



GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

MINUTES 13-011

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Deputy Mayor T. Whitehead (Chair)
Mayor R. Bratina
Councillors B. Clark, C. Collins, S. Duvall, J. Farr,
L. Ferguson, B. Johnson, B. McHattie, S. Merulla,
J. Partridge, R. Pasuta, M. Pearson, R. Powers

Absent with Regrets: Councillor T. Jackson – Vacation
Councillor B. Morelli – Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report (PSB 13-050) (Item 5.1)

(Pearson/Johnson)

That Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report PSB13-050 be received. **CARRIED**

2. Agreement of Purchase and Sale between the City of Hamilton and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure, being Part of Lots 14 and 15, Concession 1, Hamilton (Formerly Township of Glanford) for the Dartnall Road Extension (PED13089) (Ward 11) (Item 5.3)

(Pearson/Johnson)

(a) That an Agreement of Purchase and Sale between the City of Hamilton and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure, to purchase Part of Lots 14 and 15, Concession 1, City of Hamilton (formerly Township of Glanford), described as Parts 1, 2, 3, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, Plan 62R-17987, to facilitate the extension of Dartnall Road South to intersect with Twenty Road, as shown on Appendix "A" attached to Report PED13089, be approved and completed at the purchase price of \$576,250;

- (b) That the purchase price of \$576,250 be charged to Capital Project No. 59259-3620707003 (Dartnall Road Extension);
- (c) That the City of Hamilton compensate Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI) an administration fee of \$1,250 for the preparation of documents in connection with this transaction and that said fee be charged to Capital Project No. 59259-3620707003 (Dartnall Road Extension);
- (d) That the costs incurred for Real Estate (inclusive of an appraisal) and legal expenses in the amount of \$27,084 be funded from Capital Project No. 3620707003 (Dartnall Road Extension) and credited to Account No. 45408-3560150200 (Property Purchases and Sales);
- (e) That should HST be applicable it be collected by the City, and credited to Account No. 22835-009000 (HST Payable);
- (f) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any necessary documents in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

3. McMaster Institute for Transportation & Logistics (MITL) Advisory Board Membership (PED13093) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)

(Pearson/Johnson)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton renew its membership status on the McMaster Institute for Transportation & Logistics (MITL) Advisory Board for a three year period at a cost of \$25,000 per year to be funded from account "Transfer to Partnership" 55992-811010;
- (b) That the McMaster Institute for Transportation & Logistics (MITL) undertake projects mutually agreed upon between the City of Hamilton and MITL in return for the City of Hamilton's annual contribution to the Institute;
- (c) That the Director of Economic Development retain his seat on the McMaster Institute for Transportation & Logistics (MITL) Advisory Board as the City of Hamilton's representative.

CARRIED

4. City of Hamilton Corporate Annual Report 2012 (PED13074) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(Ferguson/Johnson)

That Report PED13074 respecting the "City of Hamilton Corporate Annual Report 2012" be received.

CARRIED

5. **Labour Relations Grievance Activity Reporting and Analysis (2007-2012) (HUR13006) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

(Ferguson/Duvall)

That Report HUR13006 respecting “Labour Relations Grievance Activity Reporting and Analysis (2007-2012)” be received. **CARRIED**

6. **Establishment of a Hamilton Music Working Group (Item 10.1)**

(McHattie/Farr)

Whereas the City of Hamilton is participating in the provincial music industry working group;

And Whereas the City of Toronto is in the final stages of establishing a music office, branded on “Toronto connects you to a world of music” and “music as the currency of cool”;

And Whereas Hamilton has a unique and vibrant music scene with clear advantages such as scale and affordability;

And Whereas it is important that Hamilton establish itself as a key music destination for musicians, music industry players, and music tourists.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

- (a) That the Economic Development Department establish a Hamilton Music Working Group and report back on a Hamilton music strategy and the possibility of establishing a Hamilton Music Office;
- (b) That the appropriate staff be requested to connect with the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS), Global Spectrum Hamilton and CTV in an effort to host the next available Juno Awards at Copps Coliseum. **CARRIED as amended**

7. **Request for Balance of Start-up Grant for Locke Street Farmers’ Market (Item 10.2)**

(McHattie/Merulla)

Whereas the Locke Street Farmers’ Market had requested a \$10,000 start-up grant in May 2011;

And Whereas on May 25, 2011, City Council approved a grant of \$5,000 (Item 5 of General Issues Committee Report 11-013(a)) with a recommendation included that the group come back to City Council for the second \$5,000 once the Market had advanced further;

And Whereas the Locke Street Farmers' Market has now been in place for two years and is expanding, growing from five vendors in 2012 to eight vendors in 2013.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the outstanding balance of the start-up costs in the amount of \$5,000 be approved for the Locke Street Farmers' Market, to be funded from the Economic Development Investment Fund Account No. 3620908900. **CARRIED**

8. Thomson Court/Helga Court/Imelda Court Reconstruction (Ward 7)

(Duvall/Merulla)

- (a) That Thomson Court, Helga Court and Imelda Court be reconstructed at a total estimated cost of \$810,000;
- (b) That the estimated reconstruction cost of the road, in the amount of \$350,000, be funded from the Ward 7 Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve No. 108057;
- (c) That the estimated cost of the watermain replacement and sewer investigation, in the amount of \$460,000, be funded from Project ID 5141371301 – Replace Program – Roads 2013;
- (d) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized to prepare, advertise and award tenders as required for the above-noted works.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

A. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS

- (i) **Redeemer University College – Presentation of Winning Proposal from the “Gifted Outreach Conference”**

Mayor Bratina presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following students:

Daniella Benincasa
Genna Holmes
Matthew Joseph
Armaan Krishnar
Gabriel Lazarte
Tim Laouinger
Jamie Li

Jimmy Cushnie
Caius Roncone
Nicola Lawford

These students were part of the approximately 100 Grades 7 and 8 students who participated in the 2nd Annual Gifted Outreach Conference which took place at Redeemer University College on April 29, 2013. The theme of this year's Conference was, "Democracy in Action". The entry submitted by the students noted above dealt with the issue of Urban Chickens and was selected as the winning entry. The students provided their presentation to the Committee.

(ii) Business Appreciation Awards – Wards 4, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 14/City Wide

The Annual Business Appreciation Awards Program officially acknowledges the commitment and contribution of both a small and large business in each of the City's fifteen Wards. Businesses in eight of the City's Wards were recognized in October, 2012, and today, businesses in six Wards will be recognized, as well as a small and large business selected by the Mayor on a City-wide basis.

Each business received a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Hamilton, signed by Mayor Bratina and the respective Ward Councillor. In addition, the company profiles will be posted on the City's "Invest in Hamilton" website and the recipients' photos will be published in the Spectator.

The following businesses were recognized:

Ward 4

- Large Business – Columbian Chemicals Canada
 - Small Business – East Hamilton Radio

Ward 8

- Large Business – Johnston Chrysler Dodge Jeep Fiat
 - Small Business – Sweet Paradise

Ward 9

- Large Business – The Home Depot Canada
- Small Business – The Village Restaurant

Ward 10

- Large Business – Taylor Steel
- Small Business – Colonial Pillars

Ward 12

- Large Business – Stackpole International
- Small Business – Westbrooke of Ancaster

Ward 14

- Large Business – Beverly Greenhouses Ltd.
- Small Business – Flamborough Machine Shop

City Wide

- Large Business – Vrancor Group
- Small Business – Mt. Albert Scale Lumber Co.

Mayor Bratina and Councillor Whitehead also recognized Pongetti Musical Instruments, a family-owned business which has operated in the City of Hamilton for more than 55 years.

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Clerk advised of the following changes:

ADDED DELEGATION REQUEST

- (i) Delegation request from Gregg Taylor, Theatre Aquarius, to attend General Issues Committee meeting at which Arts Funding Task Force will be presenting recommendations (Added Item 4.3)

ADDED NOTICES OF MOTION

- (ii) Resolution respecting “Thomson Court/Helga Court/Imelda Court Reconstruction (Ward 7)” (Added Item 10.3)
- (iii) Resolution respecting “Implementation of Rapid Ready – Local Transit Service Improvements and Financial Strategy”

(Partridge/Pasuta)

That the agenda, be approved as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (Item 3.1)

(Pasuta/Partridge)

That the Minutes of the General Issues Committee Meeting held on May 1, 2013, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS

(Johnson/Duvall)

- (i) That the delegation request from Joey Coleman respecting the City's Accountability and Transparency Policy, be approved. **CARRIED**

(Farr/McHattie)

- (ii) That the delegation request from Wayne Lewchuk respecting the "It's More than Poverty" Report, be approved, and that Mr. Lewchuk be invited to attend the meeting when the report relative to this issue is presented to the Committee. **CARRIED**

(Powers/Duvall)

- (iii) That the delegation request from Gregg Taylor, on behalf of Theatre Aquarius, respecting recommendations of the Arts Funding Task Force, be approved, and that Mr. Taylor be invited to attend the meeting when the report on this issue is presented to the Committee. **CARRIED**

(e) CONSENT AGENDA

- (i) Centre Mall Crime Prevention Centre Relocation (PSB 13-048)
(Item 5.2)**

(Duvall/McHattie)

That PSB Report 13-048 respecting "Centre Mall Crime Prevention Centre Relocation" be referred back to the Hamilton Police Services Board for further discussion with respect to sub-section (e) of Hamilton Police Services Board Report 13-048 dated April 15, 2013 from Chief Glenn De Caire, which reads as follows:

- "(e) That the Hamilton Police Services Board not renew the lease for the Concession Street Community Policing Centre on Concession Street when it expires on October 31, 2014, and reallocate the funds toward 460 Barton Street East, Hamilton."

(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

- (i) Canadian Ballet Youth Ensemble (Item 6.1)**

Gina Gentili, volunteer Board member with the Canadian Ballet Youth Ensemble, appeared on behalf of CBYE to speak to the following issues:

- Reconsideration of one-time grant request
- Nature of indebtedness
- CBYE's contribution to the community.

Belma Diamante, Director of CBYE, was also in attendance to respond to questions of the Committee.

A copy of Ms. Gentili's comments were submitted to the Clerk for the public record.

(Pearson/Farr)

That the presentation from the Canadian Ballet Youth Ensemble be received. **CARRIED**

(Clark/Farr)

That the financial issues brought forward by the Canadian Ballet Youth Ensemble be referred to the City Solicitor with the direction that dialogue take place with all appropriate parties, including staff and stakeholders, to potentially resolve the issues, and provide a report back to the General Issues Committee. **CARRIED**

(g) PRESENTATIONS

(i) Corporate Culture Initiatives – Update (No Copy) (Item 7.2)

Chris Murray provided a PowerPoint presentation with respect to Corporate Culture Initiatives and acknowledged the attendance of many of the staff and representatives from the Union who are participating in this initiative. Mr. Murray spoke to the following:

- Council is shaping culture
- Strategic Plan 2012-2015
- What is organizational culture?
- Why are we looking at this?
- Getting started
- Culture journey
- Culture pillars
- Return on Investment
- Culture in Action: Forestry Case Study/Results
- Actions matter most
- Culture journey next steps

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was submitted to the Clerk for the public record and can be viewed on the City of Hamilton website.

(Farr/Pearson)

That the presentation respecting "Corporate Culture Initiatives" be received. **CARRIED**

(ii) City of Hamilton Corporate Annual Report 2012 (PED13074) (City Wide)

Chris Murray provided a PowerPoint presentation with respect to the City of Hamilton Corporate Annual Report 2012 and spoke to the following:

- 2012 Corporate Annual Review combines and replaces Economic Development Annual Review
- Highlights the City's successes and initiatives in 2012 and beyond
- Purpose: Information and marketing piece for internal (Council and staff) and external (businesses, investment, residents) groups
- 3 sections that mirror the City's strategic priority areas
- will also be available on line at www.hamilton.ca and www.investinhamilton.ca

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was submitted to the Clerk for the public record and can be viewed on the City of Hamilton website.

Committee members requested that copies of the Annual Report be distributed to all sectors of the City, including Community Councils, all media, etc.

(Farr/Ferguson)

That the presentation respecting "City of Hamilton Corporate Annual Report 2012" be received.

CARRIED

(h) NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor B. McHattie introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Establishment of a Music Working Group (Item 10.1)

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Therefore be it resolved:

That the Economic Development Department establish a Hamilton Music Working Group and report back on a Hamilton music strategy and the possibility of establishing a Hamilton Music Office.

(McHattie/Merulla)

That the rules of order be suspended in order to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting “Establishment of a Hamilton Music Working Group”.

CARRIED

(Farr/McHattie)

That the following be added as sub-section (b):

- (b) That the appropriate staff be requested to connect with the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS), Global Spectrum Hamilton and CTV in an effort to host the next available Juno Awards at Copps Coliseum.

Amendment CARRIED

Motion as amended CARRIED

See Item 6 for the disposition of this item.

Councillor B. McHattie introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(ii) Request for Balance of Start-up Grant for Locke Street Farmers’ Market (Added Item 10.2)

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(McHattie/Merulla)

That the rules of order be suspended in order to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting “Request for Balance of Start-up Grant for Locke Street Farmers’ Market”.

CARRIED

See Item 7 for the disposition of this item.

Councillor S. Duvall introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(iii) Thomson Court/Helga Court/Imelda Court Reconstruction (Ward 7)

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(Duvall/Merulla)

That the rules of order be suspended in order to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting “Thomson Court/Helga Court/Imelda Court Reconstruction”.

CARRIED

See Item 8 for the disposition of this item.

Councillor B. McHattie introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(iv) Implementation of Rapid Ready – Local Transit Service Improvements and Financial Strategy

Whereas, the Rapid Ready report addresses the need for a \$45M investment in local public transit in order to serve the needs of Hamiltonians, and to serve the rapid transit routes;

And Whereas the Rapid Ready report, building on earlier recommendations in Council’s Transportation Master Plan (TMP) (2007), calls for transit ridership in Hamilton to increase to 80-100 rides per capita from its current level of 45 rides per capita;

And Whereas the TMP also calls for a doubling of public transit use over the next 15 years from a daily modal split of 6% today to 12% in the 2021 to 2031 long term time frame;

And Whereas the 2010 Operational Review of transit identifies specific priority service level improvements, emphasizing the need for more buses on Hamilton Mountain, and in the former area municipalities;

And Whereas, notwithstanding local transit service improvements made with Provincial Gas Tax funding, there has been no City investment in transit service improvements over the past decade;

And Whereas it is important to consider all sources of funding to improve local transit service levels including but not limited to parking revenues, fare increases, resolution of the transit area rating plan, City operating budget, and funding from the Provincial and Federal governments;

And Whereas the economic, environmental, health and social benefits of public transit are well-known.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

- (a) That staff come forward with recommendations for consideration during the 2014 operating and capital budget process with the first priorities for local transit service improvements to begin implementing Rapid Ready;
- (b) That staff report back in time for the 2015 budget process with a 2015-2017 local transit service level strategy, including specific route recommendations and a financial strategy, to continue the implementation of Rapid Ready;
- (c) That following the completion of the Transportation Master Plan Five-Year Review, staff report back with a local transit service level strategy, including specific route recommendations and a financial strategy for the 2018 – 2022 period.

(i) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11.1)

(i) Outstanding Business Items List

(Pearson/Clark)

That the following items be deemed complete and removed from the Outstanding Business List:

Item G: Metrolinx Investment Strategy Consultation and Regional Transportation Funding Option (Item 7.1)

Item FF: Tourism Gateway Centre (Item 8.1)

CARRIED

(j) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

(i) Closed Session Minutes – May 1, 2013 (Item 12.1)

(Merulla/Johnson)

(a) That the Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of the General Issues Committee held on May 1, 2013, be approved;

(b) That these Minutes remain confidential and restricted from public disclosure. **CARRIED**

(ii) Performance Review – Senior Management Team (Item 12.3)

(Merulla/Duvall)

That as this matter has been deferred a number of times from previous Committee agendas, the Legislative Co-ordinator be directed to schedule this item for discussion at the beginning of the June 5, 2013 General Issues Committee meeting. **CARRIED**

(k) ADJOURNMENT

(Merulla/McHattie)

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Councillor T. Whitehead
Deputy Mayor

Carolyn Biggs
Legislative Co-ordinator