



Hamilton

GAMING FACILITY PROPOSAL SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES 12-004

9:30 a.m.

Friday, November 30, 2012

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Mayor R. Bratina (Chair); Councillor R. Pasuta (Vice Chair)
Councillors S. Merulla, J. Partridge, T. Whitehead

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Public Education Forum

(Whitehead/Pasuta)

That one additional public education forum be held on Hamilton Mountain.

CARRIED

2. Correspondence received from Matt Jelly on behalf of the Central Neighbourhood Association expressing opposition to a gaming facility being placed in the Central neighbourhood and/or the down-town core

(Pasuta/Merulla)

Be received.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Clerk advised of the following change:

- (i) Correspondence received from Matt Jelly on behalf of the Central Neighbourhood Association expressing opposition to a gaming facility being placed in the Central neighbourhood and/or the downtown core

(Pasuta/Merulla)

That the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

(c) PREVIOUS MINUTES

(Pasuta/Merulla)

That the November 9, 2012 Minutes of the Gaming Facility Proposal Sub-Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Revised Sub-Committee Timeline for Casino Decision (Item 4.1)

Committee requested an update from staff with respect to “where we are and where we are headed”.

Staff responded that the March 1 deadline is still in place; the proposed timelines as shown in Item 4.1 will be revised subsequent to direction provided at the November 14 Council meeting.

The Sub-Committee meeting proposed for December 13, at which time the poll questions were to be discussed, will have to be pushed forward to January, 2013. At the January meeting, staff will be bringing forward a report with conditions, based on discussion from today’s meeting.

The Sub-Committee requested an overview on the status of organizing the community meetings. Mike Kirkopoulos responded that no specific dates have been determined, other than that the stakeholders have been advised that the public information forums will be held during the week of January 14 to 18.

The Motion to hold an additional public education session **CARRIED** on the following recorded vote:

Yeas:	Whitehead, Pasuta, Bratina
Total Yeas:	3
Nays:	Partridge, Merulla
Total Nays:	2

(ii) Discussion respecting Casino Conditions (No Copy) (Item 4.2)

Staff advised that in order to bring a report back to the Sub-Committee on a casino location, staff were looking to get direction for the terms and conditions as each location will have a different set of parameters.

Discussion on this issue included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Want to see delineation of three different locations – Flamborough, anywhere within the City and downtown
- Want staff to report back on options for recommendations/suggestions as to how a casino proposal would be impacted with regard to zoning or any other issues on these three, or more, locations
- If a proponent wishes to build a casino in the downtown area, that the proposal be required to include a hotel and entertainment function, in addition to the casino with gaming tables
- Also, that such a condition require that a hotel associated with the casino be incorporated into the first phase of the project; somewhere down the road is not acceptable as a condition
- Essential that the residential component respecting redevelopment needs to be integrated; back cannot be turned to the street, but facing; cannot be self-sustaining such as Jackson Square
- Require articulation in the site plan in terms of construction of building
- Make the casino the least visible component of the development and have everything else up front
- Do not want to see entertainment taken away from the HECFI scenario; use existing facilities
- Cannot change how the OLG established profit sharing, but can establish in the RFP that the City will seek out more percentage over and above OLG
- Outward type model vs indoor type model; no more than 25% of facility should be casino in a larger facility such as a hotel
- Tied to HECFI facilities vs their own entertainment within the facility
- Reciprocal co-production shows with HECFI facilities tied into casino operation
- Currently no revenue sharing on the gaming table side of the casino, only slots; do not want to lose site of that and was to be part of the process
- Something creative to ensure synergy between operation of the facility and surrounding area pertaining to restaurant facility
- Want to see percentage of gaming tables go toward mental health issues; how the municipality will have to deal with the significant social issues
- What is the opinion of the restaurant industry with regard to a casino; not sure how to regulate number of seats, etc.
- Look at public space as a component of this as a public transit hub; include in RFP process to be located in parameters

- Have staff investigate possibility of time restrictions on the casino i.e., opening and closing time – hours of operation; look at by-law to restrict serving of alcohol at gaming tables and slots.

(e) ADJOURNMENT

(Partridge/Pasuta)

There being no further business, the Sub-Committee adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

Mayor R. Bratina, Chair
Gaming Facility Proposal Sub-Committee

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