GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
MINUTES 14-007
9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 19, 2014
Council Chambers
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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

Absent with Regrets:
Councillor R. Powers – City Business
Councillor L. Ferguson – Vacation

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Hamilton Police Services Board – Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report PSB 14-027 (Item 5.1)

   (Pearson/Jackson)
   That Hamilton Police Services Board – Hamilton Police Service Monthly Report PSB 14-027 be received.

   CARRIED

2. Official Mark – Life Made Easy (FCS14023) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)

   (Pearson/Jackson)
   (a) That the official mark “LIFE MADE EASY” be abandoned;

   (b) That the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to take all necessary steps to abandon the official mark “LIFE MADE EASY” on behalf of the City of Hamilton, including the execution of all required documents.

   CARRIED
3. **Status of Discussions for Partnering Opportunities with Evergreen CityWorks and the Hamilton Community Foundation (CM14003) (Wards 1 and 2) (Item 5.4)**

(Farr/Morrow)
(a) That staff be directed to move forward and develop a Terms of Reference for the partnership between Evergreen CityWorks, the Hamilton Community Foundation and the City of Hamilton to implement a series of plans and projects for the Downtown, Waterfront and “inner-city” Neighbourhoods;

(b) That consideration be given to the Bayfront secondary planning process and Brownfields Strategy as focus areas;

(c) That a source of funding commitment of $150,000 be identified as coming from the Ward 2 Area Rating Capital Reserve, in the event that all other funding opportunities are exhausted. CARRIED

4. **Locke Street Business Improvement Area (BIA) Revised Board of Management (PED11034(c)) (Ward 1) (Item 5.5)**

(Pearson/Jackson)
That the following individuals be appointed to the Locke Street BIA’s Board of Management:

- Steve Knight
- Jamie Reid
- Todd Buhmer
- Kevin Turbitt
- Heather Coward CARRIED

5. **Declaration of Surplus Property, Abrey-Zimmerman House Being Part of Courtcliffe Park (159 Carlisle Road), Hamilton (PED14046) (Ward 15) (Item 5.6)**

(Pearson/Jackson)
(a) That the stone heritage house known as the Abrey-Zimmerman House within Courtcliffe Park, municipally known as 159 Carlisle Road be severed from the park that is legally described as the south half of Lot 10, Concession 9, in the former Township of East Flamborough, forming part of PIN 17523-0221(LT); the severed portion will have an approximate area of 4,050 square metres as depicted in Appendix “A” attached to Report PED14046, (final property limits to be determined by survey) and 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, in accordance with the “Procedural By-law for the Sale of Land”, being By-Law 04-299;

(c) That the net proceeds of the sale be deposited in Account No. 47702-3560150200 (Civic Property Purchases and Sales), and that all associated legal costs, appraisal fees, and property maintenance costs related to the subject property be sourced from this account;

(d) That as a condition of sale, a Heritage Conservation Easement be registered on title to conserve the structural, landscaping and archaeological heritage elements of the Abrey-Zimmerman House.

CARRIED

6. Request for Extension of Building Covenants from Gilles Roussel, 890 Beach Boulevard, Hamilton (PED14041) (Ward 5) (Item 5.7)

(Pearson/Jackson)
(a) That a request to extend building covenants imposed by the City upon Gilles Roussel, owner of 890 Beach Boulevard, regarding his building lot described as Part 6, Plan 62R-17407, as shown on Appendix “A” attached to Report PED14041, be approved;

(b) That the dates for commencement and completion of construction be extended to commencement of construction by October 31, 2015 and completion of construction by October 31, 2016;

(c) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

7. Conveyance of Parts 2, 3, 4 and 5, Plan RC-H-796 to Canadian National Railway (PED14049/PW14025) (Ward 1) (Item 5.8)

(Pearson/Jackson)
(a) That staff be authorized and directed to convey land to Canadian National Railways comprising a total of 1.08 acres in four parcels described as Parts 2, 3, 4 and 5, Plan RC-H-796 at the nominal consideration of $2;

(b) That staff be authorized and directed to provide Canadian National Railways with an Authority to Enter and Construct which would permit access to the property in advance of the closing of the conveyance requested in Recommendation (a) of Report PED14049 / PW14025;
(c) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the requisite documentation to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor as outlined in Report PED14049/PW14025. CARRIED

8. Surplus Declaration and Land Exchange of City Property Located at 1351 Upper James Street for Parts 2 and 3, Plan RB-H-857, Owned by Hess Village Restaurant Gardens Ltd. (Name of Principal) (PED14033/PW14014) (Ward 7) (Item 5.9)

(Duvall/Jackson)
That an exchange of lands between the City of Hamilton and Hess Village Restaurant Gardens Ltd. be approved on the following basis:

(a) That the City lands, municipally known as 1351 Upper James Street, described as Part 5 on Plan RB-H-857, as shown on Appendix “A” attached to Report PED14033/PW14014, be declared surplus;

(b) That the Real Estate Section of the Economic Development Division of the Planning and Economic Development Department be authorized and directed to exchange with Hess Village Restaurant Gardens Ltd. the land described in Recommendation (a) of Report PED14033/PW14014 for lands described as Parts 2 and 3, Plan RB-H-857, as shown on Appendix “A” attached to Report PED14033/PW14014;

(c) That the sum of $4,000 be funded from Account No. 5301384002 and credited to Account No. 45408-3560150200 (Property Purchases and Sales) being the costs incurred for Real Estate, appraisal and legal expenses;

(d) That any applicable HST be collected by the City and credited to Account No. 22828-009000 (HST Payable);

(e) That the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be authorized and directed to execute and issue a Certificate of Compliance in the form prescribed pursuant to Section 268 of the Municipal Act, incorporating the following, if required:

(i) That, in accordance with the approved method of providing notice in the City of Hamilton By-law No. 04-299 “Procedural By-law for the Sale of Land”, notice has been given to the public by way of inclusion of this land on the agenda of Committee recommending to Council the proposed conveyance;

(ii) That valuations were completed for the properties described in Recommendations (a) and (b) in December 2013, in compliance with Section 3(b) of By-law No. 04-299. CARRIED
9. Immigrant Attraction Action Plan/Immigration Portal (CM14005) (City Wide) (Item 5.10)

(Jackson/Johnson)
(a) That Councillor B. McHattie be appointed to the Global Hamilton Council within the seven to nine community leaders as referenced in the Terms of Reference;

(b) That the Terms of Reference for the Global Hamilton Council be approved.

10. Neighbourhood Home Improvement Project (CES14015) (Wards 1-5, 8) (Item 5.11)

(Pearson/Jackson)
(a) That the City of Hamilton partner with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU), Threshold School of Building and the Hamilton Community Foundation (HCF), to implement the Neighbourhood Home Improvement Project;

(b) That $35,000 of the Neighbourhood Action Strategy Fund be provided to the Threshold School of Building to assist in the delivery of this initiative in 2014; and,

(c) That the Acting General Manager of Community and Emergency Services be authorized and directed to execute an agreement for the period April 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 between the City of Hamilton and the Threshold School of Building to implement the above project, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

11. Cannon Street Bi-Directional Cycle Track Pilot Project (PW14031) (Wards 1, 2 and 3) (Item 7.3)

(Farr/Morrow)
(a) That the General Manager, Public Works, be authorized to implement a three (3) year Cannon Street Bi-directional Cycle Track Pilot Project from Sherman Avenue to Hess Street in Spring 2014;

(i) the estimated capital cost of $867,200 be funded from Ward 2 - Capital Infrastructure (108052) $333,600, Ward 3 - Capital Infrastructure (108053) $333,600 and $200,000 funded from the Red-Light Camera Project Reserve (112203);

(ii) the projected annual operating cost of $242,990 be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (110046) for 2014 and be referred to the annual budget process thereafter;
(b) That the General Manager, Public Works, be directed to report back at least annually through the budget process on the performance of the Bi-directional Cycle Track on Cannon Street pilot project, and to include actual operating cost;

(c) That the General Manager, Public Works, be authorized to undertake the detailed design and implementation of bike lanes on York Boulevard, from Hess Street to Dundurn Street, in coordination with the implementation of the three (3) year Bi-directional Cycle Track Pilot Project on Cannon Street at an estimated cost of fifty eight thousand dollars ($58,000), funded from the Ward 1 Area Rating Account;

(d) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to undertake the detailed design and implementation of bike lanes on York Boulevard, from Hess Street to Dundurn Street, in co-ordination with the implementation of the three-year Bi-directional Cycle Track Pilot Project on Cannon Street, at an estimated cost of $58,000, funded from the Ward 1 Area Rating Account;

(e) That staff be directed to provide a status report to the General Issues Committee on all costs, expenditures and benefits, including labour impact on GFL and contingencies, involved during the period of the pilot project.

Amendment CARRIED
CARRIED as amended

12. Correspondence from Jim Paterson, Pan Am Legacy Trails Co-ordinator, Trans Canada Trail Ontario, respecting “Cannon Street Bi-directional Cycle Track Pilot Project: Feasibility Assessment and Functional Design” (Item 7.3(a))

(Pearson/Collins)
That the correspondence from Jim Paterson, Pan Am Legacy Trails Co-ordinator, Trans Canada Trail Ontario, respecting “Cannon Street Bi-directional Cycle Track Pilot Project: Feasibility Assessment and Functional Design” be received.

CARRIED
13. **Correspondence from Wayne Terryberry, Chair – Hamilton Burlington Trails Council, Department of Athletics and Recreation, McMaster University, in support of the “Cannon Street B-directional cycle Track Pilot Project: Feasibility Assessment and Functional Design” Project (Item 7.3b)**

(Pearson/Collins)
That the correspondence from Wayne Terryberry, Chair – Hamilton Burlington Trails Council, Department of Athletics and Recreation, McMaster University, in support of the “Cannon Street B-directional cycle Track Pilot Project: Feasibility Assessment and Functional Design” Project be received. CARRIED

14. **Terms of Reference for the Evaluation of City of Hamilton Community Partnership Program (FCS14024) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)**

(Collins/Jackson)
(a) That the Terms of Reference be amended to include the following under “Goals”

“5. To incorporate all streams in the final result.”

(b) That the Terms of Reference for the Evaluation of the City of Hamilton Community Partnership Program; as amended, be approved;

(c) That upon completion of the 2014 Community Partnership Program Review and prior to implementation, that the process include an opportunity for the public to provide comments to the process. CARRIED as amended

15. **Clean & Green Hamilton Strategy 2013 Year-End Update (PW11052(f)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

(Pearson/Collins)
That Report PW11052(f) respecting the “Clean & Green Hamilton Strategy 2013 Year-End Update” be received. CARRIED


(Jackson/Pearson)
That Report HUR14001 respecting “Labour Relations Grievance Activity Reporting and Analysis” be received. CARRIED
17. Facility Naming Sub-Committee Report 14-001 – February 12, 2014
(Item 8.1)

(Pearson/Johnson)
Additional naming opportunities to permanently recognize the contribution made by Victor K. Copps

That additional naming opportunities to permanently recognize the contribution made by Victor K. Copps be forwarded to the Hamilton Public Library Board for consideration and report back to the Facility Naming Sub-Committee. CARRIED

18. Realignment of Communications Function and Resourcing for Digital, Electronic and Social Media (CM14004) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

(Duvall/Farr)
(a) That 1 FTE be transferred from Community and Emergency Services to the City Manager's Office, in accordance with the Budget Complement Policy, with no impact on the levy for a Digital, Electronic and Social Media Communications position;

(b) That the estimated annual cost in the amount of $97,000 for the Digital, Electronic and Social Media Communications position, including wages, benefits and associated equipment, be financed as follows:

   (i) a base budget transfer from Community and Emergency Services of $25,000;
   (ii) a base budget transfer from Public Works of $42,000;
   (iii) budgeted annual revenue of $30,000 from non-city department agencies, in accordance with the Budget Control Policy, with no impact on the levy.

(c) That in an effort to streamline and enhance the City’s communications efforts, the realignment of the City’s communications functions where oversight of the corporate and departmental communication functions will now fall within the City Manager’s Office, with the Manager of Corporate Communications, be approved. CARRIED

19. Waterdown Aldershot East-West Transportation Corridor - Noise and Lighting Mitigation (PW08063(d)) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

(Partridge/Johnson)
(a) That the City of Hamilton adopts the approved Ministry of Environment - “Environmental Noise Guidelines - NPC 300” (August 2013) and utilize these guidelines in the planning, design and maintenance of City facilities and infrastructure;
(b) That the City continues to use the ANSI/IESNA RP-08 American National Standard Practice for Roadway Lighting and the Transportation Association of Canada - Roadway Design Guide to define and maintain street lighting standards. CARRIED

20. James Street North Road Closures for Art Crawl (PED14038) (Ward 2) (Item 8.5)

(Farr/Morrow)
That Report PED14038 respecting “James Street North Road Closures for Art Crawl” be received. CARRIED

21. Future of the Hamilton Children's Museum (PED13152(a)) (Ward 3) (Item 8.6)

(Morrow/Merulla)
(a) That staff be directed to repair the current structure of the Hamilton Children’s Museum and use the repaired facility as an interim museum while planning for a new facility within Gage Park is under development;

(b) That the cost of the repairs to the Hamilton Children’s Museum, in the amount of $400,000, be funded from the unallocated Capital Levy Reserve – 108020;

(c) That staff be directed to complete the long-term development planning for an expanded and/or new Children’s Museum Facility within Gage Park. CARRIED

22. Balfour Estate Adaptive Re-Use (PED13153(a)) (Ward 8) (Item 8.7)

(Whitehead/Jackson)
(a) That staff be directed to work with the Ontario Heritage Trust to implement Option A(1) of the Adaptive Reuse – Chedoke House, George Robb, Architects - January 3, 2014, attached as Appendix A to Report PED13153(a), specifically to adapt the property as mixed use residential tenant/film location facility on an interim basis using the existing Balfour Estate Trust - Chedoke Reserve 120010;

(b) That staff be directed to develop and issue a non-binding Request for Proposal for the long-term adaptive re-use of Chedoke House/Balfour Estate including addressing Capital development costs and on-going operational expenses in consultation with the Ontario Heritage Trust; CARRIED
23. **Small Business Enterprise Centre (SBEC) Youth Program Initiatives**  
(PED14051) (City Wide) (Item 8.8)

**Jackson/Pearson**

(a) That the City of Hamilton via the Hamilton Small Business Enterprise Centre (SBEC) facilitate and coordinate the “Starter Company Program” with the Ministry of Economic Development Trade and Employment (MEDTE);

(b) That the City of Hamilton via the Hamilton Small Business Enterprise Centre (SBEC) act as the Regional Grant Administrator (RGA) for the “Starter Company Program”, servicing Region Seven, encompassing Niagara, St. Catharines, Hamilton and Brantford – Brant County;

(c) That the City of Hamilton via the Hamilton Small Business Enterprise Centre (SBEC) facilitate the “High School Entrepreneurship Outreach Program”, as part of Ontario’s comprehensive Youth Jobs Strategy.

(d) That the Acting General Manager of Planning and Economic Development, or designate, be authorized and directed to negotiate and execute on behalf of the City of Hamilton all necessary agreements and documents to implement the recommendations in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of Report PED14051, all with content acceptable to the Acting General Manager of Planning and Economic Development, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor. **CARRIED**

24. **City Purchase of 178 Hixon Road, Hamilton (PED13157(a)) (Ward 5)**  
(Item 8.9)

**Collins/Merulla**

(a) That an Option to Purchase with Authority to Enter, executed by Aleksandrija Ilic and Abuca Mendoza on January 19, 2014, and scheduled to close on July 23, 2014, for property identified as Part Lot 11, Plan 948, in the City of Hamilton, comprising an area of 565 square meters, municipally known as 178 Hixon Road, Hamilton, as shown on Appendix “A” attached to Report PED13157(a), be approved and completed at a purchase price of $278,000, 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 $278,000, subject to adjustments, be funded from Capital Project ID 59259-4401456451, which will be source funded through area rating of Wards 1 through 8;
(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 178 Hixon Road, the Director of Facilities 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 ID 4401456451, which will be source funded through area rating of Wards 1 through 8;

(e) That the sum of $13,800 be funded from Capital Project ID 59259-4401456451 and credited to Account No. 45408-3560150200 (Capital – Property Purchases and Sales), being the costs incurred for real estate, appraisal and legal services.

CARRIED

25. City of Hamilton War of 1812 Funding Update (PED12204(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.10)

(Clark/Pearson)
That Report PED12204(a) respecting “City of Hamilton War of 1812 Funding Update” be received.  CARRIED

26. West Harbour Piers 5-8 - Hamilton Waterfront Trust Project Management Contract (PED14002(a)) (Ward 2) (Item 8.11)

(Jackson/Farr)
(a) That staff be authorized and directed to draft a “Terms of Reference” for the implementation and construction of the proposed Pier 5-8 Sanitary Pumping Station, with an upset limit of $2,700,000, as described in Capital Project No. 4401356800 and approved as part of the 2014 Capital Budget;

(b) That staff be authorized and approved to retain the Hamilton Waterfront Trust as the Project Manager for the identified project, in a manner that satisfies both the “Terms of Reference” and approved project budget, and that for the purposes of this project, the Hamilton Waterfront Trust will report and take direction from the identified City staff team.  CARRIED

27. Cultural Roundtable: Terms of Reference (PED12117(b)) (City Wide) (Item 8.12)

(Collins/Johnson)
That the Cultural Roundtable: Terms of Reference, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED12117(b), be approved.  CARRIED
28. **2014 Easter Egg Hunts at City Parks (Item 9.1)**

(Duvall/Whitehead)  
That all City facility rental fees for Easter egg hunts be waived for 2014.  
**CARRIED**

29. **Moratorium on School Board Closures**

(Merulla/Collins)  
(a) That the City of Hamilton request the Province of Ontario to issue a moratorium on school closures until the Ministry of Education can call a meeting of City and School Board officials to develop a process to better understand neighbourhood changes, future growth predictions and the impact of closures on the health of neighbourhoods, and;  
(b) That the Province of Ontario and Ministry of Education develop a new approach to the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) process that includes a broader, more participatory engagement process;  
(c) That a copy of the correspondence be forwarded to all Leaders of the Provincial Parties and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.  
**CARRIED as amended**

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:**

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

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes:

**DELEGATION REQUESTS**

4.1 Request from Justin Jones, on behalf of “Yes We Cannon”, to appear before the Committee to speak in favour of the proposed design for the Cannon Street Cycle Tracks (Item 7.3)

4.2 Request from Lynda Lukasik, on behalf of Environment Hamilton, to speak to Item 7.3 on the March 19 GIC agenda – Cannon Street Bi-Directional Cycle Track Pilot Project

4.3 Request from Sean Burak, on behalf of Hamilton Bike Share, to speak in support of the Cannon Street Cycle Track (Item 7.3)
CORRESPONDENCE

7.3(a) Correspondence from Jim Paterson, Pan Am Legacy Trails Co-ordinator, Trans Canada Trail Ontario, respecting “Cannon Street Bi-directional Cycle Track Pilot Project: Feasibility Assessment and Functional Design”

7.3(b) Correspondence from Wayne Terryberry, Chair – Hamilton Burlington Trails Council, Department of Athletics and Recreation, McMaster University, in support of the “Cannon Street B-directional cycle Track Pilot Project: Feasibility Assessment and Functional Design” Project (Item 7.3)

(Johnson/Farr)
That the agenda be approved as amended. CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)
None

(c) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES (Item 3.1)

(Merulla/Johnson)
That the Minutes of the February 19 and 25, 2014 meetings of the General Issues Committee be approved as presented. CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS

(Farr/Whitehead)
That the delegation requests from the following be approved, and that the rules of order be waived to allow for the delegates to present at today’s meeting with respect to the Cannon Street Bi-Directional Cycle Track Pilot Project:

(i) Justin Jones on behalf of “Yes We Cannon”

(ii) Lynda Lukasik on behalf of “Environment Hamilton”

(iii) Sean Burak on behalf of Hamilton Bike Share. CARRIED

(e) CONSENT ITEMS

(i) Various Advisory and Sub-Committee Minutes: (Item 5.2)

(Pearson/Jackson)
That the following Advisory and Sub-Committee Minutes be received:

(aa) Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities – January 14, 2014 (Item 5.2(a)
(f) PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

(i) Justin Jones, on behalf of “Yes We Cannon”, to appear before the Committee to speak in favour of the proposed design for the Cannon Street Cycle Tracks (Item 4.1)

Justin Jones appeared before the Committee to express the support of the “Yes We Cannon” organization for the Cannon Street project, and thanked staff for keeping the organization involved in the process and opportunity to participate. Mr. Jones also spoke to why this project is so important to the City.

A copy of Mr. Jones’ comments was submitted to the Clerk for the public record.

(Pearson/Johnson)
That the presentation from Justin Jones respecting the proposed design for the Cannon Street Cycle Tracks be received. CARRIED

(ii) Request from Lynda Lukasik, on behalf of Environment Hamilton, to speak to Item 7.3 on the March 19 GIC agenda – Cannon Street Bi-Directional Cycle Track Pilot Project (Item 4.2)

Lynda Lukasik appeared before the Committee on behalf of Environment Hamilton to strongly support the project and the need for an east-west bike route in the City. Ms. Lukasik also noted that this is not just an environmental justice, but a social justice as well, to provide a viable route for those whose only means of transportation requires the use of the bike lanes.

In conclusion, Ms. Lukasik urged the Committee to support the recommendations put forward by staff, and to move the project forward.

A copy of Ms. Lukasik’s comments was submitted to the Clerk for the public record.

(Johnson/Pearson)
That the presentation from Lynda Lukasik respecting the Cannon Street Bi-Directional Cycle Track Pilot Project be received. CARRIED
(iii) Sean Burak, on behalf of Hamilton Bike Share, to speak in support of the Cannon Street Cycle Track (Item 4.3))

Sean Burak appeared before the Committee on behalf of Hamilton Bike Share to speak and in support of the Cannon Street Cycle Track and requested that the Committee unanimously support this project as an important part of a city-wide cycling initiative.

A copy of a PowerPoint presentation which Mr. Burak provided to the Committee was submitted for the public record can be viewed on the City of Hamilton website.

(Farr/McHattie)
That the presentation from Sean Burak respecting the Cannon Street Bi-Directional Cycle Track Pilot Project be received. CARRIED

(g) PRESENTATIONS

(i) Cannon Street Bi-Directional Cycle Track Pilot Project (PW14031) (Wards 1, 2 and 3) (Item 7.3)

Don Hull, Director of Transit, introduced Norma Moores, P.Eng., Associate and principle consultant with the IBI Group and noted that Ms. Moores is a certified complete streets instructor. Mr. Hull indicated that this report is a multi-divisional multi-departmental initiative, and advised that the appropriate staff were in attendance to respond to questions of the Committee.

With the assistance of a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Moores spoke to the following:

- Project Update
- Implementation highlights for Cannon Street
- Main issues to overcome
- Recommended design
- Recommended design: Hess Street to Victoria Avenue; Victoria Avenue to Sherman Avenue; separators
- City initiatives
- Cycling, complete streets, pedestrian, transit, traffic operations, parking, loading/unloading, maintenance and operations assessments
- Cost estimate: Capital implementation cost estimate; annual maintenance cost estimate
- Summary

A copy of the presentation was distributed to the Committee and can be viewed on the City of Hamilton website.
(Collins/Morrow)
That the presentation respecting “Cannon Street Bi-Directional Cycle Track Pilot Project” be received.  
CARRIED

(McHattie/Farr)
That sub-section (e) be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following in lieu thereof:

(e) That the General Manager of Public Works be authorized and directed to undertake the detailed design and implementation of bike lanes on York Boulevard, from Hess Street to Dundurn Street, in co-ordination with the implementation of the three-year Bi-Directional Cycle Track Pilot Project on Cannon Street, at an estimated cost of $58,000, funded from the Ward 1 Area Rating Account  
Amendment CARRIED

(Clark/McHattie)
That the following sub-section be added:

(f) That staff be directed to provide a status report to the General Issues Committee on all costs, expenditures and benefits, including labour impact on GFL and contingencies, involved during the period of the pilot project.  
Amendment CARRIED

(Clark/Johnson)
That the following sub-section be added:

(g) That 30-day written public comment period be put in place on the feasibility study recommendations, with an information report back to the General Issues Committee prior to implementation.

The above-noted amendment was DEFEATED on the following Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas: Johnson, Pearson, Clark  
Total Yeas: 3
Nays: McHattie, Farr, Morrow, Merulla, Collins, Jackson, Duvall, Whitehead, Partridge, Pasuta  
Total Nays: 10
Absent: Ferguson, Powers, Bratina  
Total Absent: 3

The Main Motion, as amended, CARRIED on the following Standing Recorded Vote:
Yeas: McHattie, Farr, Morrow, Merulla, Collins, Jackson, Duvall, Whitehead, Partridge, Pasuta, Johnson, Pearson, Clark
Total Yeas: 13
Total Nays: 0
Absent: Ferguson, Powers, Bratina
Total Absent: 3

(ii) Terms of Reference for the Evaluation of City of Hamilton Community Partnership Program (FCS14024) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

John Hertel, Director of Finance, Administration and Revenue Generation, acknowledged and thanked the efforts of staff involved in reviewing the grants process. With the assistance of a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Hertel spoke to the following:

- Context for the presentation (provided to the Grants Sub-Committee on February 6, 2014)
- Objectives
- Why the review is being done
- Areas for funding
- Grants Sub-Committee Guidance – Areas to investigate
- Kudos
- Importance of Engagement (for Stakeholders and Communities)
- “Draft” – Stakeholder groups to engage
- Parallel approach
- Municipal Arts Investment Program
- Deliverables
- Refresher – Current CPP Objectives
- Approach

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to Report FCS14024 and can be viewed on the City of Hamilton website.

(Pearson/Morrow)
That the presentation respecting “Terms of Reference for the Evaluation of City of Hamilton Community Partnership Program: be received.
CARRIED

(Clark/Pearson)
That the Goals section of the Terms of Reference be amended to add the following:

“5. To incorporate all streams in the final result.”
Amendment CARRIED

(Clark/Pearson)
That the following be added as sub-section (b):
That upon completion of the 2014 Community Partnership Program Review and prior to implementation, that the process include an opportunity for the public to provide comments to the process.

Amendment CARRIED
CARDED as amended

(iii) Clean & Green Hamilton Strategy 2013 Year-End Update (PW11052(f)) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

Phil Homerski, Information and Business Advisor, appeared before the Committee to provide a update on the progress of the City’s Clean Strategy, as per direction of Council. With the assistance of a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Homerski spoke to the following issues:

- Clean & Green Hamilton Strategy Purpose and Vision
- Clean & Green Principles
- Program Pillars – Litter; Illegal Dumping; Graffiti; Beautification and Environmental Stewardship.

A copy of the presentation was distributed to the Committee and can be viewed on the City of Hamilton website.

(Pearson/Jackson)
That the presentation respecting “Clean & Green Hamilton Strategy 2013 Year-End Update” be received. CARRIED

(iv) Labour Relations Grievance Activity Reporting & Analysis (2007-2013) (HUR14001) (Item 7.4)

Lora Fontana, Director of Labour and Employee Relations, provided a PowerPoint presentation with respect to Labour Relations Grievance Activity Reporting and Analysis between 2007 and 2013 and spoke to the following:

- Total Grievances – by Union, Department, Category
- Legal and Mediation Costs – by Union, Department and Category
- Non-grievance Related Costs
- Total Grievances per year – 2007 to 2013
- Total Grievances by Union Summary – 2007 to 2013
- Total Grievances by Department Summary
- Grievance Category Comparison
- Total Grievance Activity for Public Works, Community Services, Hamilton Fire Department, Hamilton Paramedic Services, Planning and Economic Development, Corporate Services, Public Health and City Housing Hamilton
- Total Legal Arbitration and Mediation Costs (2006-2013)
- 2013 Collective Agreement Settlements
A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was distributed to the Committee and can be viewed on the City of Hamilton website.

(Pearson/Jackson)
That the presentation respecting “Labour Relations Grievance Activity Reporting & Analysis (2007-2013)” be received. CARRIED

(iv) City Manager’s Annual Update – 2013 (Item 7.5)

Chris Murray, City Manager, provided the City Manager’s Annual Update for 2013 and with the assistance of a PowerPoint presentation, spoke to the following:

- City Manager’s Focus
- OUR Relationship between the Community, City Council and Civic Administration
- What Matters Most
- Conditions for Success
- 2013 Key Accomplishments relative to Performance Appraisal Objectives
  - “Strategic”
  - “Financial”
  - “People Focused”
  - “Citizen Focused, Public Engagement, Service Delivery”

(Pearson/Johnson)
That the presentation respecting the City Manager’s 2013 Annual Update be received. CARRIED

(h) DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Citizen Engagement - Two-Way/Complete Streets Conversion (PW13097(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.4)

(Collins/Clark)
That Report PW13097(a) respecting “Citizen Engagement – Two-Way/Complete Streets Conversion” be deferred to the April 2, 2014 meeting of the General Issues Committee. CARRIED

(i) MOTIONS

Councillor S. Duvall introduced the following Motion:

(i) 2014 Easter Egg Hunts at City Parks

Whereas Easter egg hunts are popular community-building events that take place in various City of Hamilton parks;
And Whereas event organizers of such hunts are required to obtain approval through the Special Event Advisory Team and to secure liability insurance and a rental permit for the health and safety of the organizers, participants, the City and citizens at large;

And Whereas Easter egg event organizers are mostly community volunteers with access to minimal budgets;

And Whereas City staff is developing a policy for future years that will assist community event organizers to access City facilities affordably.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That all City facility rental fees for Easter egg hunts be waived for 2014.

See Item 28 for the disposition of this item.

(ii) **Negotiation with Hamilton Conservation Authority with Respect to the Ownership of Westfield Heritage Village**

*(Duvall/Clark)*

WHEREAS Westfield Heritage Village is 100% owned by the City of Hamilton and operated under a management agreement with the Hamilton Conservation Authority.

WHEREAS on November 14, 2011, the General Issues Committee directed that the General Manager of Community Services be authorized and directed to negotiate an interim operating agreement with the Hamilton Conservation Authority for Westfield Heritage Village in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

WHEREAS work on the interim agreement for Westfield has been delayed pending completion of the Confederation Park agreement and staff and organizational changes at the City and the Hamilton Conservation Authority.

WHEREAS on October 3, 2013, meeting, the Board of Directors for the Hamilton Conservation Authority, HCA, passed the following resolution:

*THAT HCA staff be directed to enter into negotiations with the City of Hamilton towards the acquisition of Westfield Heritage Village including its lands, structures, heritage assets, artifacts and chattels, for a nominal sum; and further*

*THAT this acquisition is predicated on the continuance of the municipal levy support and inflationary increases consistent with the balance of the HCA levy.*
WHEREAS the November 14 2011 direction did not direct staff to consider or negotiate the transfer/sale of Westfield.

Therefore be it resolved:

That staff be directed to assess the implications of the transfer/sale of Westfield Heritage Village in consultation with the Hamilton Conservation Authority and to report back to the General Issues Committee with recommendations by June 30, 2014.

CARRIED

(j) NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Councillor S. Merulla introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Moratorium on School Board Closures

Whereas, municipalities have been dealing with school closures across the Province of Ontario as part of the Accommodation Review Process, and;

Whereas, the City of Hamilton has been leading the way in neighbourhood development, and;

Whereas, neighbourhoods continue to indicate schools are a key community and infrastructure assets, and;

Whereas, education has been identified as a critical component of the City's goal to build strong healthy neighbourhoods, and;

Whereas, neighbourhoods have called for new ways of being engaged in the school closure decision making process, and;

Whereas, the City has no authority on school closures;

Therefore be it resolved;

(a) That the City of Hamilton request the Province of Ontario to issue a moratorium on school closures until the Ministry of Education can call a meeting of City and School Board officials to develop a process to better understand neighbourhood changes, future growth predictions and the impact of closures on the health of neighbourhoods, and;

(b) That the Province of Ontario and Ministry of Education develop a new approach to the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) process that includes a broader, more participatory engagement process.
(Merulla/Whitehead) 
That the rules of order be suspended in order to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting “Moratorium on School Board Closures”.  
CARRIED

(Collins/Merulla) 
That the following be added as sub-section (c):

(c) That a copy of the correspondence be forwarded to all Leaders of the Provincial Parties and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.  
Amendment CARRIED  
CARRIED as amended

See Item 29 for the disposition of this item.

Councillor S. Merulla introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(ii) Rail-Cargo Safety – Real Time Information

Whereas, there is a heightened sense of concern regarding the transportation of dangerous goods via rail cargo through cities; and,

Whereas, the federal government has already instructed rail companies to share historical data with cities in order to improve public safety and assist first responders; and,

Whereas there is a legitimate public safety interest in having immediate and real time data;

Therefore be it resolved:

(a) That the City of Hamilton request Transport Canada to explore the feasibility of having rail companies provide real-time information to municipal first responder personnel;

(b) That should impediments exist to preclude rail companies from providing such information, that Transport Canada require rail companies to implement notification procedures at the immediate outset of an emergency which requires them to provide the local first responders with a detailed manifest of the dangerous goods and their exact location relative to the composition of the involved train.
Councillor C. Colllins introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(iii) Landscape Management Plan for Hamilton’s Beach Community

(a) That staff be directed to develop a Terms of Reference and associated budget to support a Landscape Management Plan for Hamilton’s Beach Community;

(b) That the Plan be developed in anticipation of future Hydro One maintenance activities along the Waterfront Trail and hydro corridor.

(i) OTHER BUSINESS/GENERAL INFORMATION

(i) Outstanding Business List Items

(aa) Revised Due Dates

(Pearson/Farr)
That the due dates for the following items on the Outstanding Business List be amended accordingly, as follows:

Item G - Hamilton Police Services Forensic Building
Current Due Date: March 24, 2014
Proposed New Due Date: September 17, 2014

Item U1: Memorandum of Understanding with Hamilton Port Authority
Due Date: March 19, 2014
Proposed New Due Date: April 2, 2014

Item U2: Hamilton Port Authority Land Lease - Parking
Due Date: March 19, 2014
Proposed New Due Date: April 2, 2014

Item WW1: West Harbour Piers 5 to 8 Servicing Studies
Due Date: March 19, 2014
Proposed New Due Date: May 21, 2014

CARRIED

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

(Johnson/Whitehead)
That the following items be deemed complete and removed from the Outstanding Business List:

Item C: Waterdown-Aldershot East-West Transportation Corridor – Noise and Lighting Mitigation (Item 8.3)
Item BB: Bi-Directional Bike Lane Project – South Side of Cannon, from Sherman to Bay (Item 7.3)

Item EE: Future of Hamilton Children's Museum (Item 8.7)

Item FF: Chedoke Estate (Item 8.8)

Item HH: James Street North Road Closure for Art Crawl (Item 8.6)

Item II1: Cultural Plan 2013 (Terms of Reference for Cultural Roundtable) (Item 8.13)

Item WW2: West Harbour Piers 5-8 Servicing Studies (Management Recommendations) (Item 8.12)  CARRIED

(i)  PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

(ii) Closed Session Minutes – February 19, 2014

(Whitehead/Pearson)

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

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

Councillor B. Johnson requested that the record reflect her declaration of interest with respect to the Labour Relations Matter regarding the Carpenters’ Agreement as she has a family member who is a member of that Union.

(Clark/Jackson)

That the Committee move into Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to Sub-section 8.1(b) of the City’s Procedural By-law and Section 239(2) of the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, as the subject matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, respecting the City Manager’s Performance Review.  CARRIED

The Committee reconvened in Open Session.

(ii) City Manager’s Performance Review (Item 12.2)

No action to report.
(j) PROCEDURAL MATTERS

(i) Cannon Street Bi-Directional Cycle Track Pilot Project

Item 7.3 respecting the above-noted matter was moved up for discussion following the public delegations.

(ii) Waterdown Aldershot East-West Transportation Corridor - Noise and Lighting Mitigation (PW08063(d)) (City Wide) (Item 8.3)

Deputy Mayor J. Partridge relinquished the Chair in order to move the recommendation contained in the above-noted report.

(k) ADJOURNMENT

(Pearson/Farr)

That there being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 6:32 p.m.  

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

Councillor J. Partridge  
Deputy Mayor

Carolyn Biggs  
Legislative Co-ordinator  
Office of the City Clerk