



## **GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES 14-009**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday, April 16, 2014**

**Council Chambers**

**Hamilton City Hall**

**71 Main Street West**

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- Present:** Deputy Mayor R. Pasuta (Chair)  
Councillors B. Clark, C. Collins, S. Duvall, J. Farr,  
L. Ferguson, T. Jackson, B. McHattie, S. Merulla, R. Morrow,  
J. Partridge, M. Pearson, R. Powers,
- Absent with Regrets:** Councillor B. Johnson – City Business  
Councillor T. Whitehead – Illness
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### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**1. Request for Meetings respecting Light Rail Transit (New Business) (No Copy)**

**(Clark/Merulla)**

- (a) That Minister Glen Murray, Minister of Transportation, be invited to meet with the General Issues Committee to discuss issues respecting LRT matters. **CARRIED**

**(Clark/Merulla)**

- (b) That an invitation be extended to the Deputy Minister of Transportation and Bruce McCuaig, President of Metrolinx, to meet with the City Manager, the General Managers of Finance and Public Works and the Director of Transit to discuss LRT financials. **CARRIED**

**2. Hamilton Police Services Monthly Report PSB 14-043 (Item 5.1)**

**(Farr/McHattie)**

- That Hamilton Police Services Monthly Report PSB 14-043 be received.

**CARRIED**

3. **City of Hamilton's Efforts on Brownfields – 2001 to Present (PED14067) (City Wide) (Item 5.2)**

**(Farr/McHattie)**

That Report PED14067 respecting "City of Hamilton's Efforts on Brownfields – 2001 to Present", be received. **CARRIED**

4. **Declaration of Surplus and Sale of 193 King Street East, Hamilton (Sandbar Tavern), described as Lot 12, Plan 1393 (PED14068) (Ward 2) (Item 5.3)**

**(Farr/McHattie)**

(a) That City land described as Lot 12, Registrar's Compiled Plan 1393, municipally known as 193 King Street East, Hamilton and forming PIN 17168-0048 and Roll No. 251802015250610, as shown on Appendix "A" attached to Report PED14068, be declared surplus to the requirements of the City of Hamilton, in accordance with Procedural By-Law 04-299;

(b) That sub-section (c) of Motion 10.1, respecting "Transfer/Deed of Land – 193 King Street East, Hamilton", approved by Council on September 27, 2006, and which reads as follows, be rescinded:

*"That the appropriate City staff enter into negotiations with Hamilton Realty Corporation Inc. (HRCI) for the purposes of transferring 193 King Street to the HRCI and that staff report back to Council on any proposed agreement";*

(c) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to sell the subject lands at fair market value;

(d) That the proceeds of sale be credited to Account No. 47702-3560150200 (Land and Property Sales) for recovery of expenses including Real Estate administration fees, appraisal and legal expenses. **CARRIED**

5. **Declaration of Surplus and Sale of 62 Osler Drive (Former Town of Dundas), Hamilton (PED12069) (Ward 13) (Item 5.4)**

**(Farr/McHattie)**

(a) That land municipally known as 62 Osler Drive, described as Part of Block B (Block 70), Plan 1465 and further identified as PIN 17451-0039 (LT) and Roll No. 251826007011800, as shown on Appendix "A" attached to Report PED14069, be declared surplus to the requirements of the City of Hamilton in accordance with the "Procedural By-law for the Sale of Land", being By-law No. 04-299;

- (b) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to sell the subject lands at fair market value;
- (c) That the proceeds of sale be credited to Account No. 47702-3560150200 (Land and Property Sales) for recovery of expenses including Real Estate administration fees, appraisal and legal expenses. **CARRIED**

**6. Purchase of 497 Parkside Drive East, Flamborough, from Tammi Roy and Andrew Kikauka (PED14077) (Ward 15) (Item 5.5)**

**(Farr/McHattie)**

- (a) That an Option to Purchase agreement between the City and Tammi Roy and Andrew Kikauka scheduled to close on June 16, 2014, for a residential property municipally known as 497 Parkside Drive East, Flamborough, comprising an area of 0.34 acres, as shown on Appendix "A" attached to Report PED14077, be approved and completed at the purchase price of \$545,000, subject to adjustments and subject to:
  - (i) The owner providing the City of Hamilton access to the property for the purpose of undertaking an Environmental Assessment and/or Designated Substance Survey;
- (b) That the purchase price of \$545,000, subject to adjustments, be funded from Capital Project No. 59259-4031380390 (East-West Corridor Waterdown);
- (c) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any necessary documents, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (d) That upon Council approval of the purchase of 497 Parkside Drive, the Director of Facilities Management and Capital Programs be authorized and directed to take all the necessary steps for the demolition of the subject building(s), and that the cost for the demolition and any additional ancillary expenses be funded from Capital Project No. 4031380390 (East-West Corridor Waterdown);
- (e) That the sum of \$25,615 be funded from Capital Project No. 4031380390 (East-West Corridor Waterdown) and credited to Account No. 45408-3560150200 (Capital – Property Purchases and Sales), being the costs incurred for real estate, appraisal and legal services. **CARRIED**

**7. Enbridge Pipelines Inc. Line 9B Reversal and Line 9 Capacity Expansion Project – National Energy Board (NEB) Decision (PED12160(c)/LS12022(c) (City Wide)**

**(Farr/McHattie)**

That Report PED12160(c)/LS12022(c) respecting “Enbridge Pipelines Inc. Line 9B Reversal and Line 9 Capacity Expansion Project – National Energy Board (NEB) Decision” be received. **CARRIED**

**8. Innovation Factory Request for Funding – 2014 (PED14056) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

**(Clark/Pearson)**

(a) That funding in the amount of \$50,000 to the Innovation Factory as the City of Hamilton’s 2014 community partnership contribution be approved and funded from the Economic Development Investment Reserve Account No. 362098900;

(b) That approval of the \$50,000 contribution be conditional on the Council - established annual Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) as contained in Report PED14056. **CARRIED**

**9. Accessibility to Council Chambers and Meeting Rooms at Hamilton City Hall (PW14040) (Ward 2) (Item 8.1)**

**(Pearson/Ferguson)**

(a) That City Hall Doors Design Option #2 - (based on Council Chambers Door 220A as Besam Unislide Telescopic Doors) and as described in Appendix “A” to Report PW14040, be approved as the design concept with which to move forward to provide barrier-free access to Council Chambers and public meeting rooms at Hamilton City Hall;

(b) That the funding strategy for Option #2 in the approximate amount of \$350,000 be as follows:

(i) Design consulting fees in the approximate amount of \$45,000 be funded from project ID 3541441409 (Program - Facilities Code and Legislative Compliance);

(ii) That the construction costs of this project be submitted for Council’s consideration as part of the proposed 2015 Capital Budget. **CARRIED**

**10. Events Strategy Framework for the City of Hamilton (PED13038(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)**

**(Farr/Ferguson)**

- (a) That the Events Strategy Framework, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED13038(a), be approved;
- (b) That Tourism and Culture Division staff be directed to consult with City of Hamilton Divisions responsible for event servicing and permitting on the development of operating principles, objectives, actions, performance measures and resource requirements to support the Events Strategy Framework;
- (c) That Tourism and Culture Division staff be directed to report back to Council with a final Events Strategy that includes the results of the staff consultation, and that has been reviewed by the events community including the Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) and Neighbourhood Associations.

**CARRIED**

**11. Award of Contract (C2-02-14 for Residential Water/Wastewater Warranty Protection Plans (FCS12044(a)) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.4)**

**(Powers/Ferguson)**

- (a) That the contract for Residential Water/Wastewater Warranty Protection Plans (C2-02-14) be awarded to Service Line Warranties of Canada, Inc. for an initial term of two years, with a maximum of two, five-year term renewals at the sole discretion of the City;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, the contract finalized with Service Line Warranties of Canada, Inc. and all necessary associated documents, all in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (c) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to prepare the necessary amending By-law to the Sewer and Drain By-law 06-026, as amended, so that the City's Sewer Lateral Management Program ("SLMP") that has a provision whereby property owners affected by roots from a City-owned tree may be eligible for a one-time reimbursement from the City for a portion of the costs, up to a maximum allowance of \$1,500, be amended to exclude SLMP reimbursement to a third party provider of a sewer lateral warranty protection plan with respect to City owned tree lateral damage;
- (d) That subject to Recommendations (a) and (b) of Report FCS12044(a), that the proceeds received through the agreement for the Residential Water/Wastewater Warranty Protection Plans be reflected as a funding source in future Rate Supported Finance Strategies.

**CARRIED**

**12. Tax and Rate Operating Budget Variance Report as of December 31, 2013 – Budget Control Policy Transfers (Unaudited) (FCS14026) (City Wide) (Item 8.5)**

**(Pearson/Clark)**

- (a) That, in accordance with the “Budget Control Policy”, the 2014 budget restatement, transferring budget from one department/division to another with no impact on the levy, as outlined in Appendix “C” to Report FCS14026 be approved;
- (b) That, in accordance with the “Budgeted Complement Control Policy”, the 2014 complement transfer, transferring complement from one department/division to another with no impact on the levy, as outlined in Appendix “D” to Report FCS14026 be approved;
- (c) That, subject to final audit, the Disposition of Year-End Surplus/Deficit be approved as follows:

<b>DISPOSITION / RECONCILIATION OF YEAR-END SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Corporate Surplus from Tax Supported Operations</b>		<b>\$ 2,087,312</b>
<b>Less: Disposition to Self-Supporting Programs &amp; Agencies</b>		<b>\$ (957,809)</b>
Police (Transfer to Police Reserve)	\$ (604,141)	
Library (Transfer to Library Reserve)	\$ (353,668)	
<b>Balance of Corporate Surplus</b>		<b>\$ 1,129,503</b>
Add: Transfer from Winter Control Reserve		\$ 4,684,300
Less: Transfer for Ontario Summer Student Jobs Services		\$ (5,240)
Less: Transfer of Flamboro Slot Revenues to Flamboro Capital Reserve		\$ (371,819)
Less: Transfer to Unallocated Capital Levy Reserve		\$ (5,421,735)
Less: Transfer to Tax Stabilization Reserve		\$ (15,009)
<b>Balance of Tax Supported Operations</b>		<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Corporate Surplus from Rate Supported Operations</b>		<b>\$ 6,614,165</b>
Less: Transfer to the Rate Supported Reserves		\$ (6,614,165)
<b>Balance of Rate Supported Operations</b>		<b>\$ 0</b>

**CARRIED**

**13. Capital Projects’ Closing Report as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 (FCS13070(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.6)**

**(Powers/Farr)**

- (a) That the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services be directed to close the completed and/or cancelled capital projects listed in Appendix “A” to Report FCS13070(b) in accordance with the Capital Closing Policy;

- (b) That the General Manager of Finance & Corporate Services be authorized to fund a combined total of \$2,947 from the "Unallocated Capital Levy Reserve (108020)" to cover the deficits in "WL-1989 Wing Renovations (6300941909)", "Macassa-Scheduling Software (6500457101)", and "CSD Accommodations (6501241100)";
- (c) That Appendix "B" to Report FCS13070(b) detailing the Capital Projects' Budget Appropriations for the period covering October 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 be received for information. **CARRIED**

**14. 2014 Tax Policies and Area Rating (FCS14029) (City Wide) (Item 8.7)**

**(Pearson/Ferguson)**

- (a) That the following optional property classes be continued for the 2014 taxation year:

- New Multi-Residential
- Parking Lot and Vacant Land
- Large Industrial

- (b) That, based on the 2014 final approved tax operating budget, the following final tax ratios be established for the 2014 taxation year:

• Residential	1.0000
• Multi-Residential	2.7400
• New Multi-Residential	1.0000
• Commercial (residual)	1.9800
• Parking Lot & Vacant Land	1.9800
• Industrial (residual)	3.1752
• Large Industrial	3.7233
• Pipeline	1.7367
• Farm	0.1857
• Managed Forest	0.2500

- (c) That the following tax reductions be established for the 2014 taxation year:

• Excess land subclass (residual commercial)	30%
• Excess land subclass (residual industrial)	30%
• Vacant land subclass (residual industrial)	30%
• Excess land subclass (large industrial)	30%
• Farmland awaiting development (1 <sup>st</sup> subclass)	25%
• Farmland awaiting development (2 <sup>nd</sup> subclass)	0%

- (d) That the existing property tax relief deferral program for low-income seniors and disabled persons be continued for the 2014 taxation year;
- (e) That the existing 40% tax rebate for eligible charities and similar organizations be continued for the 2014 taxation year;
- (f) That the existing 30% vacancy rebate for eligible commercial and industrial properties be continued for the 2014 taxation year;
- (g) That the existing 100% tax rebate for Veteran's Clubhouses and Legion Halls be continued for the 2014 taxation year;
- (h) That the existing Seniors' (65+) Tax Rebate Program be continued, with the following criteria updated for the 2014 taxation year:
  - (i) **Income threshold (150% of GIS couple)** increased to \$33,120 (\$32,832 in 2013);
  - (ii) **Assessment cap (120% of city-wide average)** increased to \$357,300 (\$344,200 in 2013);
  - (iii) **Rebate** increased by the CPI index to \$174 (\$172 in 2013);
- (i) That, for the 2014 taxation year, the tax capping percentage for any assessment-related tax increases in the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential property classes be set at the maximum allowable of 10%;
- (j) That, for the 2014 taxation year, any capped property in the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential property classes that is within \$250 of its Current Value Assessment (CVA) taxes in 2014, be moved directly to its full Current Value Assessment (CVA) taxes;
- (k) That, for the 2014 taxation year, the minimum percentage of Current Value Assessment (CVA) taxes for properties eligible for the new construction/new to class treatment be set at 100% of Current Value Assessment (CVA) taxes;
- (l) That for the 2014 taxation year, any property in the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential property class which paid full Current Value Assessment (CVA) taxes in 2013, no longer be eligible for capping protection in 2014 and future years;
- (m) That, for the 2014 taxation year, all properties eligible for a tax reduction under the existing capping program receive the full decrease, funded from the approved capping program operating budget;

- (n) That, for the 2014 taxation year, the Area Rated Levies be approved as identified in Appendix A to report FCS14029 "2014 Tax Policies & Area Rating" attached hereto;
- (o) That the City Solicitor & Corporate Counsel be authorized and directed to prepare all necessary by-laws, for Council approval, for the purposes of establishing the tax policies and tax rates for the 2014 taxation year.

**CARRIED**

**15. Report 14-001 of the Non-Union Compensation Sub-Committee (Item 8.8)**

**(a) Minimum Wage Increase (HUR14002)**

**(Ferguson/Powers)**

- (i) That Report HUR14002 respecting "Minimum Wage Increase" be received;
- (ii) That the contents of Report HUR14002 respecting "Minimum Wage Increase" remain confidential as it contains information related to labour relations and employee negotiations. **CARRIED**

**(b) City Manager Remuneration Options (HUR12005(c)) (City Wide)**

**(Ferguson/Powers)**

- (i) That the recommendation outlined in Report HUR12005(c), together with Alternative 1 outlined in Report HUR12005(c), be approved;
- (ii) That Report HUR121005(c) respecting City Manager Remuneration Options remain confidential as it contains information related to labour relations and employee negotiations. **CARRIED**

**16. Natural Areas Acquisition Fund for Cootes to Escarpment Park (Item 9.3)**

**(Powers/McHattie)**

That the City of Hamilton and Hamilton Conservation Authority Funding Agreement (046-2013) be amended in support of the Cootes to Escarpment system by transferring \$20,000 from the Natural Areas Acquisition Fund project (8121459100). **CARRIED**

**17. Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve-Funded Projects  
(Ward 3) (Item 10.1)**

**(Morrow/Powers)**

- (a) That Fairholt Street (from Main Street to King Street) and Leinster Avenue (from King Street to Dunsmure Road) be rehabilitated using asset preservation practices, with the work to include the rehabilitation of the existing asphalt, complete base repairs, along with high risk concrete curb and sidewalk repairs and re-paving;
- (b) That Albemarle Street be reconstructed with the replacement of road and sidewalk, along with the replacement of the existing watermain;
- (c) That \$565,000 from Reserve #108053 – Ward 3 Area Rating Special Capital Reinvestment Reserve – be utilized to fund the asset preservation of Fairholt Street and Leinster Avenue, in addition to the road and sidewalk reconstruction of Albemarle Street;
- (d) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized to prepare, advertise and award tenders as required for the above-noted works.

**CARRIED**

**18. Ontario Women's Hockey Association Bid Submission for the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's Championship (Item 10.2)**

**(Farr/Pearson)**

- (a) That the submission being prepared by the Ontario Women's Hockey Association to Hockey Canada to hold the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship in Hamilton include the City of Hamilton's sponsorship of this event;
- (b) That \$25,000 be allocated from the Sport Tourism Reserve to the Ontario Women's Hockey Association Host Organizing Committee to host the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship, subject to the condition that all associated secondary competitions and practice events be held at City of Hamilton-owned areas only;
- (c) That City of Hamilton owned arena rental fees for the secondary competitions and practice events be waived.

**CARRIED**

**19. Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve Funded Projects  
(Ward 5) (Added Item 10.3)**

**(Collins/Merulla)**

- (a) That Malta Drive from Greenhill Avenue to Montrose Avenue be rehabilitated using asset preservation practices, with the work to include the rehabilitation of the existing asphalt, complete base repairs, along with high risk concrete curb and sidewalk repairs and re-paving;
- (b) That \$320,000 from Reserve #10856 – Ward 5 Area Rating Special Capital Reinvestment Reserve – be utilized to fund the asset preservation of Malta Drive;
- (c) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized to prepare, advertise and award tenders as required for the above-noted works.

**CARRIED**

**20. Hamilton Environmental Summit 2013 (Outstanding Business List Item)  
(Item 11.3)**

**(Pearson/Powers)**

That the General Issues Committee Outstanding Business Item respecting the Hamilton Environmental Summit 2013 be transferred to the Outstanding Business List of the Emergency and Community Services Committee. **CARRIED**

**21. Cherry Beach Parkland Acquisition Strategy, former City of Stoney Creek  
(PW14039) (Ward 10) (Item 12.2)**

**(Pearson/Clark)**

- (a) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to undertake a land exchange of a portion of Given Road at a nominal cost of \$2.00 to the adjoining land owner, municipally known as 423 North Service Road in exchange to which the owners holds title to the private road ways within the Cherry Beach development area;
- (b) That part of the lands described as Part 1 on Plan 62R-15709, forming part of PIN 173460252, as shown on Appendix “D” attached to Report PW14039 be declared surplus to the requirements of the City of Hamilton, in accordance with Procedural By-law No. 04-299;
- (c) That the Mayor, Clerk and Legal Services be directed to execute all documents related to the purchase of properties identified in Recommendations (a), (b) and (c) of Report PW14039;

(d) That Report PW14039 respecting Cherry Beach Parkland Acquisition Strategy, former City of Stoney Creek not be released as a public document as the information relates to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for City purposes;

(e) That the contents of Report PW14039 remain confidential. **CARRIED**

**22. Acquisition of Property in Ward 3 (CES14022) (Ward 3) (Item 12.3)**

**(Morrow/Merulla)**

That the contents of Report CES14022 remain confidential. **CARRIED**

**23. Settlement of Claims made under the Expropriations Act arising from the Expropriation of 760 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, being Parts 1 and 2 on Expropriation Plan 159849; OMB File No. LC130019 (Report LS14017) (Item 12.4)**

**(Clark/Pearson)**

That the Settlement of Claims made under the Expropriations Act arising from the expropriation of 760 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, being Parts 1 and 2 on Expropriation Plan 159849 – OMB File No. LC130019, be approved and remain confidential until Council approval. **CARRIED**

**24. H.E.C.F.I. Contract (Added Item 12.8)**

**(Pearson/Jackson)**

That the update received from staff in closed session with respect to the H.E.C.F.I. Contract be received and remain confidential. **CARRIED**

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:**

**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes:

**ADDED NOTICES OF MOTION**

10.1 Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve-Funded Projects (Ward 3)

10.2 Ontario Women's Hockey Association Bid Submission for the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's Championship

Councillor B. McHattie requested an update with respect to the Global Spectrum issue be provided by staff in the closed session portion of today's meeting.

Councillor B. Clark brought forward comments made by Minister Glen Murray, Minister of Transportation, respecting Light Rail Transit in Hamilton. As a result of the Committee's discussions, the motions as noted in Item 1 were brought forward and approved.

**(Pearson/Partridge)**

That the agenda be approved as amended,

**CARRIED**

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

None

**(c) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (Item 3.1)**

**(i) Minutes of the March 20, 2014 Meeting (Budget Deliberations)**

The Clerk advised that the following Standing Recorded Vote was omitted from the March 20, 2014 Minutes of the Committee with respect to Item 5.3, subsection (C)(ii) – Boards and Agencies, and specifically, "Festival of Friends:

Yeas: McHattie, Farr, Morrow, Collins, Jackson, Partridge, Pasuta,  
Pearson, Clark

Total Yeas: 9

Nays: Duvall, Whitehead

Total Nays: 2

Absent: Bratina, Merulla, Powers, Ferguson, Johnson

Total Absent: 5

**(Pearson/Clark)**

That the Minutes of the March 20, 2014 meeting of the General Issues Committee be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) Minutes of the March 6 and April 2, 2014 Meetings**

**(Pearson/Clark)**

That the Minutes of the March 6 and April 2, 2014 meetings of the General Issues Committee be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS**

- (i) Request from Abdullah Mayo, founder and CEO, Raise an Arm Inc., to speak to Civic Crowdfunding where people, institutions and governments can work together to bring civic projects to life (Item 4.1)**

**(Collins/Duvall)**

That the delegation request from Abdullah Mayo, Founder and CEO of Raise an Aim Inc., to speak to Civic Crowdfunding where people, institutions and governments can work together to bring civic projects to life, be approved. **CARRIED**

- (ii) Request from Keanin Loomis, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, to discuss the 2014 Hamilton Economic Summit (Item 4.2)**

**(Powers/Collins)**

That the delegation request from Keanin Loomis of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting the 2014 Hamilton Economic Summit, be approved. **CARRIED**

**(e) CONSENT ITEMS**

- (i) Enbridge Pipelines Inc. Line 9B Reversal and Line 9 Capacity Expansion Project – NEB Decision (PED12160(c)/LS12022(c)) (City Wide) (Item 5.6)**

**(Pasuta/Partridge)**

That Chief R. Simonds be requested to bring a follow-up report back to the General Issues Committee detailing a safety plan relative to the Line 9B Reversal and Line 9 Capacity, including arrangements/agreements that may be in place with other municipalities. **CARRIED**

Deputy Mayor Pasuta relinquished the Chair in order to move the above-noted motion.

**(f) DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- (i) Sheri Longboat, Ph.D., Co-ordinator, Red Hill Valley Joint Stewardship Board**

Sheri Longboat, Co-ordinator of the Red Hill Valley Joint Stewardship Board, appeared before the Committee to provide an update on past accomplishments, current activities and future plans.

Councillor C. Collins, one of the City's representative on the Joint Stewardship Board, provided opening comments and introduced Chief Blake Bomberry from the Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chief Council, who performed a traditional opening to the meeting. Councillor Collins also recognized the attendance of Board members Brian Doolittle, Paul Williams and Hazel Hill.

Ms. Longboat provided a PowerPoint presentation and spoke to the following:

- Shared Commitment
- Joint Stewardship
- Vision and Objectives
- Work Plan 2014 to 2016 – Guiding Stewardship Framework
- Valley Restoration
- Medicine Plant Recovery
- Deer Inventory
- Environmental and Ecological Monitoring
- Red Hill Valley Trail System
- Enhanced Web Content and Functionality
- Landscape Architecture Features – Bear Meeting Place
- Environmental Interpretive Centre – Concept Design
- What's Next.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was submitted for the public record and can be viewed on the City's website at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca).

**(Powers/Pearson)**

That the presentation from Sheri Longboat, Co-ordinator of the Red Hill Valley Joint Stewardship Board, be received. **CARRIED**

**(g) PRESENTATIONS**

**(i) Innovation Factory Request for Funding – 2014 (PED14056) (City Wide)**

Neil Everson, Acting General Manager of Planning and Economic Development, introduced David Carter, Executive Director, Innovation Factory to provide a presentation with respect to the Innovation Factory request for funding to continue the operation of the Innovation Factory.

With the assistance of a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Carter spoke to the following:

- About the Innovation Factory: Mission
- Thank you to Partners

- Expected outcomes: new companies/healthier companies/institutions promote entrepreneurship
- City Partners: Economic Development, Small Business Enterprise Centre, City Councillors and their Wards
- IF Process; the Prescription
- Key Events and Programs
  - KPMG Lunch and Learn Series
  - Innovation Night
  - Lion's Lair
  - Life Sciences – synapse (Life Science Competition)
  - Broad Industry Support
  - Start-up Weekend
  - Entrepreneurship 101 “Intensives”
  - LiFT
- Moving Forward – IF needs the continued financial support of the City; support to celebrate successes; direct constituents to IF services
- In return – make sure Hamiltonians get their fair share of government \$\$; continue to help IF business innovate and compete; IF will be a catalyst for key groups to work together; build a new generation of companies

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was submitted for the public record and can be viewed on the City's website at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca).

**(Pearson/Merulla)**

That the presentation from David Carter, Executive Director of Innovation Factory, be received. **CARRIED**

**(h) DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- (i) Five-year Plan regarding Two-Way Street Conversions (PW13097) (Tabled by Committee on December 4, 2013)**

**(Clark/Collins)**

That Report PW13097 respecting “Five-Year Plan regarding Two-Way Street Conversions” remain tabled to the May 7, 2014 General Issues Committee meeting for discussion.

**(i) MOTIONS**

- (i) Review of Arts Funding (Item 9.1)**

Councillor R. Morrow indicated that he wished to defer his Motion, which reads as follows:

“That funding of the Arts by the City of Hamilton be reassessed with a view to increasing their level of funding, and that a report be brought back by the appropriate Standing Committee(s) and staff.”

**(ii) Previously-Identified One-Way to Two-Way Street Conversions**

Councillor J. Farr withdrew his motion, which reads as follows:

“That staff be requested to identify and examine the “low-hanging fruit” as it relates to previously-identified Transportation Master Plan-approved streets for conversion of one-way to two-way, identifying conversion priorities, benefits, impacts and costs, and report back to the General Issues Committee.”

**(iii) Natural Areas Acquisition Fund for Cootes to Escarpment Park (Item 9.3)**

The following is the preamble to the Motion introduced by Councillors Powers and McHattie:

Whereas an agreement has been established between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Conservation Authority to deliver funding for natural areas acquisition; and,

Whereas the City of Hamilton is a signatory to the Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark Project Memorandum of Understanding focused on establishment of that new park; and,

Whereas funding for the City of Hamilton Natural Areas Acquisition Fund was approved in the 2014 Capital Budget.

See Item 16 for the disposition of this item.

**(j) NOTICES OF MOTION**

Councillor R. Morrow introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(i) Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve-Funded Projects (Ward 3) (Item 10.2)**

- (a) That Fairholt Street (from Main Street to King Street) and Leinster Avenue (from King Street to Dunsmure Road) be rehabilitated using asset preservation practices, with the work to include the rehabilitation of the existing asphalt, complete base repairs, along with high risk concrete curb and sidewalk repairs and re-paving;

- (b) That Albemarle Street be reconstructed with the replacement of road and sidewalk, along with the replacement of the existing watermain;
- (c) That \$565,000 from Reserve #108053 – Ward 3 Area Rating Special Capital Reinvestment Reserve – be utilized to fund the asset preservation of Fairholt Street and Leinster Avenue, in addition to the road and sidewalk reconstruction of Albemarle Street;
- (d) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized to prepare, advertise and award tenders as required for the above-noted works.

**(Morrow/Powers)**

That the rules of order be waived in order to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting “Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve-Funded Projects (Ward 3)”. **CARRIED**

See Item 17 for the disposition of this item.

Councillor Farr introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(ii) Ontario Women’s Hockey Association Bid Submission for the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women’s Championship (Item 10.2)**

Whereas the Ontario Women’s Hockey Association (OWHA) has selected Hamilton as their preferred location for the prestigious 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women’s World Championship and is preparing to submit a bid to Hockey Canada; and,

Whereas the 2013 Women’s World Championship event was hosted in Ottawa and recorded 152,450 paid spectators over the 21 games of the tournament; and,

Whereas the Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance Economic Impact Assessment estimated 5,400 same-day visitors and 3,100 overnight visitors to this event, with the average number of games attended per visitor as 18, and generated just under \$3 million in revenue to the City of Ottawa during their visit; and,

Whereas the Ontario Women’s Hockey Association is looking for support from the City of Hamilton in their pursuit of this significant event which, apart from utilizing a significant number of hotel rooms in Hamilton, will also use the FirstOntario Centre as their primary competition venue, with secondary competition sites and practice facilities at City of Hamilton-owned arenas.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

- (a) That the submission being prepared by the Ontario Women's Hockey Association to Hockey Canada to hold the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship in Hamilton include the City of Hamilton's sponsorship of this event;
- (b) That \$25,000 be allocated from the Sport Tourism Reserve to the Ontario Women's Hockey Association Host Organizing Committee to host the 2016 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship, subject to the condition that all associated secondary competitions and practice events be held at City of Hamilton-owned areas only;
- (c) That City of Hamilton owned arena rental fees for the secondary competitions and practice events be waived.

**(Farr/Pearson)**

That the rules of order be waived in order to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting "Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve-Funded Projects (Ward 3)". **CARRIED**

See Item 18 for the disposition of this item.

Councillor C. Collins introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(iii) Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve Funded Projects (Ward 5) (Added Item 10.3)**

- (a) That Malta Drive from Greenhill Avenue to Montrose Avenue be rehabilitated using asset preservation practices, with the work to include the rehabilitation of the existing asphalt, complete base repairs, along with high risk concrete curb and sidewalk repairs and re-paving;
- (b) That \$320,000 from Reserve #10856 – Ward 5 Area Rating Special Capital Reinvestment Reserve – be utilized to fund the asset preservation of Malta Drive;
- (c) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized to prepare, advertise and award tenders as required for the above-noted works.

**(Collins/Jackson)**

That the rules of order be suspended in order to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting "Area Rating Special Capital Re-Investment Reserve Funded Projects". **CARRIED**

See Item 19 for the disposition of this item.

Councillor C. Collins introduced the following Notice of Motion:

**(iv) One-Way to Two-Way Street Conversions (New Business)**

Whereas the City's capital budget, on average, accommodated approximately one 2-way conversion per year over the past decade; and,

Whereas there are currently 9 streets approved for future 2-way conversion (without funding) as part of the Downtown Transportation Master Plan (DTMP); and,

Whereas the necessary approvals are in place for the aforementioned 9 location; and,

Whereas there are no resources for conversions in the approved 2014 Capital Budget.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

- (a) That Rebecca Street (between John Street and Wellington Street) be redesigned to accommodate 2-way traffic as part of the Traffic Department's 2014 work plan;
- (b) That the 2014 Annual Traffic Calming Account No. 4041416102 be utilized as the funding source;
- (c) That as part of the 2015 Capital Budget process, staff provide an accelerated conversion strategy for the remaining 8 Downtown Transportation Master Plan streets (i.e., 2 per year or more) with funding alternatives including, but not limited to, existing Public Works Department block funding and Ward Area Rating allocations.

**(k) OTHER BUSINESS/GENERAL INFORMATION**

**(i) Outstanding Business List Items**

**(aa) Revised Due Dates**

**(Ferguson/Pearson)**

That the due dates for the following items on the Outstanding Business List be amended accordingly, as follows:

- (a) Item R: Temporary Promotional Transit Fare Special Program  
Due Date: May 7, 2014  
Revised Due Date: September 17, 2014

- (b) Item GG: Employee Attendance Performance Measures  
Due Date: April 16, 2014  
Revised Due Date: May 21, 2014 **CARRIED**

**(bb) Items to be removed from the Outstanding Business List:**

**(Powers/Pearson)**

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

- (c) Item J: Residential Water/Wastewater Warranty Protection Plan (Item 8.2) **CARRIED**

**(I) PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL**

**(i) Closed Session Minutes – March 19, 2014 (Item 12.1)**

**(Ferguson/Morrow)**

(aa) That the closed session minutes from the March 19, 2014 meeting of the General Issues Committee be approved as presented;

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

**(Pearson/Ferguson)**

That the Committee move into Closed Session at 1:40 p.m. pursuant to Sub-sections 8.1(b), (c), (e) and (f) of the City's Procedural By-law and Section 239(2) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as the subject matters pertain to:

- (c) the proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for the municipality or local board respecting "Cherry Beach Parkland Acquisition Strategy, former City of Stoney Creek (Item 12.2)" and "Acquisition of Property in Ward 3 (Item 12.3)";
- (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; and
- (f) for the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, respecting "Settlement of Claims made under the Expropriations Act arising from the Expropriation of 760 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street (Item 12.4)";
- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees respecting "Appointment of General Manager of Planning and Economic Development (Item 12.6)" and "Performance Review – Planning and Economic Development Department Directors (Item 12.7)";

- (f) for the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, respecting “HECFI Contract (Added Item 12.8). **CARRIED**

The Committee reconvened in Open Session.

- (i) **Cherry Beach Parkland Acquisition Strategy, former City of Stoney Creek (PW14039) (Ward 10) (Item 12.2)**

**(Pearson/Clark)**

That the direction provided to staff in closed session respecting “Cherry Beach Parkland Acquisition Strategy, former City of Stoney Creek”, be approved. **CARRIED**

See Item 21 for the disposition of this item.

- (ii) **Acquisition of Property in Ward 3 (CES14022) (Ward 3) (Item 12.3)**

**(Morrow/Merulla)**

That the direction provided to staff in closed session respecting “Acquisition of Property in Ward 3” as outlined in Report CES14022 be approved. **CARRIED**

See Item 22 for the disposition of this item.

- (iii) **Settlement of Claims made under the Expropriations Act arising from the Expropriation of 760 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, being Parts 1 and 2 on Expropriation Plan 159849; OMB File No. LC130019 (LS14017) (Item 12.4)**

See Item 23 for the disposition of this item.

- (iv) **Reports HUR14002 and HUR13016(a) referenced in Items 1 and Information Item (d) respectively of Non-Union Compensation Sub-Committee Report 14-001 (Item 8.8)**

Information provided for reference purposes only for Item 8.8.

- (v) **Appointment of General Manager of Planning and Economic Development (Item 12.6)**

No action to report.

- (vi) **Performance Review – Planning and Economic Development Directors (Item 12.7)**

No action to report.

**(vii) H.E.C.F.I. Contract (New Business) (Added Item 12.8)**

See Item 24 for the disposition of this item.

**(m) ADJOURNMENT**

**(Ferguson/Pearson)**

That there being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted

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Deputy Mayor

Carolyn Biggs  
Legislative Co-ordinator  
Office of the City Clerk