



Hamilton

**TASK FORCE ON CLEANLINESS AND SECURITY
IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE
REPORT 13-002**

1:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 3, 2013

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall, 71 Main Street West

Present: Councillors J. Farr (Chair), C. Collins
K. Drewitt (Vice Chair), T. Mines, J. Hawker,
M. Platts, S. Braithwaite, M. Pocius

**THE TASK FORCE ON CLEANLINESS AND SECURITY IN THE DOWNTOWN CORE
PRESENTS REPORT 13-002 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

1. Task Force Strategic Planning Exercise (Item 5.1)

That Economic Development & Planning staff be directed to report to the next Task Force Committee meeting with options for facilitating a Strategic Planning Exercise with the Task Force on Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core to be undertaken within a six month time frame.

**2. Weed Control Measures in Sidewalk Cracks in the Core Downtown Area
(Item 5.2)**

That staff be directed to report to the Task Force on Cleanliness and Security in the Downtown Core respecting weeds in sidewalk cracks in the Core Downtown area and to include details respecting treatment options and responsibilities.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

The Committee Clerk indicated the following changes to the agenda;

- (i) Added Item 6.1 - Community Correctional Centre on York Boulevard

- (ii) Added Item 6.2 - Alleyway Lighting Concerns Ferguson Avenue to Jarvis Street

The agenda was approved as amended.

(b) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) June 27, 2013 (Item 3.1)

The Minutes of the June 27, 2013 meeting were adopted as presented.

(c) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 4)

(i) Front line staff – Glen Norton (No Copy)(Item 4.1)

In the absence of a Front line staff member Chair Farr asked Glenn Norton, Manager of Urban Renewal, to provide an update to the Task Force. Mr. Norton shared the many recent positive developments and indicated that more confidential discussions on development are ongoing.

Mr. Norton provided an update on the work being done to Gore Park and indicated that staff are working on scheduling construction around the Pan Am Games. He indicated that Public Works staff are working in coordination with the owner with the Connaught on Streetscaping design. Mr. Norton discussed that a major challenge facing the Gore Park redevelopment is that there is no capital funding yet designated for the majority of the project.

Terri Mines invited members to attend the 126 Catharine Street North to view the restored former Tregunno Seeds building.

The update from Glen Norton was received.

(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (ITEM 5)

(i) Strategic Planning Exercise (Item 5.1)

Task Force members discussed the possibility of undergoing a Strategic Planning Exercise to outline the direction and objectives of the Group. Kathy Drewitt suggested the need to consider seek a designated Task Force fund which could be used towards objectives identified through the Strategic Planning Exercise.

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 1.

(ii) Updates on Task Force Business (Item 5.2)

Peter Wobschall, Program Coordinator, Public Works provided the committee with an update respecting weeds around planters. He indicated that staff had used wood chips and addressed the issue. Susan Braithwaite indicated that there are ongoing issues with weeds in planters in the International BIA.

Mr. Wobschall indicated that ten rubberized tree surrounds were installed in 2012 and another 60 were installed this year on James Street North. He indicated that the rubberized tree surrounds are lot easier than grated surrounds for street sweepers to clean around.

Task Force members discussed the pilot programs success and indicated their approval for the program.

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 2.

The update was received.

(e) OTHER BUSINESS / GENERAL INFORMATION (Item 6)

(i) Community Correctional Center on York Boulevard (Added Item 6.1)

Terri Mines introduced this item of new business respecting the removal of Correctional Officers from the York Avenue facility. Chair Farr updated the Committee on the recent efforts of the General Issues Committee on this file and indicated that further discussions will be held on this matter. He encouraged Task Force members to send their comments and concerns onto him for these discussions.

(ii) Alleyway Lighting – Ferguson Avenue and Jarvis Street (Added Item 6.2)

Susan Braithwaite discussed that lights were out in the alleyway between Ferguson Avenue and Jarvis Street. Councillor Farr indicated that he had sent a request to staff that they address this issue at the start of the week.

Glen Norton provided an update on the projected pilot project on alleyway lighting, Urban Braille, Wayfinding, etc. He indicated that there will be upcoming meetings with Business Area stakeholders respecting the pilot

program. There was discussion about the anticipated installation of living walls alleyways.

Kathy Drewitt asked for an update at a future meeting on the requirements for lighting within private parking lots.

(f) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Councillor J. Farr, Chair
Task Force on Cleanliness
and Security in the
Downtown Core

Andy Grozelle
Legislative Co-ordinator
Office of the City Clerk