

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES PWC 25-008

1:30 p.m. July 7, 2025 Council Chambers (Hybrid), City Hall, 2nd Floor 71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pauls called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

2.1 City of Hamilton Recognized as a Leader in Waste Education

Chair Pauls advised that the City of Hamilton was recognized for waste promotion and education at the Municipal Waste Association's Spring Workshop on May 28, 2025. The Municipal Waste Association Promotion and Education Awards are granted each year to municipalities that display exceptional creativity and ingenuity in educating residents about waste. The City of Hamilton received a Gold Award for wrapping four glutton sidewalk vacuums to resemble a raccoon, skunk, turtle and blue jay. Educating residents about waste is a key factor in having a successful waste management program in Hamilton, which in turn protects the environment and our community. Congratulations to the Waste Management Team on being recognized for this fun initiative.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Hwang/Cassar)

That the agenda for the July 7, 2025, Public Works Committee meeting, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hwang declared a disqualifying interest to Item 9.4 respecting Report PW25046, Recycling Service for Non-Eligible Properties Beginning January 1, 2026 (City Wide), as her small business is within a BIA area that may be impacted by Committee's direction.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 June 9, 2025

(Jackson/Cassar)

That the minutes of the June 9, 2025, Public Works Committee, be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

6. **DELEGATIONS**

6.1 Walter Clement respecting speaking on behalf of the blind to return to free HSR travel

Walter Clement addressed the Committee on behalf of the blind respecting the return of free HSR travel for the blind.

6.2 Delegations respecting Municipal Resolution to Support the Need for Provincial Action on Salt Pollution from Road Salt (Item 10.5)

The following delegates addressed the Committee respecting Municipal Resolution to Support the Need for Provincial Action on Salt Pollution from Road Salt (Item 10.5):

- (a) Joe Salemi, Landscape Ontario
- (b) Caroline Hill Smith, Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition

(Spadafora/Jackson)

That the following Delegations, be received:

- 6.1 Walter Clement respecting speaking on behalf of the blind to return to free HSR travel
- 6.2 Delegations respecting Municipal Resolution to Support the Need for Provincial Action on Salt Pollution from Road Salt (Item 10.5):
 - (a) Joe Salemi, Landscape Ontario
 - (b) Caroline Hill Smith, Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition

CARRIED

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

There were no Items for Information.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 PW25043

Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Public Road Allowances Abutting 95 Dundurn Street South, Hamilton (Ward 1)

Councillor Pauls advised that the notice of the Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Public Road Allowances Abutting 95 Dundurn Street South, Hamilton (Ward 1) 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.

(M. Wilson/Tadeson)

- (a) That the following Written Delegations be received; and
 - (i) Peter Vander Klippe
 - (ii) Sacajawea Non-Profit Housing Inc.
- (b) That the Public Meeting be closed.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

- Not Present Mayor Andrea Horwath
- Yes Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
- Yes Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- Yes Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- Yes Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- Yes Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- Yes Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- Yes Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- Yes Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- Yes Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- Yes Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- Yes Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- Yes Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- Yes Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(M. Wilson/Hwang)

That Report PW25043, dated July 7, 2025, respecting Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Public Road Allowances Abutting 95 Dundurn Street South, Hamilton (Ward 1), be received and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That the joint application of the owner of 95 Dundurn Street South, Hamilton, to permanently close and purchase a portion of the road allowances abutting the southern and western sides of 95 Dundurn Street South, Hamilton ("Subject Lands"), as shown on Appendix "A", attached to Report PW25043, BE APPROVED, subject to the following conditions:
 - That the City Solicitor BE AUTHORIZED and DIRECTED to prepare all necessary by-laws to permanently close and sell the highway, in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001*, for enactment by Council;
 - (ii) 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 95 Dundurn Street South, Hamilton, as described in Report PW25043, in accordance with the City of Hamilton Sale of Land Policy By-law 14-204;
 - (iii) The City Solicitor BE AUTHORIZED to complete the transfer of the Subject Lands to the owner of 95 Dundurn Street South, 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;
 - (iv) That the City Solicitor BE AUTHORIZED and DIRECTED to register a certified copy of the by-law(s) permanently closing and selling the highway in the proper Land Registry Office;
 - (v) That the City Solicitor BE AUTHORIZED to amend and waive such terms as they consider reasonable to give effect to this authorization and direction;
 - (vi) That the Public Works Department BE REQUIRED to publish a notice of the City's intention to pass the by-laws and/or permanently sell the closed highway pursuant to the City of Hamilton Sale of Land Policy By-law 14-204;

(vii) 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.

(M. Wilson/Hwang)

That Report PW25043 respecting Proposed Permanent Closure and Sale of a Portion of Public Road Allowances Abutting 95 Dundurn Street South, Hamilton (Ward 1), be **amended**, by striking the words "*in accordance with the City of Hamilton Sale of Land Policy By-law 14-204*" from recommendation (a)(ii) and adding "*for nominal consideration of \$2.00 to support the development of affordable and supportive housing*" to read as follows:

(ii) 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 95 Dundurn Street South, Hamilton, as described in Report PW25043, *in accordance with the City of Hamilton Sale of Land Policy By-law 14-204 for nominal consideration of \$2.00 to support the development of affordable and supportive housing;*

Result: Amendment CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

- Yes Mayor Andrea Horwath
- Yes Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
- Yes Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- Yes Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- Yes Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- Yes Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- Yes Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- Yes Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- Yes Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- Not Present Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- Yes Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- Yes Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- Yes Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- Yes Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

Result: Main MOTION, *As Amended,* CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

- Yes Mayor Andrea Horwath
- Yes Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
- Yes Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- Yes Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- Yes Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- Yes Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- Yes Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- Yes Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- Yes Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
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- Yes Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- Yes Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- Yes Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- Yes Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

9. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

9.1 PW25042

Wentworth Street North 30 km/h Speed Limit Reduction Pilot (Ward 3)

(Nann/Hwang)

That Report PW25042, dated July 7, 2025, respecting Wentworth Street North 30 km/h Speed Limit Reduction Pilot (Ward 3), be received and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That the reduced speed limit of 30 km/h on Wentworth Street North, between Bristol Street and Cannon Street East, BE APPROVED to remain in place to allow for the collection of additional speed and collision data;
- (b) That the Transportation Division BE DIRECTED to explore opportunities to implement additional speed management measures based on findings from the Transportation Association of Canada arterial and collector road speed limit project; and
- (c) That the Transportation Division BE DIRECTED to report back to the Public Works Committee at a future meeting on the results of the implementation of additional measures on Wentworth Street North, between Bristol Street and Cannon Street East, in Q4 of 2026.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

Yes – Mayor Andrea Horwath

Yes – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Yes – Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch

Yes – Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann Yes – Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang Yes – Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis Yes – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson Yes – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie Not Present – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar Yes – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson Yes – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

9.2 PW25047

Sherman Cut Steel Wall Replacement and Road Resurfacing -Request for Additional Funding (Wards 3 and 7)

(Jackson/Spadafora)

That Report PW25047, dated July 7, 2025, respecting Sherman Cut Steel Wall Replacement and Road Resurfacing - Request for Additional Funding (Wards 3 and 7), be received and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That an additional \$750,000 in capital funding BE APPROVED for the Sherman Cut Steel Wall replacement and road resurfacing project to meet the revised total construction estimate of \$4,600,000; and
- (b) That the General Manager, Public Works, or designate, BE AUTHORIZED to appropriate the additional funds from project Bridge 108 - Indian Trail, 1025m w/o Lynden Rd (4031818108) and Contaminated Soil & Rock Disposal Program (4032314405) to the Sherman Cut Steel Wall Replacement (4032417945) to support the tender of this project in 2025.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 13 to 0, as follows:

- Yes Mayor Andrea Horwath
- Yes Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
- Yes Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- Yes Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- Yes Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- Yes Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- Yes Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- Yes Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- Yes Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- Yes Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- Yes Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- Yes Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson

Yes – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora Not Present – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

9.3 PW25048 T.B. McQuesten Park Donations (Ward 7)

(M. Wilson/Pauls)

That Report PW25048, dated July 7, 2025, respecting T.B. McQuesten Park Donations (Ward 7), be received and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That staff BE DIRECTED to negotiate a Donation Agreement with Kyle Scott, carrying on business as Tri"us" Asphalt and Property Maintenance, for the acceptance of the in-kind donation to seal the asphalt surface of the Courts and complete line painting of the basketball court in completion of the Phase 1 work at T. B. McQuesten Park;
- (b) That the staff BE DIRECTED to work with Fengate Community Foundation Fund at Hamilton Community Foundation to coordinate and receive the donation for the Phase 2 work of redevelopment of an outdoor basketball court at T.B. McQuesten Park located at 1199 Upper Wentworth Street, Hamilton at a value of \$49,100 be added to the existing Project ID 4400054699 – Tennis and Multiuse Court Rehabilitation Program;
- (c) That staff BE DIRECTED to prepare a Donation Agreement and that the General Manager of Public Works be authorized to execute the Donation Agreement between Fengate Community Foundation Fund at Hamilton Community Foundation and the City of Hamilton;
- (d) That the Phase 2 redevelopment of the Courts at T.B. McQuesten Park be partially funded from the Ward 7 Capital Re-Investment Reserve #108057 account to an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$330,000 be added to the existing Project ID 4400054699 – Tennis and Multiuse Court Rehabilitation Program; and
- (e) That the General Manager, Public Works, or their designate BE AUTHORIZED to execute the Donation Agreements, together with any other ancillary agreements or documentation respecting the Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects at T.B. McQuesten Park, with content satisfactory to the General Manager, Public Works or their designate, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

Not Present – Mayor Andrea Horwath Yes – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson Yes – Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch Not Present – Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann Yes – Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang Yes – Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis Yes – Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis Yes – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson Yes – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar Yes – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson Yes – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora

Not Present – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

9.4 PW25046

Recycling Service for Non-Eligible Properties Beginning January 1, 2026 (City Wide)

Angela Storey, Director of Waste Management addressed Committee with a presentation respecting Report PW25046, Recycling Service for Non-Eligible Properties Beginning January 1, 2026 (City Wide), with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

(i) (Jackson/Francis)

That Report PW25046, dated July 7, 2025, respecting Recycling Service for Non-Eligible Properties Beginning January 1, 2026 (City Wide), and the accompanying presentation, be received and the following recommendations be approved:

- (a) That staff BE AUTHORIZED, to continue the collection and processing of recyclables from all non-eligible properties that were serviced prior to April 1, 2025, and large special events, for the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026;
- (b) That staff BE AUTHORIZED to fund the first quarter of the program from January 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026, in the amount of \$706,000 from Reserve 112270 – Waste Management Recycling prior to the approval of the 2026 Tax budget;
- (c) That the annual funding requirement for 2026 of \$2,824,000, BE CONSIDERED as part of the 2026 Tax budget, and in alignment with the City's current waste collection contract which expires on March 31, 2029;

- (d) That subject to approval of the extension of the program that staff BE AUTHORIZED to alter the recycling collection schedules for non-eligible properties with collection days recommended by Green For Life Environmental Inc., to allow for more favourable pricing; and
- (e) That staff BE DIRECTED to report back to the Public Works Committee, the costs for continuing the collection and processing of recyclables from non-eligible properties and large special events after the expiration of the current waste collection contract with Green For Life Environmental Inc., following a competitive procurement process.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

Not Present – Mayor Andrea Horwath Yes – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson Yes – Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch Not Present – Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann Conflict – Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang Yes – Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis Yes – Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis Yes – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson Yes – Ward 7 Councillor Tom Jackson Yes – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Mark Tadeson Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Mark Tadeson Yes – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson Yes – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(ii) (McMeekin/Cassar)

That the following Correspondence Items respecting Item 9.4 (PW25046 Recycling Service for Non-Eligible Properties Beginning January 1, 2026 (City Wide), be received:

- (i) BIA Sub-committee
- (ii) Casie FitzGibbon, Ancaster Little Gems Children's Centre

CARRIED

9.5 PW20027(a)

Metrolinx Transit Initiative Program (City Wide)

(Hwang/Kroetsch)

That Report PW20027(a), dated July 7, 2025, respecting Metrolinx Transit Initiative Program (City Wide), be received and the following recommendation be approved:

(a) That Council APPROVE the continued participation of the City of Hamilton in the Metrolinx Transit Procurement Initiative for Joint Transit Procurements facilitated by Metrolinx for the years 2024 to 2029, pursuant to a Metrolinx Multi-Year Governance Agreement and Terms of Reference in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor and content satisfactory to the General Manager, Public Works.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:

Not Present – Mayor Andrea Horwath Yes – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson Yes – Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch Not Present – Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann Yes – Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang Yes – Ward 5 Councillor Tammy Hwang Yes – Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis Yes – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson Yes – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson Yes – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar Yes – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson Yes – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

9.6 Amendments to the Outstanding Business List:

(McMeekin/Spadafora)

That the following Amendment to the Outstanding Business list, be approved:

9.6(a) Items Requiring a New Due Date:

Blue Flag Beach Program (PW23068/BOH22004(b))
 (City Wide)
 Added: November 13, 2023
 Proposed New Due Date: March 2026

9.6(b) Items Considered Complete and Needing to be Removed:

Stormwater Gap Evaluation
 Added: November 23, 2020
 Completed: December 6, 2021 (Report PW21074)

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:

- Not Present Mayor Andrea Horwath
- Yes Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
- Yes Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- Not Present Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- Yes Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- Yes Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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- Yes Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- Yes Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- Yes Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

10. MOTIONS

10.1 Use of Local Steel for Right of Way Signage Posts - *REVISED*

(Francis/Beattie)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has historically used both pressure treated wood and galvanized steel posts for roadway signage such as parking signs, and stop signs.

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, City staff assessed material supply chains impacted such as availability and costs to ensure that levels of service were maintained;

WHEREAS, wooden and steel posts are used for specific applications out in the field;

WHEREAS, wood poles cannot be recycled and must be disposed of at landfills and end-of-life steel posts are highly recyclable, and steel recycling is considered a crucial component of the circular economy; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton has a proud identity as a steel city and has repeatedly emphasized the importance of buying local and supporting local industry, particularly in light of ongoing U.S. tariffs that threaten Canadian steel exports.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to report back to Public Works Committee with a plan that prioritizes Hamilton steel for roadway signage posts, including cost implications.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:

Not Present – Mayor Andrea Horwath Yes – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson Yes – Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch Not Present – Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann Yes – Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang Yes – Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis Yes – Ward 5 Councillor Tom Jackson Yes – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson Yes – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls Yes – Ward 7 Councillor Jeff Beattie Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar Yes – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson Yes – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

10.2 Decorative King Street and Battlefield Drive Traffic Signal Controller Box Wrap (Ward 5)

(Francis/Beattie)

WHEREAS, the intersection of King Street and Battlefield Drive serves as a gateway to downtown Stoney Creek and is adjacent to the Battlefield House Museum and Park National Historic Site;

WHEREAS, the Transportation Division wraps all new traffic signal controller boxes located at intersections with decorative artwork to enhance streetscape aesthetics and help deter graffiti;

WHEREAS, the traffic signal controller boxes in downtown Stoney Creek feature decorative wraps with Stoney Creek themes, including imagery related to the Battle of Stoney Creek; and

WHEREAS, the existing traffic signal controller box at the intersection of King Street and Battlefield Drive does not have a decorative wrap and is not scheduled for replacement for several years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Transportation Division be authorized and directed to install a Stoney Creek–themed decorative wrap on the existing traffic signal controller box at the intersection of King Street and Battlefield Drive;
- (b) That all costs associated with the installation of traffic calming measures be funded through the Ward 5 CP Minor Maintenance Account # 4031911605 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$1,500; 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.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:

Not Present – Mayor Andrea Horwath

- Yes Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
- Yes Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- Not Present Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- Yes Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- Yes Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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- Yes Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
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- Yes Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
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- Yes Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

10.3 City of Hamilton's Corporate Safety & Security Expenditure and Service Delivery Profile

(M. Wilson/Cassar)

WHEREAS, the City's Corporate Safety & Security team was established in 2018 with one staff member and now operates a 24/7/365 city-wide program with eight staff;

WHEREAS, centralized asset and security guard contract management has enabled a coordinated approach to safety and security across City facilities;

WHEREAS, service delivery is based on Security Risk Management best practices, involving stakeholders in decisions that reflect risk tolerance and operational needs;

WHEREAS, demand for security services has grown significantly, with 2024 alone seeing 850 incident investigations, 40,000 patrols, and 315,235 hours of contracted security service (equal to 152 FTEs);

WHEREAS, the City manages over 5,000 security infrastructure assets valued at approximately \$2 million, requiring planned life cycle management and renewal;

WHEREAS, other municipalities have also expanded their internal and community safety programs; and

WHEREAS, transparent reporting on the scale, cost, and impact of corporate security is essential for informed decision-making by Council.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Corporate Safety & Security Office provide enhancements to their Annual Report, expected in Q3/Q4 2025, to include:
 - A breakdown of the current service delivery program, including total annual investments (both operating and capital), with a specific breakdown for City Hall expenditures; analysis of the return on investment and effectiveness of current investments; future programming forecasts (needs and growth); and metrics and key performance indicators (KPIs) used to assess program performance and outcomes across corporate and communityfacing assets;
 - A summary of the factors driving increased demand for the Corporate Safety & Security program city-wide, including trends in incident volume, incident reporting methods, the evolving risk landscape, the identification of external pressures and their impacts on the safety and security of the City's municipal service delivery;
 - (iii) An analysis of the use and impact of formal risk assessments, including facility audits, on the delivery of the corporate security programming, and implications for future budgets; and
 - (iv) A comparative benchmarking of the City's Corporate Safety & Security program scope and structure against similar programs in other Canadian municipalities.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:

Not Present – Mayor Andrea Horwath Yes – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson Yes – Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch

Not Present – Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann Yes – Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang Yes – Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis Yes – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson Yes – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Mark Tadeson Yes – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson Yes – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

10.4 Vehicle Utilization and Fleet Optimization Review - REVISED

(Spadafora/Beattie)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton maintains a significant fleet of vehicles to support the delivery of municipal services;

WHEREAS, the purchase and maintenance of fleet vehicles represent a substantial ongoing cost to the City and contributes to capital and operating budget pressures;

WHEREAS, it is critical to ensure that all vehicles currently in the fleet are being utilized efficiently, shared among staff where feasible, and not sitting idle for prolonged periods;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to report back to the Public Works Committee on the current utilization of fleet vehicles across all departments, including but not limited to:
 - (i) Vehicle usage rates (e.g. kilometers driven, hours in use, frequency of trips);
 - (ii) Opportunities for vehicle sharing between staff and departments;
 - (iii) Identification of underutilized or idle vehicles; and
 - (iv) Recommendations for improving vehicle utilization and deferring or reducing future fleet purchases; and
- (b) That this report be provided in advance of the 2026 Budget deliberations to ensure that any fleet expansion requests are justified and that existing vehicles are being maximized to avoid unnecessary cost pressures.

(c) That the report back also include the number of vehicles that are being taken home by City staff as well as parked at City of Hamilton properties by employees who live in close proximity to City of Hamilton properties.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 12 to 0, as follows:

Not Present – Mayor Andrea Horwath Yes – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson Yes – Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch Not Present – Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann Yes – Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang Yes – Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis Yes – Ward 5 Councillor Tom Jackson Yes – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson Yes – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Mark Tadeson Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Mark Tadeson Yes – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson Yes – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

10.5 Municipal Resolution to Support the Need for Provincial Action on Salt Pollution from Road Salt

(i) (Cassar/A. Wilson)

WHEREAS, road salt is a known toxic substance designated under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act because of tangible threats of serious or irreversible environmental and health damage from road salt;

WHEREAS, salt levels in Ontario's groundwater aquifers, creeks, rivers, and lakes have increasingly worsened since the 1970s, seriously affecting municipal drinking water sources and aquatic life;

WHEREAS, the Corporation of the City of Hamilton has a Salt Management Plan and a Watershed Strategy to mitigate the impacts of non-point source pollution, the extent of harmful blue-green algae continues to grow in the harbour,

WHEREAS, the Ontario and Canadian governments have taken many actions over the past 25 years including setting water quality guidelines, developing voluntary codes of practice, signing the Canada-Ontario Great Lakes Agreement, and holding workshops, yet still the salt problem continues to grow; WHEREAS, numerous situation analyses have recommended salt solutions involving liability protection, contractor certification, government-approved Best Management Practices (BMPs) and salt management plans;

WHEREAS, increased numbers of slips and falls claims, and other injury/collision claims related to snow and ice, are resulting in salt applicators overusing salt beyond levels considered best practices;

WHEREAS, unlimited contractor liability is making it difficult or expensive for snow and ice management contractors to obtain insurance coverage, resulting in contractors leaving the business, thereby making it difficult for municipalities and private owners to find contractors;

WHEREAS, the Snow and Ice Management Sector (SMS) of Landscape Ontario is working with the Ontario government to institute a limited liability regime for snow and ice management, including enforceable contractor training/certification and government approved BMPs for salt application; and

WHEREAS, many Ontario municipalities have Salt Management Plans, but these often require updating in light of improved science and better salt management practices now available.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Corporation of the City of Hamilton urges the province of Ontario to work urgently with key stakeholders to develop limited liability legislation, including enforceable contractor training and a single set of provincially endorsed standard BMPs for snow and ice management;
- (b) That the Corporation of the City of Hamilton urges the province of Ontario to create and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise the province and municipalities on the best courses of action to protect freshwater ecosystems and drinking water from the impacts of salt pollution;
- (c) That the Corporation of the City of Hamilton commits to:
 - a review of the current City of Hamilton Salt
 Management Plan to assess the amount of salt used
 relative to existing policy;
 - (ii) the reduction of the use of road salt with a reexamination of the existing plan; and

- training winter maintenance staff in Smart About SaltTM protocols while maintaining safety on roads and sidewalks; and
- (d) That this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local MPPs, Conservation Ontario, Minister Todd McCarthy (MECP), Attorney General Doug Downey, and Premier Doug Ford.
- (ii) Recommendation (c), was voted on separately, as follows:
 - (c) That the Corporation of the City of Hamilton commits to:
 - a review of the current City of Hamilton Salt Management Plan to assess the amount of salt used relative to existing policy;
 - (ii) the reduction of the use of road salt with a reexamination of the existing plan; and
 - training winter maintenance staff in Smart About SaltTM protocols while maintaining safety on roads and sidewalks; and

Result: MOTION on Recommendation (c), CARRIED by a vote of 10 to 1, as follows:

Not Present – Mayor Andrea Horwath

- Yes Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
- Yes Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
- Not Present Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
- Yes Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
- Yes Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
- No Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson
- Yes Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- Yes Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- Yes Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- Yes Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- Yes Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- Yes Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- Yes Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

Result: MOTION on the balance of Item 10.5, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

Not Present – Mayor Andrea Horwath Yes – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson Yes – Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch

Not Present – Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann Yes – Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang Yes – Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis Yes – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson Yes – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Mark Tadeson Yes – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson Yes – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

Councillor Pauls relinquished the Chair to Councillor Spadafora in order to introduce the following Motion:

10.6 Remembrance Day Crosswalk Design for the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 163 (Wards 6, 7, 8, 14)

(Pauls/Jackson)

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, 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, the Remembrance Day themed decorative crosswalk in Stoney Creek received positive feedback by many and has since been replicated by other municipalities;

WHEREAS, Ward Offices, in collaboration with various Branches of the Royal Canadian Legion across the City of Hamilton, wish to highlight the significance of Remembrance Day through the installation of a commemorative crosswalk honouring the men and women who gave their lives in the First World War; and

WHEREAS, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 163 was consulted with by the Ward Councillor on implementing a Remembrance Day themed decorative crosswalk. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Transportation Division be directed to install a Remembrance Day themed decorative crosswalk, as approved by the Hamilton Veterans Committee on Limeridge Road East from the Legion property limit to across the street to the War Memorial for Remembrance Day 2025;
- (b) That the installation of the Remembrance Day themed decorative crosswalk be funded equally (25% each) from the Ward 6, 7, 8, and 14 Capital Discretionary Accounts (3302309600, 3302309700, 3302309800 and 3302309014) at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$10,000; and that a one-time exception to the Ward Specific Funding Initiatives Policy be approved to permit cost-sharing of this initiative across multiple ward budgets; 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.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

Not Present – Mayor Andrea Horwath

Yes – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Yes – Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch

Not Present – Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

Yes – Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang

Not Present – Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis

Yes – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson

- Yes Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls
- Yes Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie
- Yes Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson
- Yes Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar
- Yes Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson
- Yes Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora
- Yes Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

Councillor Pauls assumed the Chair.

11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

11.1 Portable Toilets in Ward 12 Community Parks

(i) (Cassar/Tadeson)

That the Rules of Order be suspended to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting Portable Toilets in Ward 12 Community Parks

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a 2/3 majority vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

Not Present – Mayor Andrea Horwath Yes – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson Yes – Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch Not Present – Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann Yes – Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang Not Present – Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis Yes – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson Yes – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson Yes – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar Yes – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson Yes – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

(ii) (Cassar/Tadeson)

WHEREAS, Ward 12 community parks are used by multiple user groups for activities including baseball and soccer and by the general public;

WHEREAS, the parks can include features such as a spray pads, baseball diamonds, tennis courts and playground amenities that attract visitors from throughout Ward 12 and outlying communities who would benefit from washroom facilities; and

WHEREAS, additional funding for the rental and cleaning of accessible portable toilet(s) for the 2025 season through to September 2025, is required.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the provision of a portable toilet at each of Meadowlands Community Park (160 Meadowlands Boulevard), Amberly Park (284 Nakoma Road) and James Smith Park (50 Braithwaite Avenue) for the remainder of the summer season (July-September) of 2025, to be funded from the Ward 12 Non-Property Tax Revenue Account #3301609612, at an upset limit including contingency not to exceed a total of \$5,000, 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, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Result: MOTION, CARRIED by a vote of 11 to 0, as follows:

Not Present – Mayor Andrea Horwath Yes – Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson Yes – Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch Not Present – Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann Yes – Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang Not Present – Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis Yes – Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson Yes – Ward 7 Councillor Tom Jackson Yes – Ward 7 Councillor Esther Pauls Yes – Ward 10 Councillor Jeff Beattie Yes – Ward 11 Councillor Mark Tadeson Yes – Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar Yes – Ward 13 Councillor Alex Wilson Yes – Ward 14 Councillor Mike Spadafora Yes – Ward 15 Councillor Ted McMeekin

Councillor Kroetsch introduced the following Notice of Motion:

11.2 Bennetto Community Centre – Basketball and Tennis Court, 450 Hughson Street North, Hamilton (Ward 2)

WHEREAS, the existing double play court, maintaining a basketball court and tennis court at Bennetto Community Centre, located at 450 Hughson Street North, Hamilton, is in poor condition;

WHEREAS, there is no capital funding to support the full replacement of this community asset and additional funding is needed to support the full replacement of the basketball and tennis court;

WHEREAS, this work will be undertaken by the Parks Section capital team and completed in addition to the existing work plan and ongoing projects; and

WHEREAS, resources are limited and this work will be initiated in 2025, scheduled to be completed within 12-24 months, subject to unforeseen challenges such as procurement timing, supply chain issues, weather, etc.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the replacement of the basketball and tennis courts at Bennetto Community Centre, located at 450 Hughson Street North, Hamilton, be funded from the Ward 2 Capital Re-Investment Reserve #108052 at an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$350,000; 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, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Councillor Kroetsch introduced the following Notice of Motion:

11.3 To Permit the Inclusion of Permanent Waste Enclosures as an Eligible Expense Under the Existing Commercial Districts Revitalization Grant Program

WHEREAS, the Commercial District Revitalization Grant Program (the Program) provides cost sharing grants with commercial tenants or property owners for exterior physical building and property improvements that improve the appearance, accessibility and/or environmental sustainability of a commercial property within strategic commercial districts, including Business Improvement Areas, whose success contributes to Hamilton's image for both residents and visitor;

WHEREAS, the Program is authorized under the Revitalizing Hamilton's Commercial Districts Community Improvement Project Area and Community Improvement Plan By-laws 21-163 and 21-164 respectively, with Program specific administrative and eligibility criteria approved by City Council via Appendix E to the Community Improvement Plan;

WHEREAS; the existing Program permits permanent waste enclosures as an eligible improvement only where the waste enclosure will be immediately adjacent to a public street facing façade and does not permit standalone waste enclosures nor any that would not be visible from a public facing street (such as in laneways); and

WHEREAS, the density of businesses in some parts of downtown Hamilton make it very difficult for standard commercial waste collection solutions; and

WHEREAS, implementing custom solutions to safely dispose of commercial waste is often costly, requiring the hiring of engineers, architects, and consultants.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Economic Development Division staff be directed to report back to the Public Works Committee with an amendment to the Program terms contained in Appendix E to the Revitalizing Hamilton's Commercial Districts Community Improvement Plan, by early Q4 2025, to permit permanent waste enclosures on any portion of a Program eligible commercial property along with any additional eligibility criteria which may be required to ensure such improvements are in keeping with the existing purpose and intent of the Program.

Councillor Hwang introduced the following Notice of Motion:

11.4 Pilot Project for Greening Kenilworth Avenue North, Hamilton (Ward 4)

WHEREAS, Kenilworth Avenue North between Britannia Avenue and Barton Street has a limited number of trees and green spaces;

WHEREAS, this section of Kenilworth Avenue North has been identified as high to very high on the heat vulnerability index used by Public Health;

WHEREAS, pedestrians can benefit from the addition of shade from trees;

WHEREAS, this section of Kenilworth Avenue North has limited plantable space to support the installation of new street trees in the public right-of-way;

WHEREAS, adding insulated planters to the right-of-way containing trees and perennials may offer improved aesthetics and shade as an interim solution; and

WHEREAS the survivability of trees in insulated planters is variable based on environmental conditions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That a two-year pilot project to determine the efficacy and survivability of planting trees in insulated planters be administered by the Forestry and Horticulture section, including five large, insulated planters at various locations in the right-of-way on Kenilworth Avenue North between Britannia Avenue and Barton Street;
- (b) That the two-year pilot project be funded from the Ward 4 Capital Discretionary Account #3302309400 with an upset limit, including contingency, not to exceed \$24,000;
- (c) That the Forestry and Horticulture section be directed to report back on the success of the pilot; and
- (d) That the General Manager, Public Works or designate be authorized and directed to approve and execute any and all required agreements and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Councillor M. Wilson introduced the following Notice of Motion:

11.5 Capital Infrastructure Annual Report

WHEREAS, Council identified the importance of communicating in an accessible and transparent manner as part of its 2022-2026 set of priorities;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton delivers many important services that are dependent on infrastructure such as transit, roads, bridges, facilities, clean water and wastewater treatment;

WHEREAS, the City's annual budget identifies planned capital investments but doesn't account for annual completion rates;

WHEREAS, the City is working to fulfill the requirements of Ontario Regulation 588/17 Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure with the goal of improved financial efficiency, allowing for more effective management of risk, driving accountability and effective, sustainable decisions for residents;

WHEREAS, there is growing public interest in the condition of Hamilton's municipal assets and planned actions to renew, restore and remediate;

WHEREAS, details on infrastructure investments and how they are being allocated, along with progress updates on the status of key infrastructure projects, including timelines, milestones and completion rates would support the goals of transparency and accountability; and

WHEREAS, an annual report on infrastructure works in coordination with ongoing asset management work could provide details on infrastructure investments and data on how infrastructure projects are meeting service level targets and addressing the needs of Hamiltonians.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED;

That City staff be directed to publish an annual infrastructure report to inventory key capital work that would offer progress updates, financial information, asset management, performance metrics, and completion rates to enable the public to ensure these investments align with the City's strategic direction and Council priorities.

12. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

There were no Private & Confidential Items.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Works Committee adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie McIntosh Legislative Coordinator Office of the City Clerk Councillor Esther Pauls, Chair, Public Works Committee