



**General Issues Committee
Report 11-013(a)
10:00 a.m.
Monday, May 12, 2011
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West**

Present: Deputy Mayor T. Jackson (Chair)
Mayor B. Bratina
Councillors B. Clark, C. Collins, S. Duvall, J. Farr, T. Jackson,
B. McHattie, S. Merulla, B. Morelli, J. Partridge, R. Pasuta,
M. Pearson, R. Powers, T. Whitehead

Absent with Regrets: Councillors B. Johnson, L. Ferguson – City Business

Also Present: C. Murray, City Manager
R. Rossini, General Manager, Finance and Corporate
Services
G. Davis, General Manager, Public Works
T. McCabe, General Manager, Planning & Economic
Development
J. A. Priel, General Manager, Social & Community Services
Dr. E. Richardson, Medical Officer of Health
H. Hale Tomasik, Executive Director, Human Resources &
Organizational Development
C. Biggs, Co-ordinator, Committee Services/Council/Budgets

**THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 11-013(a) AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

- 1. 2011 Tax Supported Capital Budget (FCS11011(a) (City Wide) Item 7.1(e) re:
Smoking and Second-hand Smoke in Outdoor Municipal Recreational Areas
in Hamilton (BOH07034(e)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

That capital project 6771151102 "Smoking in Parks and Recreation Areas -
Signage & Education" in the amount of \$99,257 be approved and funded from
the Unallocated Capital Reserve 108020.

2. Development Charges for Student Residences and Lodging Houses (Residential Facility Rate) (FCS11028) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

- (a) That the Development Charge rate for student residences of private universities and colleges (Residential Facility DC Category) be set at 50% of the calculated DC By-law's rate;
- (b) That the Residential Facility Rate for conversions of existing residential units to lodging rooms be set at 50% of the calculated DC By-law's rate;
- (c) That Development Charge By-laws 09-144 and 09-143 be amended as per recommendations (a) and (b), as amended, of Report FCS11028 effective July 6, 2011;
- (d) That the DC Deferral Agreement #127 between the City of Hamilton and Columbia International College (CIC) be amended as per recommendation (a) of Report FCS11028.

3. One-Time Grant to the Regeneration Institute for the Great Lakes for the Purpose of Establishing a Storefront Engagement Centre in Downtown Hamilton (PED11059) (Ward 2) (Item 8.4(a))

That Report PED11059 respecting One-Time Grant to the Regeneration Institute for the Great Lakes for the Purpose of Establishing a Storefront Engagement Centre in Downtown Hamilton be received.

4. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Report 11-002 – April 12, 2011 (Item 8.6)

That the following recommendations of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, be received:

- (a) **Request to send a letter to the Minister of Community and Social Services expressing the need for the City of Hamilton to provide diligent consideration of the work and recommendations of the Advisory Committee. (Item 6.1)**

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be authorized to send a letter to the Honourable Madeleine Meilleur, Minister of Community and Social Services, expressing the need for the City of Hamilton to provide diligent consideration for the work and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee and address the issues raised in the meeting of the Chair of the Advisory Committee with the Mayor and the City Manager.

(b) AODA Alliance Update responding to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Public Transit Sectors Efforts to weaken the integrated Standard (Item 7.1)

That the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities be authorized to send a letter to the Honourable Madeleine Meilleur, Minister of Community and Social services and the AODA Alliance be copied, respecting the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Public Transit sectors efforts to weaken the integrated standard and to express that any delay or dilution of the integrated standard is unacceptable and that the AODA Alliance be copied.

5. Start up Grant for Locke Street Farmers' Market (Item 10.1)

- (a) That a one-time grant in the amount of \$5,000 as a contribution to start-up costs for the Locke Street Farmers' Market be approved and forwarded to the Melrose Church;
- (b) That the \$5,000 grant to Melrose Church for the Locke Street Farmers' Market be funded from the Economic Development Investment Fund Account #3620908900;
- (c) That a second contribution of \$5,000 (for a total one-time contribution of \$10,000 as originally requested) be considered in the 2012 City budget process.

6. Start up Grant for Concession Street Farmers' Market (Item 10.2)

- (a) That a one-time grant in the amount of \$5,000 as a contribution to start-up costs for the Concession Street Farmers' Market be approved and forwarded to Sacred Heart Parish;
- (b) That the \$5,000 grant to Sacred Heart Parish for the Concession Street Farmers' Market be funded from the Economic Development Investment Fund Account #3620908900;
- (c) That a second contribution of \$5,000 (for a total one-time contribution of \$10,000 as originally requested) be considered in the 2012 City budget process.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

ADDED NOTICE OF MOTION

10.2 Start-up Grant for Concession Street Farmers' Market

On a Motion the agenda was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

The Committee move into Closed Session at 10:05 a.m. pursuant to sub-sections 8.1(d) of the City's Procedural By-law and the Municipal Act as the subject matter dealt with labour relations or employee negotiations

On a Motion the Committee reconvene in Open Session at 11:10 p.m.

(i) Labour Negotiations Update (Item 12.1)

Direction to staff was provided in Closed Session.

(d) DISCUSSION AGENDA**(i) Development Charges for Student Residences and Lodging Houses (Residential Facility Rate) (FCS11028) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

(aa) That sub-section (b) be amended by deleting the words, "remain at 100%" and replacing it with "be set at 50%";

(bb) That sub-section (c) be amended by adding "and (b), as amended", following "(a)".

The Amendment CARRIED on the following Recorded Vote:

Yeas:	Bratina, Collins, Duvall, Farr, Jackson, McHattie, Merulla, Morelli, Partridge, Pasuta, Pearson, Powers
Total Yeas:	12
Nays:	Clark
Total Nays:	1
Absent:	Ferguson, Johnson, Whitehead
Total Absent:	3

The Main Motion, as amended, CARRIED on the following Recorded Vote:

Yeas: Bratina, Collins, Duvall, Farr, Jackson, McHattie, Merulla, Morelli, Partridge, Pasuta, Pearson, Powers
Total Yeas: 12
Nays: Clark
Total Nays: 1
Absent: Ferguson, Johnson, Whitehead
Total Absent: 3

(ii) Development Charges Impact on Second-level Lodging Homes and Residential Care Facilities (New Business)

On a Motion the larger question of how development charges affect second level lodging homes and residential care facilities was referred to staff of Finance, Planning and Community Services for a report to be brought to the appropriate Standing Committee.

(iii) One-Time Grant to the Regeneration Institute for the Great Lakes for the Purpose of Establishing a Storefront Engagement Centre in Downtown Hamilton (PED11059) (Ward 2) (Item 8.4(a))

On a Motion Report PED11059 respecting One-Time Grant to the Regeneration Institute for the Great Lakes for the Purpose of Establishing a Storefront Engagement Centre in Downtown Hamilton was lifted from the table.

(iv) One-Time Grant to the Regeneration Institute for the Great Lakes for the Purpose of Establishing a Storefront Engagement Centre in Downtown Hamilton (PED11059(a)) (Ward 2) (Item 8.4(b))

Glen Norton, Acting Manager of Community and Downtown Renewal, and Bill Humber, one of the principles of the Regeneration Institute for the Great Lakes, a visiting professor at McMaster and the Director of the Eco-Seneca Initiatives at Seneca College, were in attendance to respond to questions of the Committee.

On a Motion Report PED11059(a) respecting One-Time Grant to the Regeneration Institute for the Great Lakes for the Purpose of Establishing a Storefront Engagement Centre in Downtown Hamilton was referred to the June 6 meeting of the General Issues Committee with the direction that the appropriate staff arrange meetings with Councillors to provide additional information, and that staff report back on Trillium funding when the report is considered by the Committee.

The Referral CARRIED on the following recorded vote:

Yeas: Bratina, Collins, Duvall, Farr, Jackson, McHattie, Merulla,
Morelli, Partridge, Pasuta, Whitehead
Total Yeas: 11
Nays: Clark, Powers, Pearson
Total Nays: 3
Absent: Ferguson, Johnson
Total Absent: 2

The Committee directed that staff investigate similar initiatives for the six downtowns in the City of Hamilton for future consideration.

(v) Niagara to GTA Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Study – Phase 1, Draft Transportation Development Strategy (PW05054(b)/ PED10213(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.5)

On a Motion Report PW05054(b)/PED10213(a) respecting Niagara to GTA Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Study – Phase 1, Draft Transportation Development Strategy be postponed to the June 6, 2011 meeting of the General Issues Committee.

(e) NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor McHattie introduced the following Notice of Motion:

10.1 Start up Grant for Locke Street Farmers' Market

Whereas, startup grants have been provided to the Ancaster, Dundas and Ottawa Street Farmers Markets; and,

Whereas, the Locke Street Farmers Market requires similar start-up assistance.

Therefore be it resolved:

- (a) That a one-time grant in the amount of \$5,000 as a contribution to start-up costs for the Locke Street Farmers' Market be approved and forwarded to the Melrose Church;
- (b) That the \$5,000 grant to Melrose Church for the Locke Street Farmers' Market be funded from the Economic Development Investment Fund Account #3620908900;
- (c) That a second contribution of \$5,000 (for a total one-time contribution of \$10,000 as originally requested) be considered in the 2012 City budget process.

On a Motion the rules of order were waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Start up Grant for Locke Street Farmers' Market.

See Item 5 for the disposition of this item.

Councillor S. Duvall introduced the following Notice of Motion:

10.2 Start up Grant for Concession Street Farmers' Market

Whereas, startup grants have been provided to the Ancaster, Dundas and Ottawa Street Farmers' Markets; and,

Whereas, the Concession Street Farmers' Market requires similar start-up assistance.

Therefore be it resolved:

- (a) That a one-time grant in the amount of \$5,000 as a contribution to start-up costs for the Concession Street Farmers' Market be approved and forwarded to Sacred Heart Parish;
- (b) That the \$5,000 grant to Sacred Heart Parish for the Concession Street Farmers' Market be funded from the Economic Development Investment Fund Account #3620908900;
- (c) That a second contribution of \$5,000 (for a total one-time contribution of \$10,000 as originally requested) be considered in the 2012 City budget process.

On a Motion the rules of order were waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Start up Grant for Concession Street Farmers' Market.

See Item 6 for the disposition of this item.

(f) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor T. Jackson, Deputy Mayor
General Issues Committee

Carolyn Biggs, Co-ordinator
Committee Services/Council/Budgets
May 12, 2011