



## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT 24-014

1:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, October 15, 2024  
Council Chambers (Hybrid)  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West

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

**Absent with  
Regrets:** Councillor T. Jackson - Personal

### THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 24-0014 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. **Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Fare Policies (PW23024(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**  
  
That Report PW23024(b), respecting Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Fare Policies, be received.
2. **In-Service Road Safety Review of James Street North at York Boulevard/Wilson Street Intersection (PW24062) (Ward 2) (Item 9.1)**  
  
That Report PW24062, respecting In-Service Road Safety Review of James Street North at York Boulevard/Wilson Street Intersection, be received.
3. **Blue Box Service Agreement with Circular Materials Ontario for Community Recycling Centres (PW24066) (City Wide) (Item 9.2)**  
  
That Report PW24066, respecting Blue Box Service Agreement with Circular Materials Ontario for Community Recycling Centres, be received.

**4. Accessible Transportation Services Policy Review (PW24067) (City Wide)  
(Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 9.3)**

That Report PW24067, respecting Accessible Transportation Services Policy Review, be received.

**5. Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Assumed Alleyway  
Abutting 830 Barton Street East, Hamilton (PW24063) (Ward 3) (Item 10.1)**

(a) That the application of the owner of 830 Barton Street East, Hamilton, to permanently close and purchase a portion of the assumed alleyway abutting the south side of 830 Barton Street East, Hamilton ("Subject Lands"), as shown on Appendix "A", attached to Public Works Committee Report 24-014, be approved, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) That the applicant makes an application to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, under Section 88 of the Registry Act, for an order to permanently close the Subject Lands, if required by the City, subject to:
  - (1) The General Manager, Public Works, or designate, signing the appropriate documentation to obtain any required court order; and
  - (2) The documentation regarding any required application to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice being prepared by the applicant, to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor;
- (ii) That the applicant be fully responsible for the deposit of a reference plan in the proper land registry office, and that said plan be prepared by an Ontario Land Surveyor, to the satisfaction of the Manager, Geomatics and Corridor Management Section, and that the applicant also deposit a reproducible copy of said plan with the Manager, Geomatics and Corridor Management Section;
- (iii) That, subject to any required application to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice to permanently close the Subject Lands being approved:
  - (1) The City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary by-laws to permanently close and sell the alleyway, for enactment by Council;

- (2) That the City Solicitor be authorized to amend and waive such terms as they consider reasonable to give effect to this authorization and direction;
- (iv) The Corporate Real Estate Office of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to enter into any requisite easement agreements, right of way agreements, and/or other agreements deemed necessary to affect the orderly disposition of the Subject Lands and to proceed to sell the Subject Lands to the owners of 830 Barton Street East, Hamilton, as described in Report PW24063, in accordance with the City of Hamilton Sale of Land Policy By-law 14-204;
- (v) The City Solicitor be authorized to complete the transfer of the Subject Lands to the owners of 830 Barton Street East, Hamilton, pursuant to an Agreement of Purchase and Sale or Offer to Purchase as negotiated by the Corporate Real Estate Office of the Planning and Economic Development Department;
- (vi) The City Solicitor be authorized and directed to register a certified copy of the by-laws permanently closing and selling the alleyway in the proper Land Registry Office; and
- (vii) The Public Works Department publish any required notice of the City's intention to pass the by-laws and/or permanently sell the closed alleyway pursuant to City of Hamilton Sale of Land Policy By-law 14-204.

**6. Funding for Tree Planting on Lawfield Elementary School, 45 Berko Avenue, Hamilton (Ward 7) (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 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 for the residents of Ward 7 and the wider City;

WHEREAS, tree planting on Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board properties is not currently funded under existing City funded tree planting programs; and

WHEREAS, Lawfield Elementary School, 45 Berko Avenue, Hamilton, has shown interest in having trees planted on their property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the supply and installation of 11 large caliper (50mm to 70mm) trees on Lawfield Elementary School, 45 Berko Avenue, Hamilton, to be funded from the Ward 7 Capital Discretionary Account (#3302109700) at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$3,000, be approved; and
- (b) That the General Manager, 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.

**7. Funding for Tree Planting on St. John Henry Newman Catholic Secondary School, 127 Gray Road, Stoney Creek (Ward 5) (Item 12.2)**

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 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 for the residents of Ward 5 and the wider City;

WHEREAS, tree planting on Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board properties is not currently funded under existing City funded tree planting programs; and

WHEREAS, St. John Henry Newman Catholic Secondary School, 127 Gray Road, Stoney Creek has shown interest in having trees planted on their property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the supply and installation of 7 large caliper (50mm to 70mm) trees on St. John Henry Newman Catholic Secondary School property at 127 Gray Road, Stoney Creek, to be funded from the Ward 5 Capital Discretionary Account (#3302109500) at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$3,000, be approved; and
- (b) That the General Manager, 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.

**8. MacNab Street South Lighting Decorative Enhancements (Ward 2) (Item 12.3)**

WHEREAS, members of the community raised safety concerns due to inadequate street lighting conditions on MacNab Street South between Bold Street to Hurst Place;

WHEREAS, adequate street lighting enhances public safety and security which promotes the use of public spaces;

WHEREAS, the Transportation Division conducted an assessment of existing lighting levels and determined them to be lower than required, particularly on sidewalks;

WHEREAS, a motion was approved by Council in October of 2023 that directed the Transportation Division to upgrade the existing lighting on MacNab Street South between Bold Street and Hurst Place to be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Re-investment Reserve Account (#108052) at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$40,000;

WHEREAS, \$10,000 was added to this project during the 2024 Budget bringing the current total to \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, the initial budget cost estimate did not contemplate decorative street lighting on both sides of MacNab Street South, which is the preference of the Ward Councillor to maintain the heritage district aesthetics, and that the approved funding amount of \$50,000 is not sufficient.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the costs associated with Capital Project ID#4242309207 for Street Lighting Upgrade on MacNab Street South (between Bold Street and Hurst Place) to permit the installation of decorative street lighting on both sides of the road be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Re-Investment Reserve #108052 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$35,000 thereby allocating a total project budget of \$85,000.

**9. Lifecycle Investment in Stoney Creek Optimist Clubhouse and Tennis Clubhouse Washrooms (Ward 5) (Item 12.4)**

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton owned recreation facilities in Ward 5 are maintained by the City of Hamilton's Corporate Facilities & Energy Management Division, Public Works, and operated by the Recreation Division;

WHEREAS, the Stoney Creek Optimist Clubhouse and the Stoney Creek Tennis Clubhouse, 880 Queenston Road washrooms have been identified as requiring lifecycle repair and upgrades through the building condition assessment process;

WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 Council Priorities, Safe and Thriving Neighbourhoods, Outcome 3 was developed to reflect Hamilton's most pressing needs and biggest opportunities and, increased access to recreational facilities and services is a measure of success in achieving the outcome of providing vibrant parks, recreation and public spaces;

WHEREAS, the Recreation Master Plan (2022) guiding principles are the foundation for recommendations to inform future decisions related to its implementation and, high-quality facilities and services are identified as one of the five guiding principles;

WHEREAS, park washrooms were identified as the highest priority for investment through the community survey conducted as part of the Recreation Master Plan;

WHEREAS, the Stoney Creek Optimist Clubhouse and the Stoney Creek Tennis Clubhouse washrooms are well used by sport program users and accessible to casual park visitors, and the enhancement of the washrooms will support more users to the space and create a more welcoming and inclusive environment for the community; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Facilities & Energy Management Division staff will engage a General Contractor to complete lifecycle renewal improvements to the washroom facilities that takes into consideration improved barrier free elements to progress the standardization of users experiences for City owned washroom facilities, and in the interim, staff have provided a preliminary high-level estimate of costs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Corporate Facilities & Energy Management Division staff be authorized and directed to retain a General Contractor to undertake construction to complete lifecycle renewal improvements to the washroom facilities at the Stoney Creek Optimist Clubhouse and the Stoney Creek Tennis Clubhouse, 880 Queenston Road, to improve the environment for users of the washroom facilities;
- (b) That a new capital project be created for the life cycle renewal of the washroom for the Stoney Creek Optimist Clubhouse and the Stoney Creek Tennis Clubhouse, including any testing, design, and acquiring of permits to be funded from the Stoney Creek Compensation Royalties Reserve #117036 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$300,000; and
- (c) That the General Manager, Public Works Department 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.

**10. Remembrance Day Crosswalk Design for the Stoney Creek Saltfleet Memorial (Ward 10) (Item 12.5)**

WHEREAS, Remembrance Day, marks the end of hostilities during the First World War, which ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918;

WHEREAS, the Stoney Creek Saltfleet Memorial located at the south-west corner of King Street and Queenston Road (Highway 8) was constructed in 1922, in memory of the men of Saltfleet Township, who gave their lives in the First World War and is one of the many locations throughout the City that is used to observe Remembrance Day every November 11<sup>th</sup>;

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2023 Public Works Committee approved a motion directing the Transportation Division to investigate and prepare a Remembrance Day themed decorative crosswalk on King Street closest to the Stoney Creek Saltfleet Memorial in the name of honoring those who served and continue to serve in the nation's defense;

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2024 the Remembrance Day themed decorative crosswalk was presented to the Hamilton Veterans Committee who provided their unanimous support; and

WHEREAS, the previous direction to the Transportation Division was to work with the Ward 10 and 5 offices to enable the installation of a Remembrance Day themed decorative crosswalk on King Street near the Stoney Creek Saltfleet Memorial before November 11, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Transportation Division install a Remembrance Day themed decorative crosswalk, as approved by the Hamilton Veterans Committee on King Street near the Stoney Creek Saltfleet Memorial prior to Remembrance Day 2024;
- (b) That the installation of the Remembrance Day themed decorative crosswalk be funded from the GFL Stoney Creek Compensation Royalties Reserve #117036 to an upset limit of \$3,500 including contingency; and
- (c) That the General Manager of Public Works 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.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

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

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

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

- 5.1 Correspondence from Susie Braithwaite, International Village BIA, respecting Item 11.1 - Service Level Change for Hanging Basket Program (PW24064) (City Wide)

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 11.1



**6. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

6.2 Delegation Requests respecting item 8.1 - Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Fare Policies (PW23024(b)) (City Wide), for today's meeting, from the following individuals:

- (a) James Kemp (Virtually)
- (b) Brad Evoy, Disability Justice Network of Ontario (Virtually)
- (c) Tim Nolan, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance (In person)

**7. DELEGATIONS**

7.1 Jennifer Valeri, respecting adding the pride bench design to the commemorative benches that can be purchased in memoriam (Virtually) (Approved September 30, 2024) - WITHDRAWN

**8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

8.1 Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Fare Policies (PW23024(b)) (City Wide) - REVISED (Presentation attached)

The Agenda for the October 15, 2024, Public Works Committee meeting was approved, as amended.

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)**

**(i) September 30, 2024 (Item 4.1)**

The Minutes of the September 30, 2024, meeting of the Public Works Committee were approved, as presented.

**(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)**

- (i) Correspondence from Susie Braithwaite, International Village BIA, respecting Item 11.1 - Service Level Change for Hanging Basket Program (PW24064) (City Wide) (Added Item 5.1)**

The correspondence from Susie Braithwaite, International Village BIA, respecting Item 11.1 - Service Level Change for Hanging Basket Program (PW24064) (City Wide) (Added Item 5.1), was received and referred to the consideration of Item 11.1 - Service Level Change for Hanging Basket Program (PW24064).

**(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)**

- (i) The following Delegation Requests, were approved:**

- (1) Joshua Rose, Rukebar's Action for Community, respecting lack of working water fountains in the City (In person) (For a future meeting) (Item 6.1)
- (2) Delegation Requests respecting item 8.1 - Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Fare Policies (PW23024(b)) (City Wide), for today's meeting, from the following individuals (Added Item 6.2):
  - (a) James Kemp (Virtually) (Added Item 6.2(a))
  - (b) Brad Evoy, Disability Justice Network of Ontario (Virtually) (Added Item 6.2(b))
  - (c) Tim Nolan, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance (In person) (Added Item 6.2(c))

**(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)**

- (i) Delegations respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Fare Policies (PW23024(b)) (City Wide) (Added Item 7.1)**

The following delegates addressed Committee respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Fare Policies (PW23024(b)) (City Wide):

- (a) James Kemp (Virtually) (Added Item 7.1(a))
- (b) Brad Evoy, Disability Justice Network of Ontario (Virtually) (Added Item 7.1(b))
- (c) Tim Nolan, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance (In person) (Added Item 7.1(c))

The following delegations respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Fare Policies (PW23024(b)) (City Wide), were received:

- (a) James Kemp (Virtually) (Added Item 7.1(a))
- (b) Brad Evoy, Disability Justice Network of Ontario (Virtually) (Added Item 7.1(b))
- (c) Tim Nolan, Accessibility Hamilton Alliance (In person) (Added Item 7.1(c))

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

**(i) Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Fare Policies (PW23024(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

Nancy Purser, Manager - Transit Support Services, addressed Committee respecting Report PW23024(b), Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Fare Policies, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

The presentation from Nancy Purser, Manager - Transit Support Services, respecting Report PW23024(b), Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) Fare Policies, was received.

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

**(h) PUBLIC HEARINGS (Item 10)**

**(i) Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Assumed Alleyway Abutting 830 Barton Street East, Hamilton (PW24063) (Ward 3) (Item 10.1)**

Councillor Spadafora advised that the notice of the Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Assumed Alleyway Abutting 830 Barton Street East, Hamilton, was provided as required under the City's By-law No. 14-204 – the Sale of Land Policy By-law.

The Committee Clerk advised that there were no registered speakers.

The Chair asked three times if there were any members of the public in attendance who wished to come forward to speak to the matter. No individuals came forward.

- (1)** The public meeting closed.

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

**(i) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 11)**

**(i) Service Level Change for Hanging Basket Program (PW24064) (City Wide) (Item 11.1)**

The following Motion was DEFEATED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton's Hanging Basket Program, identified in Report PW24064, be paused for the entirety of the 2025 season;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton's Horticultural Section complete a full review of the Hanging Basket Program, identified in Report PW24064, to address safety concerns, identify resource efficiencies, and increase alignment with the City of Hamilton Biodiversity Action Plan and Climate Action Strategy;
- (c) That the staff review include the review of relevant existing Business Improvement Area (BIA) agreements to standardize services and costs;
- (d) That the Hanging Basket Program budget for contracted services, allocated to the Environmental Services Division - Forestry and Horticulture Section operating budget, Dept ID 446021 - 55916 - Enhanced Streetscaping, \$145,400, be identified as a one-time cost-savings for the 2025 Budget; and
- (e) That staff report back with a summary of recommendations (b) and (c) in Report PW24064 and provide recommendations for the future administration of the City of Hamilton's Hanging Basket Program identified in Report PW24064.

**(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) York Boulevard/Wilson Street and James Street North Safety Review and Signalized Intersection Safety Enhancements (Ward 2, City-Wide) (Item 14.1(a)(a))  
Added: October 2, 2023  
Addressed as Item 9.1 on today's agenda
  - (ii) Accessible Transportation Services Policy Review (Item 14.1(a)(b))  
Added: February 3, 2021  
Addressed as Item 9.3 on today's agenda

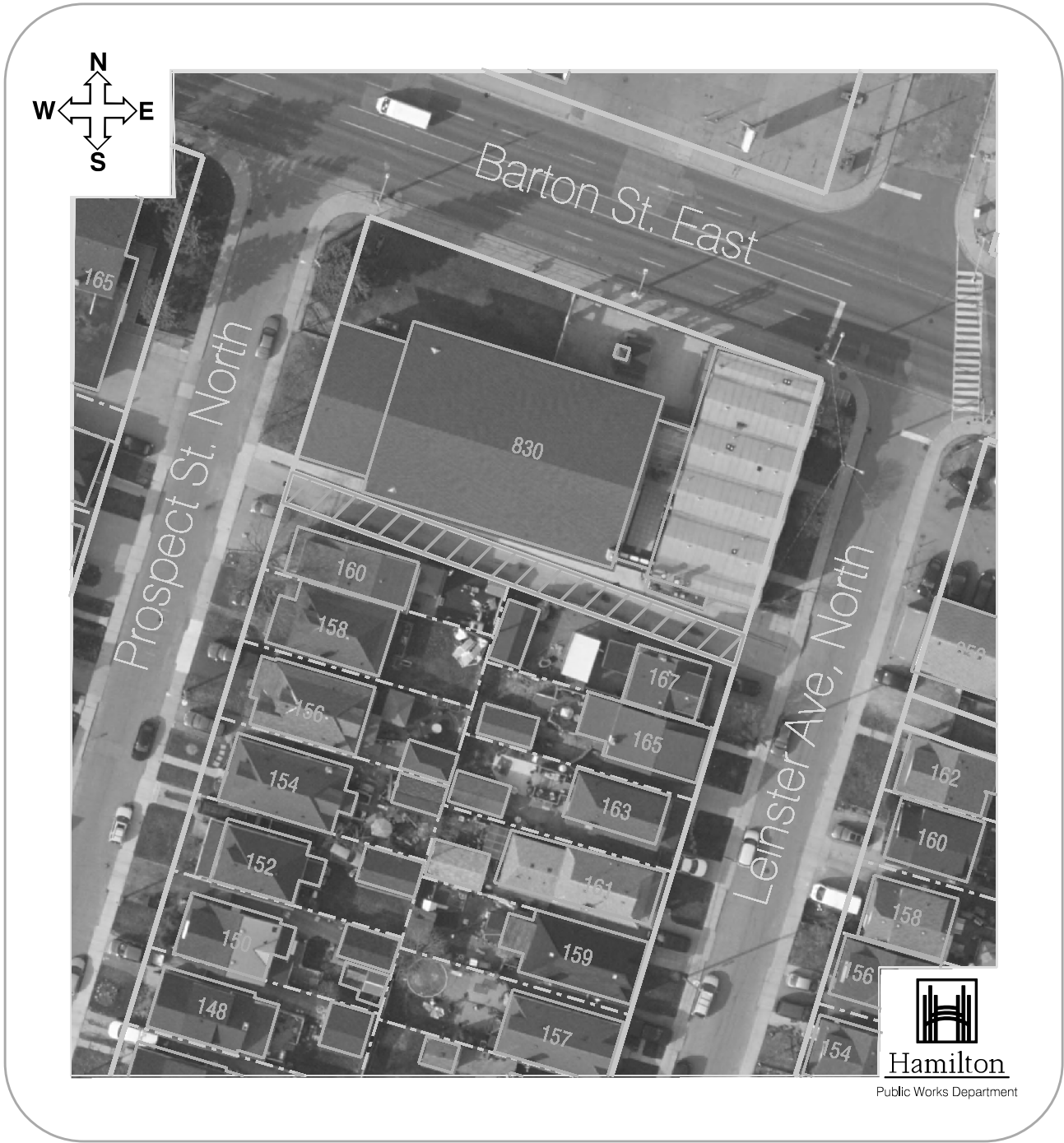
**(k) ADJOURNMENT (Item 16)**

There being no further business, the Public Works Committee meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor M. Spadafora, Chair,  
Public Works Committee

Carrie McIntosh  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk



**AERIAL DRAWING**

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF  
 ASSUMED ALLEY ABUTTING

**830 Barton Street East,  
 Hamilton**

CITY OF HAMILTON  
 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**LEGEND**



**SUBJECT LANDS**

DATE: 04/25/2024

Not to Scale

Sketch By: LLF

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