from any 2024, Housing Services Division surplus, then from any 2024, Healthy and Safe Communities Departmental Surplus, and lastly from any 2024, Corporate Surplus or any source deemed appropriate by the General Manager of Corporate Services; and that those enhancements are as follows:
 - (i) approximately \$108,000 be approved to increase Housing-Focused Street Outreach support;
 - (ii) One permanent FTE to provide program coordination, at an approximate cost of \$48,000;
 - (iii) Make permanent one Community Services Program Analyst FTE supporting the Housing Focused Outreach Team, at an approximate cost of \$42,500;
 - (iv) approximately \$130,000 to provide two Social Navigator Paramedic by Hamilton Paramedic Service; and

- (e) That the following items be referred to the 2025 municipal tax operating budget for an annual cost of \$4,186,000
 - (i) approximately \$2,255,000 be added to enhance existing shelter operator contracts by 25% to rectify historic underfunding;
 - (ii) approximately \$400,000 for ongoing operations of the Hamilton Regional Indian Centre's indigenous drop-in program;
 - (iii) approximately \$500,000 for enhanced Rapid Rehousing and Intensive Case Management supports to improve outflow from shelters into permanent housing;
 - (iv) approximately \$90,000 for one permanent full-time equivalent for Housing Service Division to provide tax filing support for those experiencing homelessness;
 - (v) approximately \$250,000 for exceptional unit damage because of housing an individual from City-funded case management programs;
 - (vi) approximately \$266,000 for increased Housing-Focused Outreach support;

- (vii) One permanent FTE to provide program coordination, at an approximate cost of \$115,000;
 - (viii) Make permanent one Community Services Program Analyst FTE supporting the Housing Focused Outreach Team, at an approximate cost of \$100,000;
 - (ix) approximately \$310,000 to provide enhancements for two Social Navigator Paramedics by Hamilton Paramedic Service; and
- (f) That the appropriate General Managers of Public Works and the Healthy and Safe Communities Department or their designate be directed and authorized, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, to enter into, execute and administer all agreements and documents necessary to implement recommendations (a) and (b), inclusive of all sub-sections, outlined above on terms and conditions satisfactory to the respective General Manager or their designate and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
- (g) That two Outstanding Business items be removed from the list including:
- (i) A 2023 OBL item respecting increasing beds in Residential Care Facilities
 - (ii) A 2023 OBL Item respecting reporting back on a proposed investment ratio for Housing Services Division
- (2)** That the following Encampment Protocol distance proposals be referred to staff for review and report back on implications including any legal considerations to the August 12, 2024 General Issues Committee meeting:
- (i) Private Property Line minimum distance increase from 10m to 25m;
 - (ii) Construction Site minimum distance increase from 25m to 100m
 - (iii) Funeral Home minimum distance change from classification of Funeral Home to Active Business
 - (iv) Pathways minimum distance increase from 5m to 50m
 - (v) Heritage Designation distance increase from 5m to 50m and add monuments & memorials to the classification.

9. Affordable Housing Development Project Stream Q1 2024 Results (HSC23028(e) / FCS23055(c) / PED23099(e)) (City Wide) (Item 10.8)

- (a) That Report HSC23028(e) / FCS23055(c) / PED23099(e), respecting Affordable Housing Development Project Stream Q1 2024 Results, be received; and,
- (b) That Appendix “A” to Report HSC23028(e) / FCS23055(c) / PED23099(e), respecting Affordable Housing Development Project Stream Q1 2024 Results, be received and remain confidential.

10. Dishwasher for the Community Room at 120 Strathcona Avenue North (Ward 1) (Item 11.1)

WHEREAS, residents of CityHousing Hamilton properties deserve dignified and safe, affordable housing; and,

WHEREAS, improvements to the interiors of CityHousing Hamilton community room helps prevent the negative impact of social isolation and promotes a healthy and engaged community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the purchase and installation of a new dishwasher in the Community Room at 120 Strathcona Avenue North by CityHousing be funded from the Ward 1 Capital Discretionary Account Number 3302309100 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$1,250.

11. Impacts of Encampments on Businesses and Customers (Added Item 11.2)

That Planning and Economic Development staff consult with the business community, including Business Improvement Areas, regarding the impacts of encampments on both their businesses and customers and report back to the August 12, 2024 General Issues Committee meeting on the results of the consultation.

12. Repurchase of Land in the City of Hamilton (PED23132(a)) (Ward 10) (Item 14.2)

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, respecting Report PED23132(a) be approved;
- (b) That the sum of \$15,000 be funded from Project ID Account No. 47702-3561850200 and be credited to Dept. ID Account No. 812036 (Real Estate – Admin Recovery) for recovery of expenses including real estate and legal fees and costs;

- (c) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to complete the Repurchase 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;
- (d) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents to complete the transaction for the Repurchase of Land in the City of Hamilton, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (e) That the complete Report PED23132(a), respecting the Repurchase of Land in the City of Hamilton, located in Ward 10, remain confidential until completion of the real estate transaction.

13. Lease Agreement – 35-39 Market Street South, Dundas, ON (PED24095) (Ward 13) (Item 14.3)

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session, be approved;
- (b) That the Closed Session recommendations contained within Report PED24095, respecting the subject Lease Agreement – 35-39 Market Street South, Dundas, ON, remain confidential until completion of the subject Lease Agreement;
- (c) That the balance of Report PED24095 and the appendices, respecting the Lease Agreement – 35-39 Market Street South, Dundas, ON, remain confidential.

14. Multi Use Path Agreement, City of Hamilton (PED24104) (Ward 8) (Item 14.4)

- (a) That the Corporate Real Estate Office be authorized and directed to negotiate the acquisition of licence interest in the lands shown attached in Appendix “A” to Report PED24104 and described in Appendix “B” to Report PED24104, based substantially on the Terms and Conditions attached as Appendix “B” to Report PED24104, and such other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department or designate.
- (b) That the sum of \$2,500 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 expenses including real estate and legal fees and cost;

- (c) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to complete the acquisition of land in the City of Hamilton, located in Ward 8, on behalf of the City, including paying any necessary expenses, amending the closing, due diligence and other dates, and amending and waiving terms and conditions on such terms deemed reasonable;
- (d) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents for the acquisition of land in the City of Hamilton, located in Ward 8, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (e) That the complete Report PED24104, respecting the licensing of land in the City of Hamilton, located in Ward 8, remain confidential.

15. Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 1041, Ratification of Collective Agreement (HUR24015) (City Wide) (Added Item 14.5)

- (a) That the tentative agreement reached on May 27, 2024 between the City of Hamilton and Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 1041 representing approximately 350 front-line Supervisors and Project Managers employees, be ratified by Council.
- (b) That Report HUR24015 respecting City of Hamilton and Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 1041 Ratification of Collective Agreement 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 respecting Encampments, from the following individuals:

- (a) Amanda Weegar - REVISED
- (e) Nancy Hindmarsh
- (f) Ryan Bukoski, Butlers Management Services
- (g) David Carnovale, Arbor Memorial Inc.
- (h) Lauren Mackenzie
- (i) Julie Gordon
- (j) Susie Braithwaite, International Village BIA
- (k) Sandra Hudson
- (l) Dina D'Ermo
- (m) Frances Fuccillo

- (n) Mary-Lynn O'Hagan
- (o) Jo-Anne Ballarano
- (p) Meredith Evans
- (q) Andrew Tziatis
- (r) Ali M. Gardezi

Recommendation: Be received.

- 5.2 Correspondence respecting Item 10.5 - Major Hosted Tourism Event Opportunities (PED23129(b)), from the following individuals:
- (a) Greg Dunnett, President and CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce
 - (b) Tim Potocic, President Sonic Unyon Records

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 10.5.

- 5.3 Correspondence from Joshua Weresch, respecting Item 7.2 - Circle of Beads request for an elected seat on the City's Council for Indigenous Peoples

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 7.2.

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.2 Delegation Requests respecting Encampments, for today's meeting, from the following individuals:

- (c) Dave Edwards (In-Person)
- (d) Jordan Nicholson (Pre-Recorded Video)
- (e) Jodi Formosi (In-Person)
- (f) Margaret Kneulman (In-Person)
- (g) Mark Rotsaert (In-Person)
- (h) Nancy Hindmarsh (In-Person)
- (i) Christine O'Brien (In-Person) - WITHDRAWN
- (j) Michael Norman (In-Person)
- (k) Shelly Hong (In-Person)

- 6.3 Kojo Dampthey, respecting Item 7.2 - Delegation on Indigenous Elected Seat on Council (In-Person) (For today's meeting)

7. DELEGATIONS

- 7.1 Hafeez Hussain, respecting Putting Taxpayers First - Navigating City Hall (Virtually) (Approved June 5, 2024) - The Delegate has requested that their delegation be moved to the July 8, 2024 General Issues Committee meeting.
- 7.4 Delegations respecting Encampments, from the following individuals:
 - (d) Denise Hancock – WITHDRAWN

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

- 12.1 Declaration of Emergency in the Area of Affordability
- 12.2 Representation by the Urban Indigenous Community at City Council

14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

- 14.5 Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 1041, Ratification of Collective Agreement (HUR24015) (City Wide)
- 14.6 Confidential Appendix “A” to Item 10.8 - Cybersecurity Incident Impact Update (CM24004) (City Wide)

The agenda for the June 19, 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) June 5, 2024 (Item 4.1)

The minutes of the June 5, 2024 General Issues Committee, were approved, as presented.

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

Communication Items 5.1 to 5.3, were approved, as presented, as follows:

(i) Correspondence respecting Encampments, from the following individuals:

- (a) Amanda Weegar - REVISED (Item 5.1(a))
- (b) Darcy Field (Item 5.1(b))

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- (c) Phil Pidgeon (Item 5.1(c))
- (d) Guylaine Spencer (Item 5.1(d))
- (e) Nancy Hindmarsh (Added Item 5.1(e))
- (f) Ryan Bukoski, Butlers Management Services (Added Item 5.1(f))
- (g) David Carnovale, Arbor Memorial Inc. (Added Item 5.1(g))
- (h) Lauren Mackenzie (Added Item 5.1(h))
- (i) Julie Gordon (Added Item 5.1(i))
- (j) Susie Braithwaite, International Village BIA (Added Item 5.1(j))
- (k) Sandra Hudson (Added Item 5.1(k))
- (l) Dina D'Ermo (Added Item 5.1(l))
- (m) Frances Fuccillo (Added Item 5.1(m))
- (n) Mary-Lynn O'Hagan (Added Item 5.1(n))
- (o) Jo-Anne Ballarano (Added Item 5.1(o))
- (p) Meredith Evans (Added Item 5.1(p))
- (q) Andrew Tziatis (Added Item 5.1(q))
- (r) Ali M. Gardezi (Added Item 5.1(r))

Recommendation: Be received.

(ii) Correspondence respecting Item 10.5 - Major Hosted Tourism Event Opportunities (PED23129(b)), from the following individuals:

- (a) Greg Dunnett, President and CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce (Added Item 5.2(a))
- (b) Tim Potocic, President Sonic Unyon Records (Added Item 5.2(b))

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 10.5.

(iii) Correspondence from Joshua Weresch, respecting Item 7.2 - Circle of Beads request for an elected seat on the City's Council for Indigenous Peoples (Added Item 5.3)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to consideration of Item 7.2.

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

- (i) Jelena Vermilion, Sex Workers' Action Program (SWAP), respecting the City of Hamilton Integrity Commissioner's Report Regarding Private Complaint re: Councillor Danko Tweet (Re) - DGB-HamiltonICI-2024-01 (June 12, 2024 Council Agenda Item 6.2) (In-Person) (For a future meeting) (Item 6.1)**

The delegation request from Jelena Vermilion, Sex Workers' Action Program (SWAP), respecting the City of Hamilton Integrity Commissioner's Report Regarding Private Complaint re: Councillor Danko Tweet (Re) - DGB-HamiltonICI-2024-01 (June 12, 2024 Council Agenda Item 6.2), was approved for a future meeting.

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(ii) Delegation Requests respecting Encampments (Item 6.1):

The following delegation requests respecting Encampments, were approved, for today's meeting:

- (1) Kelly Oucharek (In-Person) (Item 6.2(a))
- (2) Jacqueline Stagen (Virtually) (Item 6.2(b))
- (3) Dave Edwards (In-Person) (Added Item 6.2(c))
- (4) Jordan Nicholson (Pre-Recorded Video) (Added Item 6.2(d))
- (5) Jodi Formosi (In-Person) (Added Item 6.2(e))
- (6) Margaret Kneulman (In-Person) (Added Item 6.2(f))
- (7) Mark Rotsaert (In-Person) (Added Item 6.2(g))
- (8) Nancy Hindmarsh (In-Person) (Added Item 6.2(h))
- (9) Michael Norman (In-Person) (Added Item 6.2(j))
- (10) Shelly Hong (In-Person) (Added Item 6.2(k))

(iii) Kojo Damphey, respecting Item 7.2 – Delegation on Indigenous Elected Seat on Council (In-Person) (For today's meeting) (Added Item 6.3)

The delegation request from Kojo Damphey, respecting Item 7.2 – Delegation on Indigenous Elected Seat on Council, was approved for today's meeting.

(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)

(i) NaWalka Geeshy Meegwun (Lyndon George) and Audrey Davis, Circle of Beads - City of Hamilton Urban Indigenous Community Consultation Circle, respecting Elected Indigenous Council Seat Request - conversation (In-Person) (Approved June 5,2024) (Item 7.2)

The delegate was provided with an addition 15 minutes to complete their delegation.

NaWalka Geeshy Meegwun (Lyndon George) and Audrey Davis, Circle of Beads - City of Hamilton Urban Indigenous Community Consultation Circle, joined by Beth Dockstator, Manager of Indigenous Relations; Amy Vukosa, Ontario Native Women's Association; Brenda Jacobs, Hamilton Regional Indian Centre; and Antoinette Laffranier, Health and Wellbeing Programs Manager addressed the Committee respecting Elected Indigenous Council Seat Request - conversation.

The delegation from NaWalka Geeshy Meegwun (Lyndon George) and Audrey Davis, Circle of Beads - City of Hamilton Urban Indigenous Community Consultation Circle, joined by Beth Dockstator, Manager of Indigenous Relations; Amy Vukosa, Ontario Native Women's Association; Brenda Jacobs, Hamilton Regional Indian Centre; and Antoinette Laffranier, Health and Wellbeing Programs Manager respecting Elected Indigenous Council Seat Request - conversation, was received.

(ii) Rachel Moore, Love to Live, respecting a Request for Audience to Address Systemic Injustice and Lack of Support for Individuals with Disabilities in Hamilton (In-Person) (Approved June 5, 2024) (Item 7.3)

Rachel Moore, Love to Live, addressed the Committee respecting a Request for Audience to Address Systemic Injustice and Lack of Support for Individuals with Disabilities in Hamilton.

The delegation from Rachel Moore, Love to Live, respecting a Request for Audience to Address Systemic Injustice and Lack of Support for Individuals with Disabilities in Hamilton, was received.

(iii) Delegations respecting Encampments (Item 7.4)

(1) The following delegates addressed the Committee respecting Encampments:

- (a) Barbara Weigelt (In-Person) (Approved June 5, 2024) (Item 7.4(a))
- (b) Stephen Felker (In-Person) (Approved June 5, 2024) (Item 7.4(c))
- (c) Kelly Oucharek (In-Person) (Added Item 7.4(e))

Kelly Oucharek was provided with an additional 2 minutes to complete their delegation.

- (d) Jacqueline Stagen (Virtually) (Added Item 7.4(f))
- (e) Dave Edwards (In-Person) (Added Item 7.4(g))
- (f) Jordan Nicholson (Pre-Recorded Video) (Added Item 7.4(h))
- (g) Jodi Formosi (In-Person) (Added Item 7.4(i))

Jodi Formosi was provided with an additional 2 minutes to complete their delegation.

- (h) Margaret Kneulman (In-Person) (Added Item 7.4(j))
- (i) Mark Rotsaert (In-Person) (Added Item 7.4(k))
- (j) Nancy Hindmarsh (In-Person) (Added Item 7.4(l))
- (k) Michael Norman (In-Person) (Added Item 7.4(m))
- (l) Shelly Hong (In-Person) (Added Item 7.4(n))

(2) The following delegate was not present when called upon:

- (a) Mike Rinaldi, Short Straw Productions (In-Person) (Approved June 5, 2024) (Item 7.4(b))

(3) The following delegations, respecting Encampments, were received:

- (a) Barbara Weigelt (In-Person) (Approved June 5, 2024) (Item 7.4(a))
- (b) Stephen Felker (In-Person) (Approved June 5, 2024) (Item 7.4(c))
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- (l) Shelly Hong (In-Person) (Added Item 7.4(n))

(iv) **Kojo Dampthey, respecting Item 7.2 – Delegation on Indigenous Elected Seat on Council (In-Person) (Added Item 7.5)**

Kojo Dampthey addressed the Committee respecting Item 7.2 – Delegation on Indigenous Elected Seat on Council.

The delegation from Kojo Dampthey, respecting Item 7.2 – Delegation on Indigenous Elected Seat on Council, was received.

(v) **Recess**

The General Issues Committee recessed for 30 minutes until 1:02 p.m.

(g) **PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)**

(i) **CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF ITEMS**

Item 10.7 - Affordable Housing Development Project Stream Q1 2024 Results (HSC23028(e) / FCS23055(c) / PED23099(e)) (City Wide), was moved up the agenda to be considered immediately following Item 81. - Change to the Orde Asset Management Plans (PW23073(b)) (City Wide).

(ii) **Asset Management Plans (PW23073(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

Carlyle Khan, General Manager, Public Works introduced Andrea Vargas, Manager, Departmental Programs and Initiatives; Dan Leake, Senior Program Analyst; and Amber Dewar, Senior Program Analyst; who provided the presentation to Committee respecting Report PW23073(b), Asset Management Plans.

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

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(h) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

**(i) Reducing Homelessness and Managing Encampments (HSC24027)
(City Wide) (Item 10.7)**

- (1)** The Recommendations were placed on the floor, as follows:
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programs.

- (c) That staff be directed to prepare a motion to amend the Encampment Protocol to mitigate impacts on those living in and around encampments as outlined in Appendix “A”, which was approved by Council on August 18, 2023, including:
 - (i) removing the following provision from Section D, indicating the removal of encampments, temporary shelters, or tents “on or within 50 metres of the Hamilton Alliance for Tiny Shelters model site. For the purpose of this site the full length of the Strachan Linear Park, Bay Street North to Ferguson Street North, will be considered the site.”;
 - (ii) adding an exclusion from allowing encampments, temporary shelters, or tents for the full length of the Strachan Linear Park, Bay Street North to Ferguson Street North until further park development options can be explored;
 - (iii) Establishing a minimum distance of 100m for additional sensitive uses, specifically around funeral homes and long-term care residencies as well as spaces that are designed and programmed for children as an amendment to the encampment protocol;
 - (iv) Amending the requirement to keep 5 metres from sidewalks during the winter months to be a full year requirement, and to include walkways and pathways in this requirement; and
 - (v) Establishing a minimum 25m distance from active construction sites
- (d) That Council approve additional investments into encampment management, for an approximate cost of \$286,000 between August 1 and December 31, 2024, to be funded first from any available government funding, then from any 2024, Housing Services Division surplus, then from any 2024, Healthy and Safe Communities Departmental Surplus, and lastly from any 2024, Corporate Surplus or any source deemed appropriate by the General Manager of Corporate Services; and that those enhancements are as follows:
 - (i) approximately \$108,000 be approved to increase Housing-Focused Street Outreach support;

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- (ii) One permanent FTE to provide program coordination, at an approximate cost of \$48,000;
 - (iii) Make permanent one Community Services Program Analyst FTE supporting the Housing Focused Outreach Team, at an approximate cost of \$42,500;
 - (iv) approximately \$130,000 to provide two Social Navigator Paramedic by Hamilton Paramedic Service; and
- (e) That the following items be referred to the 2025 municipal tax operating budget for an annual cost of \$4,186,000
- (i) approximately \$2,255,000 be added to enhance existing shelter operator contracts by 25% to rectify historic underfunding;
 - (ii) approximately \$400,000 for ongoing operations of the Hamilton Regional Indian Centre's indigenous drop-in program;
 - (iii) approximately \$500,000 for enhanced Rapid Rehousing and Intensive Case Management supports to improve outflow from shelters into permanent housing;
 - (iv) approximately \$90,000 for one permanent full-time equivalent for Housing Service Division to provide tax filing support for those experiencing homelessness;
 - (v) approximately \$250,000 for exceptional unit damage because of housing an individual from City-funded case management programs;
 - (vi) approximately \$266,000 for increased Housing-Focused Outreach support;
 - (vii) One permanent FTE to provide program coordination, at an approximate cost of \$115,000;
 - (viii) Make permanent one Community Services Program Analyst FTE supporting the Housing Focused Outreach Team, at an approximate cost of \$100,000;
 - (ix) approximately \$310,000 to provide enhancements for two Social Navigator Paramedics by Hamilton Paramedic Service; and

- (f) That the appropriate General Managers of Public Works and the Healthy and Safe Communities Department or their designate be directed and authorized, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, to enter into, execute and administer all agreements and documents necessary to implement recommendations (a) and (b), inclusive of all sub-sections, outlined above on terms and conditions satisfactory to the respective General Manager or their designate and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
- (g) That two Outstanding Business items be removed from the list including:
 - (i) A 2023 OBL item respecting increasing beds in Residential Care Facilities
 - (ii) A 2023 OBL Item respecting reporting back on a proposed investment ratio for Housing Services Division
- (2) That sub-section (c)(ii) to Report HSC24027, Reducing Homelessness and Managing Encampments, **be deleted**, as follows:
 - (c) That staff be directed to prepare a motion to amend the Encampment Protocol to mitigate impacts on those living in and around encampments as outlined in Appendix “A”, which was approved by Council on August 18, 2023, including:
 - ~~(ii) adding an exclusion from allowing encampments, temporary shelters, or tents for the full length of the Strachan Linear Park, Bay Street North to Ferguson Street North until further park development options can be explored;~~

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 8.

(ii) **DEFERRAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

Item 10.5 - Major Hosted Tourism Event Opportunities (PED23129(b)) (City Wide) and Item 10.6 - Pier 8 Development: Waterfront Shores Development Agreement, Greenway Strata Title, and Delegated Authority (PED23039(a)) (Ward 2), were DEFERRED to the July 8, 2024 General Issues Committee Meeting.

(i) PRESENTATIONS (Item 8) (Continued)

(i) Cybersecurity Incident Impact Update (CM24004) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

- (1)** Marnie Cluckie, City Manager provided an overview and introduced Andy Potter, Kirsten Davies, and Bryson Tan of Deloitte LLP, who provided the Committee with a presentation respecting Report CM24004, Cybersecurity Incident Impact Update.

The presentation respecting Report CM24004, Cybersecurity Incident Impact Update, was received.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

(j) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10) (Continued)

(i) Extend Curfew

The General Issues Committee meeting of June 19, 2024 was extended past the 5:30 pm curfew, up to an additional 1.5 hours.

(k) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 12)

Councillor Spadafora introduced the following notice of motion:

(i) Declaration of Emergency in the Area of Affordability (Added Item 12.1)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton acknowledges that the challenges of affordability can be precursors to poor physical and mental health outcomes, barriers to higher learning, facilitating addictions, participation in crime, and homelessness;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton acknowledges that the challenges of affordability arise from the increased cost of living, inflation, and various taxes from the federal, provincial, and municipal levels of government;

WHEREAS, Mayor Andrea Horwath, in her Mayoral Directive to Staff on August 31, 2023, recognized the high cost of living in an inflationary time;

WHEREAS, Tax Freedom Day – the day of the year when the average Canadian family has earned enough money to pay the various taxes imposed on it from the federal, provincial, and municipal government upfront – was even later this year, on Monday, June 19;

WHEREAS, according to the Bank of Canada, Ontario CPI (Total) recently peaked at 8.1% in June 2022 – representing a 39-year high dating back to 1983 – and is currently now at 2.7%;

WHEREAS, according to the Hamilton Family Health Team, nearly 12% of Hamilton households report food insecurities with nearly 20,000 Hamiltonians accessing a food bank every month, including 6,000 children;

WHEREAS, according to Hamilton Food Share, the number of Hamilton households that access food banks and hunger relief programs increased by approximately 40% from 2022 to 2023 resulting in the City of Hamilton allocating \$1.25 million in the 2024 budget and over \$600,000 in grant funding for food banks and hunger relief programs;

WHEREAS, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has passed a motion urging the federal government to provide emergency funding to food banks and food rescue agencies as well as recognize the system issues involved in food bank usage, including affordability;

WHEREAS, an analysis of Hamilton real estate prices over the past 10 years on Listing.ca shows an increase of 95.4% – essentially a doubling in just one decade – resulting in fewer Hamiltonians being able to afford either a mortgage downpayment and/or ongoing mortgage payments;

WHEREAS, according to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), the median household income after taxes in Hamilton is \$66,103;

WHEREAS, a recent Zoocasa study on housing affordability has found the Hamilton-Burlington area to be the third least affordable region in Canada and the tenth least affordable region in North America;

WHEREAS, the REALTORS Association of Hamilton-Burlington report that the median sale price for single detached homes has risen to \$880,000 in the first quarter of 2024;

WHEREAS, fewer and fewer Hamiltonians can afford to purchase a home using various housing affordability metrics to determine affordability including the Housing Affordability Index, Gross Debt Service (GDS) ratio, and Total Debt Service (TDS) ratio;

WHEREAS, Equifax Canada indicates that, in Ontario, mortgage delinquency rates soared by 135.2% above pre-COVID-19 pandemic levels, that in the first quarter of 2024 the total mortgage balance reaching severe delinquency – which is 90 days or more without payment – has surpassed \$1 billion for the first time ever, that mortgage borrowers filing for bankruptcy have ballooned by 76.4%, and that those who renewed their mortgage in the fourth quarter of 2023 saw their monthly mortgage payment increase on average by \$680;

WHEREAS, the federal government recently passed a motion in the House of Commons on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, that raised the capital gains inclusion tax rate from 50% to 67% for not only corporations and trusts, but for individuals who have annual capital gains in excess of \$250,000, an amount that is much more easily attainable given the high cost of homes compared to the time period of 1988 to 1989, the last time the capital gains inclusion tax rate was at 67% and when the average cost of a home in Hamilton was under \$150,000 according to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC);

WHEREAS, the CBC has reported that since the federal government's fuel levy was introduced in 2019, the carbon tax has added 17.6 cents to the cost of a litre of gasoline;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton recognizes that municipal emergencies in Ontario are declared by the head of council as per the process detailed in the Emergency Management and Civil Protections Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton acknowledges that the declaration of an emergency does not immediately result in a municipality receiving any additional funds or resources from senior levels of government.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Mayor formally issue a declaration of emergency in the area of affordability, as per the procedure outlined in the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act;
- (b) That the Mayor send correspondence to the Premier of Ontario requesting that the provincial government commit to fully funding gaps, including but not limited to, the areas of social services, affordable housing, transportation, and other infrastructure;

- (c) That the Mayor send correspondence to the Prime Minister of Canada requesting the federal government commit to fully funding gaps, including but not limited to, the areas of affordable housing, housing for refugees, transportation, and other infrastructure.

Councillor Kroetsch introduced the following notice of motion:

(ii) Representation by the Urban Indigenous Community at City Council (Added Item 12.2)

WHEREAS City Council is currently made up of 15 Councillors and 1 Mayor, a total of 16 members;

WHEREAS members of the urban Indigenous community, represented by the Circle of Beads, have asked the City of Hamilton to support their request for the City to ask the Province of Ontario to have changes made to the Municipal Act to permit a member of Hamilton's urban Indigenous community to be a voting member of City Council;

WHEREAS the Circle of Beads has asked, while Council awaits word from the Province about that request, that it establish an interim advisory seat (non voting) on Council for a member of Hamilton's urban Indigenous community;

WHEREAS there are governance, legal, and other implications to honouring these requests that the municipality must fully explore before Council formally considers them;

WHEREAS First Nations in Canada have specific and distinct relationships with the Federal and Provincial levels of governments through the Indian Act;

WHEREAS according to the National Association of Friendship Centres, as of 2021, approximately 88% of Indigenous people in Ontario live in urban settings, which means that a majority of Indigenous peoples live their lives with no direct local representation with respect to the services they access most;

WHEREAS City Council approved the Urban Indigenous Strategy (UIS) presented to, endorsed, and fully supported by the General Issues Committee on July 8, 2019 and committed to "having a trusting relationship with Indigenous communities where we communicate and work together appropriately to address the unique needs and issues of Indigenous people";

WHEREAS, within the UIS, there was direct acknowledgement of ongoing and historical oppression including many unique barriers related to health, poverty, justice, employment, and intergenerational trauma;

WHEREAS City Council has made a commitment to supporting Indigenous rights and history;

WHEREAS Land Theme Action 8 in the UIS, a short term goal meant to be achieved by the City in 1-2 years, reads, “Understand how concepts such as the Doctrine of Discovery affect municipal decision making and develop tools to reform those processes”;

WHEREAS the City of Halifax, Nova Scotia, after approving a motion to its Regional Council on October 23, 2023, is currently investigating and considering the development of an Indigenous council seat, specifically a Mi'kmaw seat; and

WHEREAS the Province of Nova Scotia has set a precedent by the addition of a Provincial seat in their legislature for a Mi'kmaw representative since 1992.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That City staff in the Indigenous Relations and Legal Services Divisions report back to a future General Issues Committee on recommendations and information related to the following:

- (a) The City’s statutory responsibilities to Indigenous communities, the responsibilities of the Provincial and Federal governments, and an identification of any limitations in the Municipal Act and other legislation including an analysis that addresses the requests made by the Circle of Beads to Council on February 14 and June 19, 2024;
- (b) The outstanding actions in the Urban Indigenous Strategy (UIS) that include an identification of any ongoing work towards closer collaboration and involvement throughout the municipal decision making process as it relates to the urban Indigenous community and other Indigenous leaders and representative organizations; and
- (c) The ongoing work the City is doing with respect to Truth and Reconciliation best practices including a scan of the work being done by other municipalities across Canada and ongoing work through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities with respect to urban Indigenous communities and other Indigenous leaders and representative organizations.

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(l) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 13)

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

The amendment to the Outstanding Business List, were approved, as follows:

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

Hamilton Police Services and Hamilton Public Library Surpluses and Deficits
Added: October 5, 2023 at AF&A (Item 11.1)
Completed: June 5, 2024 at GIC (Item 10.5)

(m) 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 – June 5, 2024 (Item 14.1)

The Closed Session minutes of the June 5, 2024 General Issues Committee meeting, were approved and remain confidential.

(ii) Committee moved into Closes Session for Items 14.2, 14.3, 14.4, and 14.5 pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-sections (c), and (d) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2) sub-sections (c), and (d) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for City or a local board purposes; and labour relations or employee negotiations.

(iii) Repurchase of Land in the City of Hamilton (PED23132(a)) (Ward 10) (Item 14.2)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 12.

(iv) Lease Agreement – 35-39 Market Street South, Dundas, ON (PED24095) (Ward 13) (Item 14.3)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 13.

(v) Multi Use Path Agreement, City of Hamilton (PED24104) (Ward 8) (Item 14.4)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 14.

- (vi) **Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 1041, Ratification of Collective Agreement (HUR24015) (City Wide) (Added Item 14.5)**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 15.

- (n) **ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)**

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Tammy Hwang
Chair, General Issues Committee

Angela McRae
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk