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**Thursday, November 17, 2011**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Room 192, Hamilton City Hall**

**Present:** Dan Rodrigues (Chair)  
Ron Speranzini (Vice Chair)  
Clr. Chad Collins  
Mac Sparrow  
George Zolis  
Phil Homerski (Staff Liaison)

**Regrets:** John Hawker  
Brad Rich  
Clr. Tom Jackson  
Robin McKee  
Hamilton Police Service – Sgt. Barry Mungar  
Municipal Law Enforcement - Kelly Barnett

**Guests:** Clare Wagner

**Observers:** R. Rodrigues

**1. Approval of Agenda**

*That the meeting agenda be accepted as written.*

SPERANZINI/ZOLIS

CARRIED

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**3.1 Business Arising**

None to report.

**3.2 Approval of Minutes**

It was noted that, due to scheduling conflicts, there was no October meeting.

*That the minutes of the September 29, 2011 meeting of the Clean City Liaison Committee be accepted as written.*

COLLINS/SPARROW

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### 4. New Business

#### 4.1 CCLC Nomination Process

P. Homerski reported that the revised terms of reference as recommended by the CCLC Mandate Review Task Force, is scheduled to be tabled at the January 16, 2012 Public Works Committee. This will fulfill the Public Works Interview Subcommittee's recommendation to suspend the CCLC nomination process until a revised terms of reference is endorsed by Council. It is anticipated that the City Clerk's Office will re-open nominations shortly thereafter to constitute the expanded CCLC membership for the remainder of the 2010 – 2014 term of office.

### 5. Subcommittee Reports

#### 5.1 Business & Retail Waste Diversion

No update.

#### 5.2 Council Committee Reports

Councillor Collins reported that there are several waste management related reports scheduled to be tabled at the Public Works and General Issues committees in December and January.

### 6. Keep Hamilton Beautiful (KAB)

#### 6.1 Cigarette Litter Prevention Program (CLPP) Task Force

P. Homerski reported that due to some volunteer resource and communications issues, the CLPP Pilot Task Force was unable to complete the two urban and one waterfront parks pilot programs.

For the urban pilot locations, the decals on the permanent ash receptacles had been installed but other elements of the public awareness campaign and the follow-up cigarette litter scan were not completed.

For the waterfront parks pilot, the semi-permanent ash receptacles and signage were installed but data on the initial litter scan has been lost and elements of the public awareness campaign were not completed. Operations & Waste Management Outreach Waste Leaders removed

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the semi-permanent ash receptacles in early October and counted the cigarette butts in each container. In total, 1,424 cigarette butts were collected in the 14 containers placed out for the two month pilot at strategic locations in Bayfront Park, Pier 4 Park and Pier 8.

### 6.2 Community Appearance Index 2011

The annual Community Appearance Index was conducted on November 2 and 3 by three volunteer scorers; a navigator; and driver. Both litter and graffiti were surveyed in 146 areas across the City using the KAB's four-point scale. P. Homerski presented an overview of the results which included a slight decrease in the City-wide score over 2010 (2.1 in 2010, 1.8 in 2011) and little change in the City-wide graffiti score over 2010 (1.5 in 2010, 1.6 in 2011). Individual surveyor's scores of a "3" (requiring an organized effort for litter or graffiti removal) and "4" (litter/graffiti predominant) were extracted from the data to illustrate how the four years of data can be used to identify trends and areas of concern in neighbourhoods for strategic engagement of community volunteers in litter, illegal dumping and graffiti prevention initiatives.

### 6.3 Community Gardens

Clare Wagner, Community Garden Program Coordinator, provided the committee with an overview presentation on the Hamilton Community Gardens Network (HCGN). There are 39 community gardens across Hamilton with 18 new gardens established during Ms. Wagner's term in the past year. HCGN's aim is to share the benefits of outreach, tools and training, networking and fundraising among the supporters and community garden groups that have established plots on school grounds, faith based properties, City Housing land, public parks, private property and not-for-profit properties. Ms. Wagner also reviewed the health, environmental, economic and social benefits to the community.

P. Homerski explained that Ms. Wagner was invited to

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inform the committee on her work because community gardens is seen by Keep America Beautiful as an important element of the work its affiliates can do in contributing to beautification of their communities as well as improving social and economic factors in neighbourhoods. KAB has designated grants and resources for community gardens initiatives and the CCLC, in its role as the Board of Keep Hamilton Beautiful, can act as a conduit to those resources.

Committee members suggested that direct funding support for HCGN might be considered in future CCLC budgets.

### **7. Staff and Stakeholder Reports**

#### **7.1 City Departments**

No report.

#### **7.2 Waste Reduction Task Force (WRTF)**

No report.

#### **7.3 Other Public**

There were no public delegation requests.

### **8. New Business**

There was no new business.

### **9. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

### **Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at 1:00 pm, City of Hamilton Operations Centre, 330 Wentworth Street North, Hamilton.