



Hamilton

DOWNTOWN SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES DSCC 26-002

1:30 p.m.

April 9, 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
H. Caplette, Citizen Member (Virtual)
R. Moran, Small Business Representative
G. Panessa, Small Business Representative (Virtual)
K. Roe, Citizen Member
E. Wakeford, Citizen Member
E. Walsh, Downtown BIA
A. Zerafa, Small Business Representative (Virtual)

**Absent with
Regrets:** M. Edmonds, Small Business Representative

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

There were no ceremonial activities.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Braithwaite/Walsh)

That the agenda for the April 9, 2026, Downtown Sub-Committee, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Please refer to the May 6, 2026, General Issues Committee minutes for the disposition of these matters.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 March 2, 2026

(Wakefield/Moran)

That the Minutes of the March 2, 2026, meeting of the Downtown Sub-Committee be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 PW26049

2026 International Village Pride Event Support (Ward 2)

(Braithwaite/Kroetsch)

That Report PW26049, dated April 9, 2026, respecting 2026 International Village Pride Event Support (Ward 2), be received.

CARRIED

7.2 Hamilton Night Guides Pilot Project

(i) (Wakeford/Braithwaite)

That the Hamilton Night Guides Pilot Project, be received.

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

(ii) (Kroetsch/Walsh)

That staff be directed to report back at the June 11, 2026 meeting of the Downtown Sub-Committee respecting the Hamilton Night Guides Pilot Program, including costs.

CARRIED

Councillor Kroetsch assumed the Chair.

9. MOTIONS

9.1 Downtown Washroom – Community Impact Considerations - REVISED

(Walsh/Kroetsch)

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2026, a Notice of Motion was presented to the Public Works Committee respecting the potential installation of a new permanent public washroom facility at John Rebecca Park, located at 76 John Street North, Hamilton;

WHEREAS, a feasibility study for the proposed washroom at John Rebecca Park is currently underway, with findings expected in Q3 2026;

Please refer to the May 6, 2026 General Issues Committee minutes for the disposition of these matters.

WHEREAS, the Downtown Sub-Committee has an ongoing mandate to identify issues related to the perception of cleanliness and security in the downtown core and recommend appropriate strategies; and

WHEREAS, the proposed location for the public washroom facility is within John Rebecca Park, adjacent to neighbouring properties that may be affected by its installation and operation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Staff report back to the Downtown Sub-Committee in early Q3 2026, prior to the commencement of design of the proposed permanent public washroom facility at John Rebecca Park, located at 76 John Street North, Hamilton, respecting
 - (i) A review of best practices from other municipalities regarding the design, operation, and management of public washroom facilities in urban areas;
 - (ii) An assessment of existing conditions and community context in and around John Rebecca Park;
 - (iii) An analysis of the potential impacts of the facility's installation and operation on neighbouring properties and John Rebecca Park; and
 - (iv) Potential strategies and mitigation measures the City could implement to minimize negative impacts to the surrounding area.

CARRIED

9.2 Ferguson Station Power Washing and Cleanliness

(Braithwaite/Kroetsch)

WHEREAS, the International Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) and City of Hamilton have scheduled events for 2026;

WHEREAS, a significant investment of time and coordination will be required for the events, which will be held at Ferguson Station;

WHEREAS, the smell of urine is prominent, especially during warmer months and negatively affects the use of Ferguson Station for both events and general enjoyment from the community; and

WHEREAS, Ferguson Station requires weekly power washing.

Please refer to the May 6, 2026 General Issues Committee minutes for the disposition of these matters.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Staff report back to the Downtown Sub-Committee at its August 13, 2026, meeting respecting:
 - (i) An update on the possibility of weekly power washing at Ferguson Station; and
 - (ii) Additional measures that will be put into place to ensure the cleanliness of Ferguson Station for public events in the future.

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 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie McIntosh
Legislative Coordinator
Office the City Clerk

Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Chair, Downtown Sub-Committee