

# SPECIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES PLC 25-009

9:30 a.m.

June 25, 2025 Council Chambers (Hybrid) and Room 264, City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

Present:	Councillors T. Hwang (Chair), M. Tadeson (Vice-Chair), J. Beattie (virtual), C. Cassar, M. Francis (virtual), C. Kroetsch, N. Nann, T. McMeekin, E. Pauls, A. Wilson (virtual), M. Wilson
Also in	Mayor A. Horwath (virtual), Councillors B. Clark, T. Jackson (virtual),
Attendance:	M. Spadafora

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair T. Hwang called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

# 2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

There were no ceremonial activities.

# 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item 6.1, Delegations respecting Urban Boundary Expansion, was moved to be heard under Public Hearings before Item 8.1.

# (Kroetsch/Tadeson)

That the agenda for the June 25, 2025 Special Planning Committee meeting, be approved, as amended.

# Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 0, as follows:

YES – Ward 1 Councillor M. Wilson YES – Ward 2 Councillor C. Kroetsch YES – Ward 3 Councillor N. Nann YES – Ward 4 Councillor T. Hwang YES – Ward 5 Councillor M. Francis YES – Ward 7 Councillor E. Pauls NOT PRESENT – Ward 10 Councillor J. Beattie

YES – Ward 11 Councillor M. Tadeson

YES – Ward 12 Councillor C. Cassar

YES – Ward 13 Councillor A. Wilson

YES – Ward 15 Councillor T. McMeekin

#### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

# 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING None.

#### 6. **DELEGATIONS**

The Delegations were moved to be heard under Public Hearings.

#### 7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

# 7.1 How We Got to the Stage of Urban Boundary Expansion Applications and the June 25th Public Meeting

Dave Heyworth, Director & Senior Advisor Strategic Growth, addressed the Committee respecting How We Got to the Stage of Urban Boundary Expansion Applications and the June 25th Public Meeting, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

#### (a) (Nann/McMeekin)

That the staff presentation from Dave Heyworth, Director & Senior Advisor Strategic Growth, respecting How We Got to the Stage of Urban Boundary Expansion Applications and the June 25th Public Meeting, be received.

#### CARRIED

# 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

In accordance with the *Planning Act*, Chair T. Hwang advised those viewing the meeting that the public had been advised of how to pre-register to be a delegate at the Public Meetings on today's agenda.

The Chair stated that if a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of Council, City of Hamilton to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Hamilton before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

The Chair additionally advised that if a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Hamilton before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added

as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

# 6.1 Various Delegations respecting Urban Boundary Expansion

The following Delegations addressed the Committee respecting Urban Boundary Expansion:

(i) Mike Collins-Williams, West End Home Builders' Association (inperson)

The Committee recessed from 10:20 a.m. to 10:45 a.m and continued the meeting in Room 264.

- (ii) Greg Dunnett, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce (in-person)
- (iii) Mike Moffatt (virtual)
- (iv) Nicolas von Bredow, Cornerstone Association of Realtors (prerecorded)
- (v) Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton (in-person)
- (vi) Phil Pothen, Environmental Defence (virtual)
- (vii) Miriam Sager (in-person)
- (viii) Kelly Pearce (virtual)
- (ix) Joan MacNeil (in-person)
- (x) Don McLean (virtual)

# (M. Wilson/Cassar)

That the following Delegations and Written Submissions respecting Urban Boundary Expansion, be received:

- (a) Delegations:
  - (i) Mike Collins-Williams, West End Home Builders' Association Opposed (to staff reports)
  - (ii) Greg Dunnett, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce Opposed (to staff reports)
  - (iii) Mike Moffatt Opposed (to staff reports)
  - (iv) Nicolas von Bredow, Cornerstone Association of Realtors -Opposed (to staff reports)
  - (v) Ian Borsuk, Environment Hamilton In favour of the staff reports
  - (vi) Phil Pothen, Environmental Defence In favour of the staff reports
  - (vii) Miriam Sager In favour of the staff reports
  - (viii) Kelly Pearce In favour of the staff reports
  - (ix) Joan MacNeil In favour of the staff reports
  - (x) Don McLean In favour of the staff reports
- (b) Written Submissions:

- (i) Anne Gabrielle Walker In favour of staff reports
- (ii) David and Carol Moffatt In favour of staff reports
- (iii) Elizabeth Kata In favour of staff reports
- (iv) Jaime Anderson In favour of staff reports
- (v) Lara Stewart-Panko In favour of staff reports
- (vi) Maureen Arnold and Pierre Arnold In favour of staff reports
- (vii) Melissa Smith In favour of staff reports
- (viii) Michael Howie In favour of staff reports
- (ix) Paula Grove In favour of staff reports
- (x) Ruth Frager In favour of staff reports
- (xi) Sarah Jenner In favour of staff reports
- (xii) Seth Floyd In favour of staff reports
- (xiii) Suzanne Zandbergen In favour of staff reports
- (xiv) Josh Mitchell In favour of staff reports
- (xv) Robin Cameron In favour of staff reports
- (xvi) Liz Koblyk In favour of staff reports
- (xvii) Gus Mihailovich In favour of staff reports
- (xviii) Michel Proulx In favour of staff reports
- (xix) Megan Saunders In favour of staff reports
- (xx) Travis Kroeker and Grace Kehler In favour of staff reports
- (xxi) Nonni ller In favour of staff reports
- (xxii) Susan Wortman In favour of staff reports
- (xxiii) Sushant Tare and Aparna Rao In favour of staff reports
- (xxiv) Nicole Doro In favour of staff reports
- (xxv) Erica Hall In favour of staff reports
- (xxvi) Robert Craig Opposed (to staff report)
- (xxvii) Jennifer Henderson In favour of staff reports
- (xxviii) Dino Di Sabatino, DCM INC. Opposed (to staff report)
- (xxix) Elizabeth Knight In favour of staff reports
- (xxx) David Lloyd In favour of staff reports
- (xxxi) Ethan Patterson In favour of staff reports
- (xxxii) Daniel Quaglia In favour of staff reports
- (xxxiii) Laura Katz In favour of staff reports
- (xxxiv) Jen Baker In favour of staff reports
- (xxxv) Muhammad Almas Anjum and Hina Shakir In favour of staff reports
- (xxxvi) Neal Bonnor In favour of staff reports
- (xxxvii) Marco DeGirolamo, Deville Electrical Group Opposed (to staff report)
- (xxxviii) Keisha Neoma Quinn In favour of staff reports
- (xxxix) Vince Vigliatore, Bolton Railings Opposed (to staff report)
- (xl) Nick DeLuca, Deluca Plumbing Opposed (to staff report)
- (xli) Jeff Hewatt, JeldWen Windows Opposed (to staff report)
- (xlii) Cynthia Meyer In favour of staff reports
- (xliii) Heather Yoell In favour of staff reports
- (xliv) Margaret Tremblay In favour of staff reports
- (xlv) Jonathan Dushoff In favour of staff reports

- (xlvi) Scott Johnson In favour of staff reports
- (xlvii) Denise Heddle In favour of staff reports
- (xlviii) Peter Appleton In favour of staff reports
- (xlix) Katie Krelove, Wilderness Committee In favour of staff reports
- (I) Rose Janson In favour of staff reports
- (lí) Steve Chalastra In favour of staff reports
- (lii) Brian McHattie In favour of staff reports
- (liii) Brian Wylie and Nancy Wylie In favour of staff reports
- (liv) James Quinn In favour of staff reports
- (Iv) Sharon Hall In favour of staff reports
- (lvi) Deborah Boyd In favour of staff reports
- (Ivii) Michelle Spoelstra, Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture In favour of staff reports
- (Iviii) Yinze Xu In favour of staff reports
- (Ivix) TJ Rinomato, Torino Drywall Inc Opposed (to staff report)
- (Ix) Leanne Grieves In favour of staff reports
- (lxi) Glenn Fletcher In favour of staff reports
- (Ixii) Denise Baker, WeirFoulds LLP on behalf of Carmen Chiaravalle and the Twenty Road East Landowners Group – Concerns with the application
- (Ixiii) Mary Love In favour of staff reports
- (Ixiv) Caroline Hill Smith In favour of staff reports
- (Ixv) Marwan Murad In favour of staff reports
- (Ixvi) Chris Slye In favour of staff reports
- (Ixvii) Joshua Weresch In favour of staff reports
- (Ixviii) Michelle Tom In favour of staff reports
- (Ixix) Paul Flude In favour of staff reports
- (Ixx) Becky Ellis In favour of staff reports
- (Ixxi) Mike Majcher In favour of staff reports
- (Ixxii) Sonia Sanhueza, Seniors for Climate Action Now In favour of staff reports
- (Ixxiii) Jonathan Scholtens In favour of staff reports
- (Ixxiv) Randy Kay In favour of staff reports
- (Ixxv) Brittany Lauton In favour of staff reports
- (Ixxvi) Chris Cardey and Theresa Cardey In favour of staff reports
- (Ixxvii) Terri Willert In favour of staff reports
- (Ixxviii) Lyn Folkes In favour of staff reports
- (Ixxix) Alysa De Bellis In favour of staff reports
- (Ixxx) Olivia O'Connor, ACORN Hamilton In favour of staff reports

CARRIED

The Committee recessed at 1:00 p.m., and reconvened at 1:33 p.m.

#### 8.1 PED25180

# Official Plan Amendment to Expand the Urban Boundary to Include the White Church Lands (Ward 11)

Dave Heyworth, Director & Senior Advisor Strategic Growth, addressed the Committee respecting Official Plan Amendment to Expand the Urban Boundary to Include the White Church Lands (Ward 11), with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

# (a) (Cassar/Tadeson)

That the staff presentation from Dave Heyworth, Director & Senior Advisor Strategic Growth, respecting Official Plan Amendment to Expand the Urban Boundary to Include the White Church Lands (Ward 11), be received.

# CARRIED

Patrick Harrington with Aird & Berlis LLP, addressed the Committee and indicated they were not in support of the staff report.

# (b) (Tadeson/Kroetsch)

That the presentation from Patrick Harrington with Aird & Berlis LLP, be received.

# CARRIED

Chair Hwang called three times for public delegations and no one came forward.

# (c) (Nann/Kroetsch)

- (a) That the following public submissions were received and considered by the Committee; and,
  - (1) Written Submissions:
    - (i) Frank Deriet In favour of staff report
    - (ii) Megan DeVries, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation – Concerns with the application
- (b) That the public meeting be closed.

# **Result:** Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

- YES Ward 1 Councillor M. Wilson
- YES Ward 2 Councillor C. Kroetsch
- YES Ward 3 Councillor N. Nann
- YES Ward 4 Councillor T. Hwang
- YES Ward 5 Councillor M. Francis
- YES Ward 7 Councillor E. Pauls
- YES Ward 10 Councillor J. Beattie
- YES Ward 11 Councillor M. Tadeson
- YES Ward 12 Councillor C. Cassar
- YES Ward 13 Councillor A. Wilson
- YES Ward 15 Councillor T. McMeekin

# (d) (Tadeson/Cassar)

That Report PED25180, dated June 25, 2025, respecting Official Plan Amendment to Expand the Urban Boundary to Include the White Church Lands (Ward 11), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment Application UHOPA-25-004 by Urban Solutions Planning & Land Development Consultants Inc., on behalf of the Whitechurch Landowners Group Inc., for the lands shown in Appendix A to Report PED25180, to add the lands to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan to provide for an expansion of the City of Hamilton's Urban area and to establish a site-specific policy for the White Church Urban Expansion Area, **BE DENIED** on the following basis:
  - (i) The application is not consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement (2024); and,
  - (ii) does not align with the general intent of the Urban Hamilton Official Plan, as it has not been demonstrated that the development would be supported by sufficient existing or planned infrastructure and public service facilities, would be fiscally sustainable to 2051, would support the Council directed growth strategy for a firm urban boundary, would protect agricultural lands and natural heritage features, or would minimize climate impacts.
- (b) That Rural Hamilton Official Plan Amendment Application RHOPA-25-005 by Urban Solutions Planning & Land Development Consultants Inc., on behalf of the Whitechurch Landowners Group Inc., for the lands shown in Appendix A to Report PED25180, to remove the White Church lands from the applicable mapping and policies of the Rural Hamilton Official Plan, **BE DENIED** on the following basis:
  - (i) The application is not consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement (2024); and,
  - (ii) does not align with the general intent of the Rural Hamilton Official Plan, as it has not been demonstrated that the development would support the Council directed growth strategy for a firm urban boundary, would protect agricultural lands and natural heritage features, or would minimize climate impacts.

#### **Result:** Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

- YES Ward 1 Councillor M. Wilson
- YES Ward 2 Councillor C. Kroetsch
- YES Ward 3 Councillor N. Nann
- YES Ward 4 Councillor T. Hwang
- YES Ward 5 Councillor M. Francis
- YES Ward 7 Councillor E. Pauls
- YES Ward 10 Councillor J. Beattie
- YES Ward 11 Councillor M. Tadeson
- YES Ward 12 Councillor C. Cassar
- YES Ward 13 Councillor A. Wilson
- YES Ward 15 Councillor T. McMeekin

#### 8.2 PED25179

# Official Plan Amendment to Expand the Urban Boundary to Include the Elfrida Lands (Wards 9 and 11)

Dave Heyworth, Director & Senior Advisor Strategic Growth, addressed the Committee respecting A Official Plan Amendment to Expand the Urban Boundary to Include the Elfrida Lands (Wards 9 and 11), with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

#### (a) (Tadeson/Nann)

That the staff presentation from Dave Heyworth, Director & Senior Advisor Strategic Growth, respecting Official Plan Amendment to Expand the Urban Boundary to Include the Elfrida Lands (Wards 9 and 11), be received.

#### CARRIED

#### (Tadeson/McMeekin)

That the Delegation from David Falletta with Bousfields Inc. and Joe Hoffman with Goodmans LLP be extended to ten minutes.

#### **Result:** Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

- YES Ward 1 Councillor M. Wilson
- YES Ward 2 Councillor C. Kroetsch
- YES Ward 3 Councillor N. Nann
- YES Ward 4 Councillor T. Hwang
- YES Ward 5 Councillor M. Francis
- YES Ward 7 Councillor E. Pauls
- YES Ward 10 Councillor J. Beattie
- YES Ward 11 Councillor M. Tadeson
- YES Ward 12 Councillor C. Cassar
- YES Ward 13 Councillor A. Wilson
- YES Ward 15 Councillor T. McMeekin

David Falletta with Bousfields Inc. and Joe Hoffman with Goodmans LLP, addressed the Committee and indicated they were not in support of the staff report.

# (b) (Tadeson/McMeekin)

That the presentation from David Falletta with Bousfields Inc. and Joe Hoffman with Goodmans LLP, be received.

# CARRIED

Chair Hwang called three times for public delegations and no one came forward.

# (c) (McMeekin/Tadeson)

- (a) That the public submissions were received and considered by the Committee; and,
  - (1) Written Submissions:
    - (i) Ray Rocci, 2084696 Ontario Inc. Opposed (to staff report)
    - (ii) Ralph Di Cenzo, Landtek Limited Opposed (to staff report)
    - (iii) Vince Cardinali, Cardi Construction Limited -Opposed (to staff report)
    - (iv) Peter Oddi Opposed (to staff report)
    - (v) Lewis Morelli, Weld-Tech Products Inc. -Opposed (to staff report)
    - (vi) Nando De Caria, Desozio Homes Limited Opposed (to staff report)
    - (vii) Philip Kuca Opposed (to staff report)
    - (viii) Jordan McCarter, TBD Advisors Inc. Opposed (to staff report)
    - (ix) Paul Castellan Concerns
    - (x) Paul Mariutti, Blair Blanchard Stapleton Limited -Opposed (to staff report)
    - (xi) Steven Zecchin, Emco Corporation Opposed (to staff report)
    - (xii) Nelson Cabral, Form and Build Supply Inc. -Opposed (to staff report)
    - (xiii) Marco Marchionda, Marcasa Homes Inc. In favour of staff report
    - (xiv) Dino Di Sabatino, DCM Inc. Opposed (to staff report)
    - (xv) George Shomali, EJS Engineering Inc.- Opposed (to staff report)
    - (xvi) Sophia Gambale Opposed (to staff report)
    - (xvii) Jon Wagner, Turkstra Lumber Opposed (to staff report)

- (xviii) Anthony Sciore, Harper's Landscpae and Supplies - Opposed (to staff report)
- (xix) Megan DeVries, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation – Concerns with the application
- (xx) Dave Stala, Stala Building Solutions Opposed (to staff report)
- (xxi) John Fazari, The Bamco Group Opposed (to staff report)
- (xxii) Dan Drori, Wyse Meter Group Opposed (to staff report)
- (xxiii) Lisa Gambale and Rico Gambale Opposed (to staff report)
- (xxiv) Mike Nardi, Nardi Electric Inc Opposed (to staff report)
- (xxv) Christian Rinomato, Country Homes Ltd. -Opposed (to staff report)
- (xxvi) Frank Zoccoli, Stone Castle Realty Opposed (to staff report)
- (xxvii) Ernie Rinomato, Country Homes Ltd. Opposed (to staff report)
- (xxviii) Stephen Gayowsky, RTG Systems Inc. -Opposed (to staff report)
- (xxix) Tim McCabe Opposed (to staff report)
- (xxx) Ashley Huckerby, McConnell Plumbing and Heating Ltd. Opposed (to staff report)
- (xxxi) Denise McConnell, McConnell Plumbing and Heating Ltd. - Opposed (to staff report)
- (xxxii) Jim McConnell, McConnell Plumbing and Heating Ltd. - Opposed (to staff report)
- (xxxiii) Ann McConnell, McConnell Plumbing and Heating Ltd. - Opposed (to staff report)
- (xxxiv) James McConnell, McConnell Plumbing and Heating Ltd. - Opposed (to staff report)
- (xxxv) Tina Greer, McConnell Plumbing and Heating Ltd. - Opposed (to staff report)
- (xxxvi) Nicolas Calancea, McConnell Plumbing and Heating Ltd. - Opposed (to staff report)
- (xxxvii) Matthew De Gooyer, McConnell Plumbing and Heating Ltd. - Opposed (to staff report)
- (xxxviii) Marcus McConnell, McConnell Plumbing and Heating Ltd. - Opposed (to staff report)
- (xxxix) Mike McMahon, McConnell Plumbing and Heating Ltd. - Opposed (to staff report)
- (xl) John Laking, McConnell Plumbing and Heating Ltd. - Opposed (to staff report)
- (xli) Brad Clarke, A.J. Clarke and Associates Ltd. -Opposed (to staff report)
- (xlii) Raymond Lee Opposed (to staff report)

- (xliii) David Dennis, KSL Industrial Supply Inc. -Opposed (to staff report)
- (xliv) Gerrie Loveys In favour of staff report
- (xlv) Ken Rodrigues, Great White Wall Systems Ltd. -Opposed (to staff report)
- (xlvi) Tom Fiore, Glorious Exteriors Opposed (to staff report)
- (xlvii) Laszlo Kormos, Great White Wall Systems Ltd. -Opposed (to staff report)
- (xlviii) Nader Ibied, JMR EFIS Wall Systems Opposed (to staff report)
- (xlix) Elliot Hudecki, EJH Solutions Inc. Opposed (to staff report)
- (b) That the public meeting be closed.

#### **Result:** Motion CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

- YES Ward 1 Councillor M. Wilson
- YES Ward 2 Councillor C. Kroetsch
- YES Ward 3 Councillor N. Nann
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- YES Ward 5 Councillor M. Francis
- YES Ward 7 Councillor E. Pauls
- YES Ward 10 Councillor J. Beattie
- YES Ward 11 Councillor M. Tadeson
- YES Ward 12 Councillor C. Cassar
- YES Ward 13 Councillor A. Wilson
- YES Ward 15 Councillor T. McMeekin

# (d) (Tadeson/Nann)

That Report PED25179, dated June 25, 2025, respecting Official Plan Amendment to Expand the Urban Boundary to Include the Elfrida Lands (Wards 9 and 11), be received, and the following recommendations be approved:

 (a) That Urban Hamilton Official Plan Amendment Application UHOPA-25-007 by Bousfields Inc., on behalf of the Elfrida Community Builders Group Inc., for the lands shown in Appendix A to Report PED25179, to add the subject lands to the Urban Hamilton Official Plan to provide for an expansion of the City of Hamilton's Urban area and to designate the majority of the Elfrida Lands 'Urban Expansion Areas – Neighbourhoods' and the balance 'Urban Expansion Area'; to establish the requirement for the preparation of a Secondary Plan prior to any urban development; and, to provide policies that permit only currently existing land uses and expansions thereto and those planned through Rural Site Specific Area 21, **BE DENIED** on the following basis:

- (i) The application is not consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement (2024); and,
- (ii) does not align with the general intent of the Urban Hamilton Official Plan, as it has not been demonstrated that the development would be supported by sufficient existing or planned infrastructure and public service facilities, would be fiscally sustainable to 2051, would support the Council directed growth strategy for a firm urban boundary, would protect agricultural lands and natural heritage features, or would minimize climate impacts.
- (b) That Rural Hamilton Official Plan Amendment Application RHOPA-25-008 by Bousfields Inc., on behalf of the Elfrida Community Builders Group Inc., for the lands shown in Appendix A to Report PED25179, to remove the Elfrida lands from the applicable mapping and policies of the Rural Hamilton Official Plan, except for the site-specific mapping and policies of Rural Site Specific Area 21 as they relate to establishing permitted uses, **BE DENIED** on the following basis:
  - (i) The application is not consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement (2024); and,
  - (ii) does not align with the general intent of the Rural Hamilton Official Plan, as it has not been demonstrated that the development would support the Council directed growth strategy for a firm urban boundary, protect agricultural lands and natural heritage features, and minimize climate impacts.

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- YES Ward 15 Councillor T. McMeekin

#### 10. MOTIONS

There were no Motions.

#### 11. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion.

#### 12. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

There were no Private and Confidential items.

#### 13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Planning Committee adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kelsey Legislative Coordinator Office of the City Clerk Councillor T. Hwang, Chair, Planning Committee