



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT 24-016

9:30 a.m.

October 2, 2024

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

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

Absent: Mayor A. Horwath - Personal

THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 24-016 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Economic Development Action Plan 2023 Update (PED24118) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

That Report PED24118, Economic Development Action Plan 2023 Update, be received.

2. Reporting of Annual Expenditures on the Transportation Network in Alignment with the Asset Management Plan (PW24057 / FCS24045) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.2)

- (a) That staff be directed to use the categorization for projects within the Roads / Bridges / Sidewalk / Street Lighting / Traffic budget as described in this report and detailed in Appendix "A" attached to Report PW24057/FCS24045, and that the General Manager, Public Works, or their designate, in consultation with the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services or their designate, be authorized to revise categories as required;
- (b) That staff be directed to align budget and financing plan documents with the Transportation Asset Management Plan, including changing references to the Roads / Bridges / Sidewalk / Street Lighting / Traffic Budget to the Transportation Network Budget;

- (c) That the information contained in Report PW24057/FCS24045 be considered when proposed Levels of Service for the Transportation Network are brought forward in accordance with report PW22048 and;
- (d) That the information contained in Report PW24057/FCS24045 including the categories as identified in Appendix "A" attached to Report PW24057/FCS24045, be considered as part of the annual budget process.

3. Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability Report 24-007 - September 18, 2024 (Item 9.1)

(1) Discussion Items (Items 9.1 to 9.3)

That the following Discussion Items be received:

- (i) Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability Project Progress Review (Item 9.1)
- (ii) Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability Project Workplan Review (Item 9.2)
- (iii) Mayor's Task Force on Transparency, Access and Accountability Focus Groups Approach Review (Item 9.3)

4. Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force Report 24-004 - September 12, 2024 (Item 9.2)

That the Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core Task Force Report 24-004 of September 12, 2024, be received.

5. Business Improvement Area Sub-Committee Report 24-006 - September 10, 2024 (Item 10.1)

(1) Concession Street Business Improvement Area Expenditure Requests (Item 11.1)

That the expenditure request from the Concession Street Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$11,412.46 be spent on holiday decorations and office furniture and equipment to be funded from the Contribution to Operating Budget Program for the Business Improvement Areas (BIA Payments Account 815010-56905), be approved.

(2) Downtown Dundas Business Improvement Area Expenditure Requests (Item 11.2)

- (a) That the expenditure request from the Downtown Dundas Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$12,591.29 be spent on holiday decorations and their maintenance to be funded from the Contribution to Operating Budget Program for the Business Improvement Areas (BIA Payments Account 815010-56905), be approved; and
- (b) That the expenditure request from the Downtown Dundas Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$24,568.94 be spent on holiday decorations and event programming to be funded from the Parking Revenue Sharing Program (Parking Revenue Account 815010-52505), be approved.

(3) Waterdown Business Improvement Area Expenditure Requests (Item 11.3)

That the expenditure request from the Waterdown Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$5,005.61 be spent on the purchase and maintenance of 32 hanging baskets to be funded from the Contribution to Operating Budget Program for the Business Improvement Areas (BIA Payments Account 815010-56905), be approved.

(4) International Village Business Improvement Area Expenditure Requests (Item 11.4)

That the expenditure request from the International Village Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$7,581.15 be spent on decor and graffiti removal to be funded from the Contribution to Operating Budget Program for the Business Improvement Areas (BIA Payments Account 815010-56905), be approved.

6. Municipal Capital Facility John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport (PED24061) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)

- (a) That the lands contained and described in a new Lease with TradePort International Corporation pursuant to confidential Report PED19084(j) known as the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport, municipally located at 9300 Airport Road, Mount Hope (Hamilton) Ontario, be a municipal capital facility operating as an international airport (CYHM, YHM), be exempted from taxation for municipal and school purposes;

- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute Municipal Capital Facility Agreement, and any ancillary documents, substantially in the form attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED24061, with such amendments deemed reasonable and necessary to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor effective on the new Lease commencement date made pursuant to confidential Report PED19084(j) of the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport;
- (c) That the By-law, attached as Amended Appendix "B" to Report PED24061, to establish the Municipal Capital Facility designation for the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport, be passed;
 - (i) by replacing all January 1, 2024 dates with September 13, 2024.
- (d) That, upon approval by Council, staff be directed to give written notice of the By-law in respect of Recommendation (c) of Report PED24061 to the secretary of the school boards having jurisdiction, and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation; and,
- (e) That the Clerk be directed to give written notice of the By-law approving this Report PED24061 in respect of Recommendation (c) to the Minister of Finance.

7. Publicly Releasing the City's Lease Agreement with the Municipal Capital Facility John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport (City Wide) (Generated from Item 10.2)

That staff be directed to publicly release the City's lease agreement with the Municipal Capital Facility John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport, making any necessary redactions.

8. Establishing a Process to Appoint a Municipal Representative to the Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority Board of Directors (PED23021(a)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 10.3)

That the City of Hamilton endorse the following process to Appoint a Municipal Representative to the Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority Board of Directors;

- (i) Coinciding with the municipal election cycle and council term, the Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority releases, on behalf of the City of Hamilton and the City of Oshawa, an open call for interested individuals who wish to serve on the Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority Board of Directors as the municipally appointed director;

- (ii) The Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority evaluates all applications received for the municipally appointed director, and provides a recommended candidate based on qualifications and eligibility criteria, for the City of Hamilton and City of Oshawa's consideration and endorsement;
- (iii) That if either the City of Hamilton or the City of Oshawa does not endorse the Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority's candidate, the Board shall put forth the next highest-ranking candidate for endorsement, until such time that both Councils endorse the same candidate;
- (iv) The municipally appointed director shall serve a four-year term, coinciding with the municipal election cycle and council term., understanding that the first director so appointed will serve a truncated term so as to synchronize with the current council term;
- (v) That City of Hamilton staff and City of Oshawa staff be directed and authorized to work with Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority staff to develop a recruitment package to ensure consistency and fairness in the recruitment process, with such recruitment package to include, but not necessarily be limited to, a role description, eligibility criteria and minimum qualifications.

9. Green and Inclusive Communities Building Program Intake 3 (FCS21055(b)) (City Wide) (Item 10.4)

- (a) That the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, or delegate, and the General Manager, Public Works, or delegate, be authorized to submit all necessary documentation to support the City of Hamilton's application, attached as Appendix "A" to Report FCS21055(b), for the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program Intake 3;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary documentation, including Funding Agreements to receive funding under the Green and inclusive Community Buildings Program Intake 3 with content satisfactory to the General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (c) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare any necessary by laws for Council approval, for the purpose of giving effect to the City's acceptance of funding from the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program Intake 3;
- (d) That, should a project submission for the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program Intake 3 be approved, any unfunded municipal share be referred to the City's annual budget process; and,
- (e) That copies of Report FCS21055(b) be forwarded to local Members of Parliament.

10. Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 24-008 - September 10, 2024 (Item 10.5)

- (a) That the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 24-008 - September 10, 2024, be received, and,
- (b) That Staff be directed to provide a Communications Item to the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities with upcoming relevant dates where items contained within the motion, Barrier Free Access to Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) for Persons with Disabilities are being addressed.

11. Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee Report 24-003 - September 20, 2024 (Item 10.6)

(1) Hamilton Light Rail Transit Project Communications and Engagement Update (PED24150) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

That Report PED24150, respecting Hamilton Light Rail Transit Project Communications and Engagement Update, be received.

(2) Establishing a Baseline of Measures respecting Getting Hamilton's Light Rail Transit on the Right Track (Item 12.1)

That staff be directed to report back to the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee respecting a Terms of Reference for establishing a baseline of measures that would enable the City to track changes over time with respect to a wide and comprehensive range of metrics including economic, environmental and social metrics.

(3) Hamilton Light Rail Transit Partial Property Acquisition Update (PED24083(a)) (City Wide) (Item 15.1)

That Report PED24083(a), respecting Hamilton Light Rail Transit Partial Property Acquisition Update, be received and remain confidential.

12. Confidential Correspondence from Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (Added Item 14.2)

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in closed session respecting the Confidential Correspondence from Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, be approved and remain confidential; and,
- (b) That the Confidential Correspondence from Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, be received and remain confidential.

- 13. Memorandum of Understanding with City and Aeon Studio Group on Barton-Tiffany Lands (PED19063(g)) (Ward 2) (Added Item 14.3)**
- (a) That the direction provided to staff in Closed Session respecting Report PED19063(g), Memorandum of Understanding with City and Aeon Studio Group on Barton-Tiffany Lands, be approved and remain confidential;
 - (b) That Report PED19063(g), respecting the Memorandum of Understanding with City and Aeon Studio Group on Barton-Tiffany Lands, remain confidential.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.1 Ali T Ghouse, Muslim Council of Greater Hamilton, respecting information about the Muslim community's achievements, plans for Hamilton, aspirations and how it relates to activities in the City and City Council (In-Person) (For a future meeting)

8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- 8.1 Economic Development Action Plan 2023 Update (PED24118) (City Wide) - PRESENTATION REVISED

14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

- 14.2 Confidential Correspondence from Hamilton Wentworth District School Board
- 14.3 Memorandum of Understanding with City and Aeon Studio Group on Barton-Tiffany Lands (PED19063(g)) (Ward 2)

The agenda for the October 2, 2024 General Issues Committee meeting, was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

Councillor Hwang declared a disqualifying interest to Item 14.3 - Memorandum of Understanding with City and Aeon Studio Group on Barton-Tiffany Land (PED19063(g)), as her business partner may still have a business relationship with Aeon Group.

Deputy Mayor Danko relinquished the Chair to Councillor Pauls to declare a declaration of interest.

Councillor Danko declared a non-disqualifying interest to Item 14.2 - Confidential Correspondence from Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, as his wife is the Chair of the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board.

Deputy Mayor Danko assumed the Chair.

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

(i) September 18, 2024 (Item 4.1)

The minutes of the September 18, 2024 General Issues Committee, were approved, as presented.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

(i) The following Delegation Request, was approved:

- (1) Ali T Ghouse, Muslim Council of Greater Hamilton, respecting information about the Muslim community's achievements, plans for Hamilton, aspirations and how it relates to activities in the City and City Council (In-Person) (For a future meeting) (Item 6.1)**

(e) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Sarah Warry, The Bridge From Prison to Community, respecting their program and need for assistance to help house those with criminal records, mental health issues and addictions in our transitional housing program (In-Person) (Approved September 4, 2024) (Item 7.1)

The delegate was not present when called upon.

(f) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Economic Development Action Plan 2023 Update (PED24118) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

- (1)** Norm Schleeahn, Director, Economic Development and Lisa Abbott, Director, Tourism and Culture, addressed the Committee with a presentation respecting Report PED24118, Economic Development Action Plan 2023 Update.

The staff presentation respecting Report PED24118, Economic Development Action Plan 2023 Update, was received.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(ii) Reporting of Annual Expenditures on the Transportation Network in Alignment with the Asset Management Plan (PW24057 / FCS24045) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.2)

- (1) Jackie Kennedy, Director, Engineering Services addressed the Committee with a presentation respecting Report PW24057 / FCS24045, Reporting of Annual Expenditures on the Transportation Network in Alignment with the Asset Management Plan.

The staff presentation respecting Report PW24057 / FCS24045, Reporting of Annual Expenditures on the Transportation Network in Alignment with the Asset Management Plan, was received.

For disposition of this mater, refer to Item 2.

(g) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 10)

(i) Business Improvement Area Sub-Committee Report 24-006 - September 10, 2024 (Item 10.1)

The Report was put on the floor as follows:

- (1) (1) **Concession Street Business Improvement Area Expenditure Requests (Item 11.1)**

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- (2) **Downtown Dundas Business Improvement Area Expenditure Requests (Item 11.2)**

- (a) That the expenditure request from the Downtown Dundas Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$13,953.66.00 be spent on holiday decorations and their maintenance to be funded from the Contribution to Operating Budget Program for the Business Improvement Areas (BIA Payments Account 815010-56905), be approved; and

- (b) That the expenditure request from the Downtown Dundas Business Improvement Area, in the amount of \$24,568.94 be spent on holiday decorations and event programming to be funded from the Parking Revenue Sharing Program (Parking Revenue Account 815010-52505), be approved.

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- (2) That Item 2(a), respecting Downtown Dundas Business Improvement Area Expenditure Requests, ***be amended***, to reflect the correct amount, as follows:

- (a) That the expenditure request from the Downtown Dundas Business Improvement Area, in the amount of ~~\$13,953.66.00~~ **\$12,591.29**, be spent on holiday decorations and their maintenance to be funded from the Contribution to Operating Budget Program for the Business Improvement Areas (BIA Payments Account 815010-56905), be approved; and

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

(ii) **Municipal Capital Facility John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport (PED24061) (City Wide) (Item 10.2)**

The Report was put on the floor as follows:

- (1) (a) That the lands contained and described in a new Lease with TradePort International Corporation pursuant to confidential Report PED19084(j) known as the John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport, municipally located at 9300 Airport Road, Mount Hope (Hamilton) Ontario, be a municipal capital facility operating as an international airport (CYHM, YHM), be exempted from taxation for municipal and school purposes;
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- (e) That the Clerk be directed to give written notice of the By-law approving this Report PED24061 in respect of Recommendation (c) to the Minister of Finance.

Deputy Mayor Danko relinquished the Chair to Councillor Pauls, in order to introduce the following amendment:

- (2) That Appendix "B" to Report PED24061, Municipal Capital Facility John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport, ***be amended, by replacing all January 1, 2024 dates with September 13, 2024.***

Deputy Mayor Danko assumed the Chair.

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item 6.

(iii) Recess

The General Issues Committee recessed for 37 minutes until 1:00 p.m.

The General Issues Committee Meeting reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

**(iv) Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 24-008 -
September 10, 2024 (Item 10.5)**

The Report was put on the floor as follows:

**(1) Barrier Free Access to Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) for Persons
with Disabilities (Added Item 12.2)**

(a) That the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) requests that Transit Division staff report back in Q4 2024 to the Public Works Committee on improvements that can be made to the Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) services for persons with disabilities, that would address the following identified barriers, including costs for the implementation of the modifications:

- (1) Difficulties experienced by transit riders with disabilities when loading and unloading through the front entry doors;
- (2) Difficulties experienced by transit riders with disabilities when loading and unloading through the rear entry doors; and
- (3) Inaccessibility of PRESTO card readers by transit riders with disabilities.

(b) That Transit Division staff consider the following remediation suggestions to address the identified barriers in (a):

- (1) and (2) the re-implementation of the rear door loading policy; and
- (3)
 - (i) standardizing the placement of PRESTO Card readers;
 - (ii) installing grab bars to make access to PRESTO card readers more accessible;
 - (iii) making portable PRESTO card readers available on all buses;
 - (iv) training drivers on how to assist transit riders with disabilities to scan their PRESTO card if they ask for assistance; and

- (v) mandating drivers to assist transit riders with disabilities to scan their PRESTO card if they ask for assistance.
- (c) That Transit Division staff consider modifying transit fares for those who are unable to overcome the above barriers, if the current Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) services for persons with disabilities are not modified accordingly.

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 10.

(h) 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 – September 18, 2024 (Item 14.1)

The Closed Session minutes of the September 16, 2024 General Issues Committee meeting, were approved and remain confidential.

- (ii) Committee moved into Closed Session for Items 14.2 and 14.3 pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-sections (c), and (j) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (c), and (j) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value.

The General Issues Committee meeting reconvened in Open Session at 3:40 p.m.

(iii) Confidential Correspondence from Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (Added Item 14.2)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 12.

(iv) Memorandum of Understanding with City and Aeon Studio Group on Barton-Tiffany Lands (PED19063(g)) (Ward 2) (Added Item 14.3)

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 13.

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor John Paul Danko
Chair, General Issues Committee

Angela McRae
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk