



Hamilton

DOWNTOWN SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES DSCC 26-001

9:00 a.m.

March 2, 2026

Council Chambers, Hamilton City Hall (Hybrid)
71 Main Street West

Present: Councillor C. Kroetsch (Chair)
Councillor M. Wilson (Virtual)
S. Braithwaite (Vice-Chair), International Village BIA
R. Moran, Small Business Representative
G. Panessa, Small Business Representative (Virtual)
E. Wakeford, Citizen Member
E. Walsh, Downtown BIA
A. Zerafa, Small Business Representative (Virtual)

Absent

With Regrets: H. Caplette, Citizen Member
M. Edmonds, Small Business Representative
K. Roe, Citizen Member

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kroetsch called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

There were no ceremonial activities.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Braithwaite/Wakeford)

That the agenda for the March 2, 2026, Downtown Sub-Committee, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Please refer to the March 25, 2026, General Issues Committee minutes for the disposition of these matters.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 November 26, 2025

(Walsh/Braithwaite)

That the Minutes of the November 26, 2025, meeting of the Downtown Sub-Committee be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Allison Hansen, Rodenticide Free Ontario, respecting PW26009, Urban Pest Control Information for Gore Park (Ward 2) (Item 7.1) (Ward 2) (Virtually)

As the delegate was not present when called upon, and there being no objection from Committee members, the Item was deferred following Item 8.2.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

**7.1 PW26009
Urban Pest Control Information for Gore Park**

(i) (Walsh/Wakeford)

That Report PW26009, dated March 2, 2026, respecting Urban Pest Control Information for Gore Park, be received.

(ii) (M. Wilson/Kroetsch)

(a) That the consideration of Report PW26009, dated March 2, 2026, respecting Urban Pest Control Information for Gore Park, be DEFERRED to the June 11, 2026 meeting of the Downtown Sub-Committee in order for staff to report back on the following:

- (i) Reducing the use of rodenticides;
- (ii) Increasing signage, including signage that is specific to feeding wildlife; and
- (iii) Education campaign paired with initial by-law enforcement.

CARRIED

7.1(a) Correspondence from Sara Swadchuck, Bird Friendly Hamilton, respecting Report PW26009, Urban Pest Control Information for Gore Park (Item 7.1)

(Walsh/Wakeford)

Please refer to the March 25, 2026 General Issues Committee minutes for the disposition of these matters.

That the Correspondence from Sara Swadchuck, Bird Friendly Hamilton, respecting Report PW26009, Urban Pest Control Information for Gore Park (Item 7.1), be received.

CARRIED

**7.2 PW26034
Pedestrian Safety at the Intersection of King Street East and Walnut Street (Outstanding Business List)**

(i) (Braithwaite/Walsh)

That Report PW26034, dated March 2, 2026, respecting Pedestrian Safety at the Intersection of King Street East and Walnut Street (Outstanding Business List), be received.

(ii) (Walsh/Braithwaite)

That the consideration of Report PW26034, dated March 2, 2026, respecting Pedestrian Safety at the Intersection of King Street East and Walnut Street (Outstanding Business List), be DEFERRED to the June 11, 2026 Downtown Sub-Committee meeting in order for staff to report back with additional information related to the timing of work at the intersection.

CARRIED

**7.3 PED26018
Ensuring Pedestrian Access at Jackson Street West and MacNab Street South (Ward 2)**

(Walsh/Wakeford)

That Report PED26018, dated March 2, 2026, respecting Ensuring Pedestrian Access at Jackson Street West and MacNab Street South (Ward 2), be received.

CARRIED

8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1 Amendments to the Outstanding Business List:

(Braithwaite/Moran)

That the following Amendments to the Outstanding Business List, be approved:

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

(i) Waste Receptacles in the Downtown Core (Item 8.1(a))
Added: July 24, 2205
Addressed: September 16, 2025 (Item 7.2)

(ii) Monitoring and Maintenance of Ferguson Station (Item 8.1b(a))

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Added: July 24, 2025
Completed: November 26, 2025 (Item 7.1)

- (iii) Functionality and Monitoring of Security Cameras (Item 8.1(c))
Added: July 24, 2025
Completed: September 16, 2025 (Item 7.4)
- (iv) Street Lighting, Banner Arms, and Pole Bases (Item 8.1(d))
Added: July 24, 2025
Completed: September 16, 2025 (Item 7.3)
- (v) Flyers and Posters on City Infrastructure (Item 8.1(e))
Added: July 24, 2025
Completed: September 16, 2025 (Item 8.1)

CARRIED

**8.2 PED25226(a)
Noise Control By-Law and Street Performance (City Wide)**

(i) (Wakeford/Walsh)

That Report PED25226(a), dated March 2, 2026, respecting Noise Control By-Law and Street Performance (City Wide), be received and the following recommendation, be approved:

- (a) That staff in Licensing and By-law Services BE DIRECTED to report back to the Downtown Sub-Committee in Q1 2027 with aggregate data on all noise complaints received since implementation of increased levels of service for enforcement of the City of Hamilton Noise By-law No. 11-285 on April 1, 2025.

(ii) (M. Wilson/Wakeford)

That the consideration of Report PED25226(a), dated March 2, 2026, respecting Noise Control By-Law and Street Performance (City Wide), be DEFERRED to the June 11, 2026 Downtown Sub-Committee meeting in order for staff to provide the following data and information related to:

- (i) complaints called in when an officer is not available;
- (ii) the threshold of something being "likely to disturb"; and
- (iii) Jackson Square and other hot spots.

CARRIED

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6. DELEGATIONS (continued)

6.1 Allison Hansen, Rodenticide Free Ontario, respecting Report PW26009, Urban Pest Control Information for Gore Park (Ward 2) (Item 7.1) (Ward 2) (Virtually)

Allison Hansen, Rodenticide Free Ontario, addressed Committee respecting report PW26009, Urban Pest Control Information for Gore Park (Ward 2) (Item 7.1) (Ward 2).

(Walsh/Wakeford)

That the delegation from Allison Hansen, Rodenticide Free Ontario, respecting Report PW26009, Urban Pest Control Information for Gore Park (Ward 2) (Item 7.1) (Ward 2), be received.

CARRIED

9. MOTIONS

Councillor Kroetsch relinquished the Chair to S. Braithwaite in order to introduce the following motion:

9.1 Jarvis Memorial Clock Tower - REVISED

(Kroetsch/Braithwaite)

WHEREAS, a clock tower is currently located in Municipal Parking Lot 8 at 297 King Street East, and is not operational;

WHEREAS, the Jarvis Memorial Clock Tower was built in Cincinnati for \$150,000 and donated to Hamilton on September 14th, 1989, during a grand ceremony;

WHEREAS, the clock tower was made possible through funding from the City of Hamilton Downtown Action Plan, a five-phase revitalization project. Each quarter of the hour the clock tower would ring the Westminster Chime as a reminder to those that lost their lives in the War of 1812, Fenian Raids, Boer War, the Great War, World War 2, Korean War and U.N. Peacekeeping forces;

WHEREAS, the memorial clock is still listed as a registered monument on the Government of Canada website;

WHEREAS, the clock has no assigned asset owner within the City, and a previous assessment by Tourism and Culture staff determined that a full rebuild is required to restore its functionality;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Light Rail Transit Project may impact the clock, and once impacts are confirmed, the LRT Project will be responsible for

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removing, storing, and reinstalling the clock at a new location identified by the City; and

WHEREAS, the BIA would like to keep the clock tower within the boundaries of International Village

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to report back at the June 11, 2026 Downtown Sub-Committee meeting on the assignment of asset ownership for the clock to the appropriate City service area, and to identify the required ongoing maintenance budget for its preservation for consideration in future budgets;
- (b) That staff be directed to report back June 11, 2026 Downtown Sub-Committee on the scope of work and funding required to restore the clock to operational condition, including the proposed source of funding and the timing of repairs, taking into consideration the Hamilton Light Rail Transit Project construction schedule;
- (c) That staff be directed to evaluate the historical significance and preservation value of the clock and report back on whether the clock should be preserved, and re-installed or re-homed; and
- (d) That staff be directed to report back June 11, 2026 Downtown Sub-Committee with options for a new location for the clock should relocation be required as a result of the Hamilton Light Rail Transit Project.

CARRIED

Councillor Kroetsch assumed the Chair.

9.2 International Village Pride Performances

(Braithwaite/Kroetsch)

WHEREAS, the International Village BIA will be scheduling performances for Pride 2026;

WHEREAS, a significant investment of time and coordination will be put into their Village Pride events, which will be held at Ferguson Station;

WHEREAS, the International Village BIA would like to move their events to the rear of Ferguson Station;

WHEREAS, the garden beds at the rear of Ferguson Station need to be remediated due to presence of feces and urine, including strong odours;

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WHEREAS, the BIA would like to see the dirt replaced in the rear garden beds at Ferguson Station and solutions such as new mulching and flowers/plants explored in time for the June 7, 2026 Pride event; and

WHEREAS, there have been challenges in the past with ensuring Ferguson Station is clean and accessible for events.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That City staff report back to the Downtown Sub-Committee through an Information Report at its April 9, 2026 meeting with:
 - (i) an update on what the City will do to ensure the success of the 2026 International Village Pride Performances including information about a cleaning and graffiti removal program and the potential for security and other City to be present or on call during the events; and
 - (ii) details about plans to remediate the garden beds to remove the presence and odour of feces and urine.

CARRIED

9.3 Main Street Two Way Conversion

(Braithwaite/Kroetsch)

WHEREAS, construction on the conversion of Main Street from one way to two ways will begin in 2026;

WHEREAS, this construction will have a significant impact on the downtown core; and

WHEREAS, residents and business owners have been asking if there's more information about the timing, design, and what to expect with respect to impacts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That City staff report back to the Downtown Sub-Committee through an Information Report at its June 11, 2026 meeting with an update on Main Street two way conversion including information about scheduling, including the timing of completion; overall design; and impacts to downtown residents and businesses.

CARRIED

9.4 Fountain at Wellington Park – REVISED

(Braithwaite/Kroetsch)

WHEREAS, the fountain at Wellington Park has not been working since the

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summer of 2023;

WHEREAS, the fountain is an important and central feature of the park; and

WHEREAS, fountains help to reduce the impacts of climate change by providing cooling, especially in conjunction with a more mature tree canopy, which this park has.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That City staff be directed to report back to the Downtown Sub-Committee at its June 11, 2026 meeting about the timing, costs, and other considerations to have the fountain at Wellington Park working for the 2026 summer season.

CARRIED

10. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

There were no Notice of Motions.

11. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

There was no General Information / Other Business.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Downtown Sub-Committee adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie McIntosh
Legislative Coordinator
Office the City Clerk

Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Chair, Downtown Sub-Committee