



GREATER BAY AREA SUB-COMMITTEE

Monday, September 23, 2013
 2:00 p.m., Shoreline Room
 Burlington Art Centre
 1333 Lakeshore Road
 Burlington, Ontario

Present: Councillor R. Craven, City of Burlington Co-Chair
 Councillor B. McHattie, City of Hamilton Co-Chair
 Mayor R. Bratina, City of Hamilton
 Mayor R. Goldring, City of Burlington
 Councillor J. Taylor, City of Burlington

Absent with Regrets: Councillor C. Collins, City of Hamilton

Also Present: J. Fielding, City Manager, City of Hamilton
 P. Belgrade, Executive Director, Tourism Burlington
 G. Davis, General Manager of Public Works
 A. Kirkpatrick, Manager – Transportation Planning
 P. Chapman, Chief of Staff, City of Hamilton
 J. Isada, Chief of Staff, City of Burlington
 S. Wayland, Project Lead, City of Hamilton
 A. Morgan, City Clerk, City of Burlington
 C. Newman, Legislative Coordinator, City of Hamilton

Declarations of Interest: None

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes from the meetings held June 22, 2012 and February 11, 2013 were approved as presented.

Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference was approved as presented.

Discussion Items:

4.1 Joint Economic Development Opportunities

The Committee had a general discussion concerning joint economic development opportunities including the ability to attract businesses to the area and how increased economic development in both communities would ensure more people are living and working in the region. It was noted that any discussion and direction with respect to the Metrolinx proposals should be part of a larger discussion on economic development in the Hamilton/Burlington region.

The Committee directed J. Fielding and C. Murray to develop an agenda for future meetings to continue the discussion on challenges and opportunities of both communities with respect to economic development.

Tourism

P. Belgrade, Tourism Burlington provided information on current joint initiatives between Tourism Hamilton and Tourism Burlington. Ms. Belgrade spoke to the creation of a regional tourism group that is being lead by the Province and would include Hamilton, Halton and Brant.

The Committee requested that representatives from Tourism Hamilton and Tourism Burlington make a joint presentation at the next meeting on opportunities and challenges in the tourism area including ideas and recommendations for future cooperation and the potential location of a joint tourism office.

Immigrant Entrepreneurs

S. Wayland, City of Hamilton presented the work that is being done in the City of Hamilton to attract and retain immigrant entrepreneurs and retain foreign students. She indicated that an Action Plan had been developed and as part of that plan there will be an enhanced and upgraded immigrant portal to service the needs of the immigrant business community. Ms. Wayland left copies of a number of reports for information.

Councillor Craven will provide Ms. Wayland with a contact at the Region of Halton to work with on any joint initiatives and share information.

4.2 Transit Update

This item was referred to the next meeting.

Information Items

5.1 Randle Reef Update

G. Davis, City of Hamilton advised that an agreement will be signed by the end of the week.

5.2 Port Authority Appointment Dates

Appointments will take place after the 2014 election.

5.3 Community Energy Plans

Mayor Goldring provided an update to the committee on the work being done in the City of Burlington. He indicated that a draft plan has been completed and a public consultation process is underway. Councillor McHattie advised the committee that much of the work in the City of Hamilton is being lead through Horizon and he outlined some initiatives currently underway. It was agreed that the municipalities would continue to share resources in this area.

5.4 LaSalle Park Partnering Opportunities

J. Fielding advised that he has discussed this item with C. Murray and they would like direction from the respective Council's on the need for any future talks.

Discussion ensued on this item and Councillor Craven suggested that a long term plan needs to be considered to resolve this issue and he would like both City Manager's to look for opportunities to develop a joint solution.

Additional Items

6.1 Pan Am Games

Hamilton will make a presentation at the next meeting on the opportunities related to the hosting of the Pan Am games.

6.2 Metrolinx

There was a general discussion in conjunction with Item 4.1.

6.3 Niagara-GTA Corridor: Prosperity Alliance

There was a general discussion in conjunction with Item 4.1.

6.4 Lift Bridge: future disposition

J. Fielding noted that he believes that the federal government would like to discuss ownership of the lift bridge and potential downloading.

The Committee directed J. Fielding and C. Murray to explore options and costing for the operation of the lift bridge.

6.5 Regional Economic Development: Hamilton/Burlington vision

There was a general discussion in conjunction with Item 4.1.

Future Meetings

The Committee asked the Clerks office to book a meeting in the winter (Jan/Feb) and spring (April/May) 2014. The following meetings have been booked in calendars:

February 10, 2014, 2 to 4 p.m., Room 264, Hamilton City Hall

April 22, 2014, 2 to 4 p.m., Room 247, Burlington City Hall

Adjournment: 3:10 p.m.

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Terms of Reference

Mandate:

- To allow for discussion of any subject in the greater bay area of mutual interest and concern.
- To work together towards economic prosperity.
- To strengthen the relationship between the two cities.
- To addressing issues which affecting both cities.
- To promote increased co-operation, synergies and efficiencies.
- To explore common interests.
- To better understand and co-ordinate services.
- To increase and maintain regular communication

LOCATION

Meeting locations will alternate between the City of Hamilton and City of Burlington.

ELECTION OF CO-CHAIR

A Co-Chair will be elected from both the City of Hamilton and City of Burlington membership. Each Co-Chair will Chair the meeting in their respective municipality.

Composition:

Both Mayor's from the City of Hamilton and City of Burlington

Two members of Burlington City Council, representing Wards bordering on Hamilton Harbour/Lake Ontario

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Quorum:

Quorum will require that 4 Committee members be present, with a minimum of (2) members from both the City of Burlington and the City of Hamilton

Support Staff:

The City Managers (or designate) and appropriate staff of Hamilton and Burlington attend the meetings to facilitate the work of the Sub-Committee, as required.

The staff of the respective Clerk's Offices alternate the responsibilities of preparing agendas and minutes for said meetings, dependent on meeting location.

Reporting:

The City of Hamilton will report to the General Issues Committee.

The City of Burlington will report to the Budget and Corporate Services Committee.

Meetings:

The Greater Bay Areas Sub-Committee will meet quarterly, or at the request of the Co-Chair's.