



## **General Issues Committee MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 24, 2013**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Friday, January 25, 2013**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Council Chambers  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West**

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<b>1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA</b>
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### **January 24**

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS**

The following is a revised time schedule of delegations presenting on January 24:

10:00 a.m. Hamilton Public Library

10:20 a.m. Hamilton Conservation Authority

10:40 a.m. Conservation Halton

11:00 a.m. Grand River Conservation Authority

11:20 a.m. Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

11:40 a.m. Hamilton Waterfront Trust

The following delegations will not be presenting:

- (i) Hamilton Police Service  
See attached correspondence from Glenn De Caire, Chief of Police
- (ii) HECFI
- (iii) CityHousing Hamilton

**(Johnson/Ferguson)**

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**January 25**

The Clerk advised that there are no changes to the agenda.

**(Partridge/Pasuta)**

That the agenda be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

<b>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>
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None declared

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None declared

<b>3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>
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None

<b>4. PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS</b>
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**Thursday, January 24**

The Committee entertained representatives from the following Boards and Agencies with respect to their 2013 Budget requests:

**10:00 a.m. Hamilton Public Library**

Paul Takala, Chief Librarian, recognized the attendance of Jennifer Gautrey, incoming Board Chair, and George Geczy, the outgoing Board Chair, and introduced the members of his "team" who provide support and assistance. He also recognized Councillors Maria Pearson and Tom Jackson, the City's representatives on the Hamilton Library Board.

With the assistance of a power point presentation, Mr. Takala spoke to the following:

- 2012 Successes and Current Activities
- Summary
- Summer Reading
- Terryberry Branch – Reopened in 2012
- New Lynden Branch – Opened in January, 2013
- Central Library Renewal continues
- Facility Renewal, including new Waterdown Branch, Binbrook renovation, Dundas renovation
- New Technologies
- Budget Details
  - Employee Expenses and FTE Count
  - Other Budget Drivers in 2013
  - Budget Pressures for 2014
  - Draft Report: Library Budget 2013
- Looking Ahead
- Effective Service
- Staff Our Most Important Asset/Our Focus is our Community

A copy of the power point presentation has been retained for the public record and is available on the City of Hamilton website.

**10:20 a.m. Hamilton Conservation Authority**

Chris Firth-Eaglund, Chief Executive Officer, introduced members of Council who are on the Board of the Hamilton Conservation Authority. He also spoke to the natural assets of the Conservation Authority and various initiatives that are underway in 2013.

Neil Mcdougall, Secretary-Treasurer, and Bruce McKenzie, Director of Community Services, provided a power point presentation and spoke to the following:

- Outlined Core Services
- Description of Responsibility
- Resources Employed
- Revenue Sources
- HCA Budget Breakdown of Total Expenditures
- Budget presented is zero per cent increase
- Highlights
- HCA Operations Budget
- Levy/Funding Summary
- Operating Budgets for Confederation Park and Westfield Heritage Village
  - 2013 Budget
  - Highlights

Councillor McHattie recognized and thanked Steve Mlazga, past Chief Executive Officer of the Conservation Authority, for his years of service and wished him well in his retirement.

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**10:40 a.m. Conservation Halton**

John Vice, Chair of Conservation Halton, Ken Philips, CAO and Marnie Piggott, Director of Finance, appeared before the Committee to present the Conservation Halton 2013 budget and addressed the following:

- A Partnership that Works
- 10,000+ acres and 800,000 annual visitors; 5% of annual pass holders are Hamilton residents
- Conservation Halton's Public Accountability Report 2012
- Achieving Hamilton's Strategic Goals
- 2012 Return on Investment
- 2013 Budget – Major Drivers

- 2013 Budget Summary
- Funding Comparison 2013 vs 2012
- Funding by Source 2013
- Expenditure Comparison 2013 vs 2012
- 2013 Total Expenditures by Program
- 2013 Municipal Funding Use
- 2013 Municipal Funding Change
- Municipal Apportionments

A copy of the power point presentation has been retained for the public record and is available on the City of Hamilton website.

**11:00 a.m. Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA)**

Representatives from the Grand River Conservation Authority appeared before the Committee and spoke to the following:

- About the Watershed
- Watershed Issues
- Water Management Plan
- GRCA Strategic Plan
- 2013 Budget Issues
- Response to Budget Issues
- Budget Overview
- GRCA Budget 2013 Timetable
- 2013 Budget – Expenditures; Sources of Revenue; Major Assumptions; Capital; Detailed Expenditure Breakdown; Detailed Revenue Breakdown
- GRCA Budget 2013 Summary
- GRCA Budget
  - Section A: Base Programs – Operating
  - Section B: Base Programs – Capital
  - Section C: Special Projects
- General Municipal Levy for 2013

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**11:20 a.m. Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA)**

Representatives from the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, including Carmen D'Angelo, City of Hamilton representative on the NPCA Board of Directors, appeared before the Committee and spoke to the following:

- Map outlining the boundaries of the Conservation Authority
- Challenges/Mitigation Efforts
- Program/Service Expenditure Change
- Strategic Plan/Organization Review
- 2013 Budget Revenue
- NPCA 2013 Operating Budget
- 2013 Capital/Project Budget
- Hamilton Levy – 2013 Budget; Historical

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**11:40 a.m. Hamilton Waterfront Trust**

Werner Plessl, Executive Director, appeared before the Committee and spoke to the following issues:

- Various attractions at the Waterfront, including the Hamiltonian, Williams Fresh Café, Hamilton Harbour Queen, Waterfront Trolley, Scoops Ice Cream Parlour, Waterfront Grill, Hamilton Harbour Fishing Derby, Music on the Waterfront, Waterfront Outdoor Rink Ice Skating, Roller Skating and Rental Concessions, Waterfront Warm-up Room and Addition
- Learn-to-Skate Program for Children, Youth and Adults
- HWT Operating Budget – 2012 and 2013
- HWT Statement of Operations, Capital Projects, Summary of Capital Budgets

A copy of the power point presentation has been retained for the public record and is available on the City of Hamilton website.

**(Partridge/Ferguson)**

That the presentations by the Boards and Agencies on January 24, 2013, be received. **CARRIED**

Councillor Jackson expressed concern that CityHousing Hamilton and HECFI would not be presenting their respective budgets.

Councillor McHattie responded that the budget for CityHousing would be provided during presentation of the Community Services Department budget.

Staff advised that appropriate arrangements would be made to have a presentation provided by HECFI with respect to their budget.

**Friday, January 25**

The Committee entertained representatives from the following Boards and Agencies with respect to their 2013 Budget requests:

**9:40 a.m. Art Gallery of Hamilton**

Louise Dompierre, Director, appeared before the Committee to present an overview of achievements. Ms. Dompierre also recognized the staff from the Art Gallery in attendance to respond to questions of the Committee. With the assistance of a power point presentation, Ms. Dompierre spoke to the following issues:

- Presented an overview of achievement and look ahead at 2014 when celebrating Gallery's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Record-breaking attendance in 2012
- Programming at capacity
- Film and Performance Success
- Increased membership, admission and commercial revenues in 2012
- Art Acquisition Endowment created
- Curatorial Excellence
- Award-winning Exhibitions
- AGH as City Builder
- New Community Partnerships
- Entrepreneurial Strategy
- AGH the largest independent Art Gallery in Ontario
- AGH Celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2014
- Expense/Revenue Overview – Actual 2011; Budget 2012; Budget 2013
- 2013 Budget – Revenues, Expenses
- AGH Request remains the same

A copy of the power point presentation has been retained for the public record and is available on the City of Hamilton website.

**10:00 a.m. Boris Brott Music Festival**

Boris Brott, Conductor and Motivational Speaker, Artistic Director, appeared before the Committee and introduced members of the team. Mr. Brott's comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Largest orchestral festival in Canada
- 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Academy, which is centerpiece of the Festival

- Program brings in excess of \$750,000 in support from federal and provincial levels of government
- Zero increase for 2013 budget

The Committee was shown a DVD of the 2012 season.

The Committee was distributed with presentation material and a copy has been retained for the public record and is available on the City of Hamilton website.

**10:20 a.m. Festival of Friends**

Loren Leiberman, on behalf of Festival of Friends, appeared before the Committee and spoke to the following issues:

- 37 years of entertainment
- Overall history of where the festival is today
- 2012 Festival of Friends in Review
- History of Police Services at the Festival of Friends
- Weather report for the 2012 Festival of Friends' Weekend
- Festival of Friends Website Visitor Information Report for Festival Year 2012 prepared by Brighton Internet Services, including visitor locations for October 2011 to September 2012; visitor locations 30 minutes to 1 hour drive; one to two hour drive; two plus hours drive; worldwide; visitor traffic; most viewed pages
- Not asking for an increase
- Public safety remains top priority for festival
- Too small of an organization – don't have any "fat" to cut
- Asking city to move forward, need to have a financial formula
- Police costs is a big "chunk" of budget
- Festival of Friends specific request is to remain at the same level of funding; however, because police costs is a line item that is not stable, asking that it be assigned to the appropriate department within the City of Hamilton, from contract to financial responsibility
- Staff reported that \$34,126 outstanding balance owing to Hamilton Police Service

A copy of the presentation has been retained for the public record and is available on the City of Hamilton website.

**2013 Interim Funding from the Community Partnership Program to Hamilton Wentworth Creative Arts**

**(Ferguson/Partridge)**

- (a) That interim payments to Hamilton Wentworth Creative Arts, through the Boards and Agencies budget, continue for 2013 only pending discussions with the Hamilton Police Service with respect to the outstanding balance owing for policing costs incurred during the Festival of Friends event;
- (b) That the Police Chief, or his designate, be invited to attend a future Grants Sub-Committee meeting to discuss policing costs that are charged to community event organizers. **CARRIED**

**10:40 a.m.**

**Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit**

Mark Dean, Deputy Chief and Member of the Board of Directors, spoke on behalf of the Hamilton Beach Rescue Marine Unit and introduced his team members also in attendance. Mr. Dean's comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit was able to submit budget based on the 0% guideline
- Committee circulated with request for 2013 operating and capital grants, 10-year capital replacement plan, up to date pamphlet outlining the history of the organization and the training and response report for 2012

The Committee was provided with a power point presentation showing various pieces of equipment, training exercises and rescue missions that the HBRU have provided assistance.

A copy of the presentation and speaking notes was submitted to the Clerk and is available on the City's website.

**11:00 a.m.**

**Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra**

Carol Kehoe, Executive Director, appeared before the Committee. Her comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- In position since September 2012
- Hamilton's future is very bright
- Introduced team
- Mission and Vision

- HPO Strategic Plan: Four Pillars
- Quick Facts
- HPO Board of Directors
- Accomplishments of 2012
- Artistic Highlights of 2012
- Plans for 2013
- Economic and Community Impact
- Value Added to the City of Hamilton
- 2013 Request of \$113,695, which is a 0% increase from 2010, 2011 and 2012

A copy of the presentation has been retained for the public record and is available on the City of Hamilton website.

**11:20 a.m. Opera Hamilton**

Stephen Bye, Opera Hamilton, appeared before the Committee and spoke to the following:

- Brief history of Opera Hamilton
- More recent history
- Current Season at Dofasco Centre
- Financial history
- Board rejuvenation
- Revenues – Other Areas
- Operating Budget 2013/2014
- 2013-2014 Season

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**11:40 a.m. Royal Botanical Gardens**

Mark Runciman and Andrew Duncan, representatives from the Royal Botanical Gardens appeared before the Committee. Mr. Runciman's comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Have been busy in 2013 with Business Plan
- Provided a brief overview of activities at RBG
- 2012 audit just started and looks like balanced budget
- 2012 is the first year of a 3-year business plan
- Fell short on some of the revenue targets and as a result, had to utilize some of reserve funds to balance budget; reserve are funds through donations
- Incredibly complex mandate and diverse strategies
- Close to 50,000 volunteer hours at RBG
- Educational program

- Had challenges to contend with; fell short on sponsorship revenues
- Membership sales are up
- Limited resources and RBG needs to raise additional revenues
- Continues to review its significant programs as it strives to achieve
- Moving forward – priorities in 2013
- RBG will continue to play an active role while investigating new partnerships
- Budget – draft submitted to staff; approved by Board of Directors in December and being reviewed by the Ministry
- Have complied with request of 0% increase
- Wish to be a delegation at future GIC meeting to provide a detailed report of the RBG's activities

**12:00 p.m. Theater Aquarius**

Lorna Zaremba, General Manager, appeared before the Committee and provided a power point presentation which addressed the following issues:

- Thanked the City of Hamilton for one-time capital funding to complete the final stage of energy retrofit of the Dofasco Centre for the Arts
- Celebrating 40 Seasons as Hamilton's Professional Theatre
- A Creative Industry Leader Producing World-Class Theatre
- Profound Impact; Economic Impact; Economic Engine; Serving Our City; Welcoming Visitors; Keeping Theatre Accessible;
- Revenues and Expenses 2011-12 (Audited)
- Municipal Investment
- Requesting an increase of \$34,300

A copy of the presentation was submitted to the Clerk and is available on the City's website.

**(Johnson/Morelli)**

That the presentations by the Boards and Agencies on January 25, 2013, be received. **CARRIED**

<b>5. MOTIONS</b>
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None

**6. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Councillor J. Farr introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**Public Access On-Line Crime Mapping Service**

Whereas on Thursday, January 24, 2013, the Halton Police Service publicly released a crime mapping software that enables residents to view crime trends online;

And Whereas the cost of the new crime mapping service is reported to be \$2,000 annually, considerably less than the \$250,000 mapping program for Hamilton police use, with “a public access component” slated for implementation in the next two years;

And Whereas the service is based on dispatched calls, not completed investigations and Halton Police Board Chair Bob Maich has stated the software raises public awareness in that it “strengthens the Neighbourhood Watch concept and enhances it...” therefore assisting Police in crime reporting from residents assisting in creating safer environments.

Therefore be it resolved:

That the Hamilton Police Services Board be requested to investigate the feasibility of adopting a public access on-line crime mapping service similar to the service released in Halton for the residents of Hamilton and report back to Council on its viability at a future General Issues Committee.

**8. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS**

**Thursday, January 24, 2013**

**Correspondence from Glenn De Caire, Chief of Police, respecting 2013 Budget Presentation**

**(Jackson/Johnson)**

That the correspondence from Glenn De Caire, Chief of Police, advising that the 2013 Hamilton Police Service Budget will not be presented at the January 24, 2013 General Issues Committee meeting, be received. **CARRIED**

**8. PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL**

None

<b>9. ADJOURNMENT</b>
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**(Duvall/Jackson)**

That the Committee recess at 1:14 p.m. on January 24 and reconvene at 9:30 a.m. on January 25.

**(Pasuta/Morelli)**

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 1:54 p.m. on January 25, 2012.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor M. Pearson, Deputy Mayor  
General Issues Committee

Carolyn Biggs  
Legislative Co-ordinator  
Office of the City Clerk